



Thomas A. Papadakis

February 17, 1950 - July 26, 2022

Thomas (Tom) A. Papadakis, age 72, of Hobart, formerly of Gary passed away peacefully July 26, 2022. He was a graduate of Indiana University Class of 1974. Tom was a retired Gary police captain with 34 years of service where he also served as deputy chief twice. He was a member of Ben K. Perry FOP lodge # 061. He was preceded in death by his parents- Christ and Katina Papadakis; brother- Harry Papadakis; aunt- Angeliki Kotsinis. Tom is survived by his sister-in-law- Michelle Papadakis; niece- Gina (Joshua Mercer) Papadakis, and their daughter- Sophia; nephew- Michael (Alisha) Joudeh and their son- Kameron; cousins- Eva (George) Kratimenos, Tom (Maria) Kotsinis, George (Becky) Kotsinis and their families; very dear friends- Roger Smith, Alex Rodriguez, Tom Branson, Linda Landrum- Papadakis and many more. He was a very kind and generous man who loved spending time with his family and longtime friends. Tom enjoyed watching sports especially Da Bears and IU basketball. He will be greatly missed by all those who loved him. A memorial visitation will take place on Friday, August 12, 2022 from 4-6 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to your favorite charity. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **12**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PW

“ Pappy was an exemplary man. We were friends for 40 years. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for you, like working on the Holidays so his coworkers could be home with their family. The Lord called a good one home. No one will ever measure up to his kindness. He will always love in my heart.

Pearlie Williams - January 30, 2023 at 06:56 PM

GW

“ Pap was a good guy; he will be missed!!

Gina Williams - August 13, 2022 at 10:18 AM

FW

“ Tom had an unusual clarity of mind working with an usual catholicity of knowledge. Tom was an expert of rare capability, a cop with refined character and unusual dedication. His modesty, his willingness to perform any task or service, his courage, and his ability to do his work at any time under any conditions, made Tom a shining example to all of us in law enforcement. His extensive street experience bred in him the qualities of a successful leader. A man we all wanted to emulate. A stellar patriot, a stalwart leader. Tom was my “battle buddy, my friend.”
Semper Fi. Frank White (DEA)

Frank White - August 09, 2022 at 09:01 AM

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“ Uncle Tom, you gave me early childhood memories that will never be forgotten. I'll never ever forget your laugh/smile and overall kindness. You will be missed. Thank you for always being right there for our family. And thank you for being such a good brother to our dad. The idea of you and my dad being reunited is what makes this somewhat easier. We all love you. And will forever miss you. May you memory be eternal

Michael Joudeh (Papadakis) - August 05, 2022 at 11:20 AM

MK

“ Tom was a wonderful, considerate person and one of the most fair-minded people you would ever meet. He always wanted to make Gary a better place for all. Years ago the Papadakis family lived across the alley from my grandparents, and Kevin Kleine and I were good friends with Tom in college at IU. My condolences to the Papadakis family. Rest in peace, Tom.

Mike Korenich

Mike Korenich - August 03, 2022 at 03:35 PM

WD

“ I first met Tom when he got on the GPD and we remained friends for many years. He was always available to help the people he knew, especially officers both active and retired. Prior to his passing we spoke about meeting for lunch. He will be missed by many and it's difficult to realize I can no longer give him a call. My condolences to the family and know that Tom is resting in heaven. He helped a lot of people both on the dept and off.

wally DeRose - August 03, 2022 at 11:50 AM

KK

“ Sorry to see this. I went to IU with Tom, and he was a good friend.
Rest in Peace, Dapper Docker. I

Kevin Kleine - August 03, 2022 at 10:43 AM