



Thomas M. Redmond Jr.

October 22, 1950 - September 21, 2023

Thomas Matthew Redmond Jr., of Red Bank, passed away unexpectedly on September 21st, 2023 at the age of 72 with his beloved wife and family at his side.

Tom was born in the Bronx to Thomas & Elizabeth Redmond, the eldest of five sons. He received his B.S. in Industrial Relations and Management from Seton Hall University and entered the insurance business, following in the footsteps of his father. Tom married Joanne on June 17, 1972 and enjoyed 51 years of loving marriage with her. At the age of 46, Tom opened Redmond Group Inc, a sales and training consultancy which he proudly ran until his retirement in 2020. One of his proudest accomplishments was writing and publishing his book, *Selling from the Inside Out...and a Sense of Humor Is Helpful*.

Tom was a 41 year friend of Bill W. and a committed practitioner of Buddhism. Tom was also a lifelong musician, which included a deep friendship with Robert Fripp and two professional recordings. His years as a musician included friends from around the world through Guitar Craft. His latest endeavor was playing music as a volunteer to the patients, guests, and staff at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Thomas was predeceased by his father Thomas M. Redmond, Sr. and his brother Stephen G. Redmond. He is survived by his wife Joanne; his daughters Sarah and Carolyn; his grandchildren Hannah and Jackson; his mother Elizabeth "Betty" Redmond; his brother William Redmond and wife Sandra Redmond, brother John Redmond and husband Bryan Proano, and brother Robert Redmond. He also leaves behind nephews Sean and Julian. The family would also like to recognize the friendship of Kirk D. and Ed. C., as well as many others.

Above all else, Tom loved his family.

Visitation will be held 2-4 and 7-9 PM on Wednesday September 27th at Bongarzone Funeral Home, Tinton Falls, NJ. Funeral Mass will be offered at 10:15 AM on Thursday September 28th at the Church of Saint Leo the Great, Lincroft, NJ. Private interment will

follow at Saint Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia, NJ.

The family requests no flowers, but memorial donations may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in Middletown, NJ at giving.mskcc.org The family would also welcome donations made to Tom's Buddhist Temple Rashi Gempil Ling. Donation envelopes for this purpose will be available at the visitation service.

Cemetery Details

Saint Gertrude Cemetery

53 Inman Ave
Colonia, NJ 07067
<http://www.rcancem.org/saint-gertrude-cemetery-a-mausoleum/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **27**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712
(732) 918-6200

Visitation

SEP **27**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

SEP **28**. 10:15 AM (ET)

St. Leo The Great Church
546 Newman Springs Road
Lincroft, NJ

Tribute Wall

LM

“ I only have one memory of Tom. I met him and his wife Joanne at my first deep cut bonsai meeting. I was nervous, alone, and they approached me and made me feel welcomed. By the end of the meeting they had gifted me a bonsai they won in our monthly raffle, a beautiful satsuki azalea. I know now that I must take care of that very very special gift given to me by someone that was so kind to an absolute stranger. I will cherish the kindness that was shown to me forever, may you rest in peace Tom.

Leonardo Moncada - December 11, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ST

“ As I had written on Facebook, I knew Tom through our Buddhist group, and he was a devoted dharma student to Geshe Thupten Wangdu, his spiritual teacher. Although I did not know Tom well, I knew him to be an "enlightened being," as we refer to those who have taken refuge and penetrated the darkness of our existence, and Tom, I feel had achieved this. We know he is still in the bardo and is saying goodbye to us. He was I think in the state of mind where he was ready to pass, and he likely knew this and like everything else he did, he is preparing the way for us to follow him. He genuinely loved all the people he knew, and we have lost a part of our lives that cannot be replaced. I will miss him greatly as all of us do from the temple. I am blessed to have known him. My condolences to all of his loved ones.



Stuart - September 29, 2023 at 10:02 PM



“ Tom made this world so much nicer. He will be missed greatly.
Love and hugs to the family.



Tiffany Perez - September 29, 2023 at 08:36 AM

JU

“ We are heartbroken to hear of your loss. My family of 6 kids had the pleasure of growing up 2 houses down from the five amazing Redmond boys. Our mothers were best friends. Tommy was the oldest and we all admired him and looked up to him for his kindness and humor. We feel like we lost a brother. With much love,
The LaMotta's

June - September 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

VI

“ Vorrei tanto riuscire nella vita a sviluppare per me solo una piccolissima parte di quello che è stato Tom. Una persona straordinaria.

vinni - September 27, 2023 at 05:21 PM

BL

“ Tom was such a caring and loving person! He was always there for others when physical, emotional or spiritual support was needed. He will be greatly missed!



Bobbi Linkowski - September 27, 2023 at 01:44 PM

AB

“ That bright gaze of yours that sought complicity, your irony that never turned into sarcasm, your sweet and irresistible sense of humour that never distracted from serious things. Your being so dedicated. To say that we will miss you does not make the point.
Fly high my dearest Tom! All our love goes to Joanne and family.
Al and Luisa



Alessandro Bruno - September 27, 2023 at 01:16 PM

KW

“ I have many fond memories of Tom, especially from years ago working at A&A together. Sorry to hear the sad news.
Kevin Walsh

Kevin Walsh - September 27, 2023 at 08:15 AM

LT

“ London HR Team lit a candle in memory of Thomas M. Redmond Jr.



London HR Team - September 27, 2023 at 05:12 AM

JB

“ I can't imagine a world without Tom. So I've been asking him if he could apply his humor and gentle intelligence to help out this world. I'm expecting great things of him. Love to his family.

Joan Bull - September 26, 2023 at 11:45 PM

MF

“ Saddened to hear of the passing of one of the good guys, actually probably one of the best guys. Tom's kindness and compassion to others was a gift to any of us on the receiving end. And I will always be grateful to Tom for sharing his Mr Snuffleupagus with me when I first started in my own business. Tom had Snuffy on a shelf in his office because this Sesame Street character was always worried and anxious about everything. So whenever anxiety crept into his day, he looked at Snuffy and said "I have to finish this, so if it's ok, I'll check in with you later." I used this coping tool for many years and shared it with many others. Thanks Tom. My deepest sympathies to all the family members.

Mary Fowler - September 26, 2023 at 06:14 PM

DR

“ Tom was a light for many of us. I first met him back in 2000 in Lebanon, NJ at my first Guitar Craft course. He immediately became one of my favorite people because he understood how to bring levity and a lightness to serious situations. He could handle any task handed to him, and he led with grace and humility. This may sound strange, but he showed me the beauty in cleaning and how things like this were acts of service. He was a deep friend and mentor. I will always remember his laugh and smile, which were incredibly infectious. Love to Joanne and the rest of his family, including his GC family.

Dev Ray - September 26, 2023 at 12:57 PM

JB

“ Tom is a Forever Friend. He passed his love on to so many of us, where he continues to breathe life into our beating hearts. I love you Tom! Holding love and light for Joanne, Carolyn, Sarah and the family.

jaxie Binder - September 26, 2023 at 11:00 AM

PM

“ Tom was for me a dear friend, a companion of international musical adventures, a graphic design ally for books and music releases, and for many years a “guru” in the matters of balancing professional life with personal life. The practical tools he taught me made many creative projects possible. And all the while, laughing hard with his unique, inimitable sense of humour! Tom will always be present with his unique quality and being. Best wishes and condolences to his family and friends.

Pablo Mandel - September 26, 2023 at 08:12 AM

RM

“ So heartbroken to hear of Tom’s passing. But somehow, I know Tom is very busy getting into some new endeavor, one that will impact us all in ways we can only begin to understand. My last conversation w/ Tom was shortly after he decided to retire (I believe he never fully did) and I was about to do the same. We scheduled a call (he loved doing this), and of course, our talks always started with a joke. And, they always concluded on a high note of levity. In between, Tom provided lots of insights based on good humor and experience, all in a loving way. One other memorable time, while working with Tom in our guitar circle, he taught us ‘The Chord From Hell’. To this day, I still can’t play that with the humor and intensity that Tom could. And, he would have loved that. Test in peace brother. My deepest condolences to Joanne and his entire family friends.

Rick Mascarini

Rick Mascarini - September 25, 2023 at 07:34 PM

KB

“ i was stunned to hear of Tom's passing...he was such a delightful and easy gentleman to know. Heartwarming memories of his gentle and wonderful humor will always lighten my day. God bless Joanne and family during this very difficult time.

Kathy breslin - September 25, 2023 at 03:25 PM

DR

“ I didn't know Tom on a personal level, but I loved listening to him. He had the greatest stories and would make me laugh. I also admired how he took care of Ed. I also admired his volunteer work at Sloan Kettering. He was a great person and he will be missed. Donna Rose

Donna Rose - September 25, 2023 at 01:30 PM

JP

Tom was my cousin but we moved away in 1973 to St.Louis so anytime the cousins got together was a fun experience. We reconnected when he called me to express condolences for my brother's death last December. He was such a gracious, generous person that he started setting up Zoom calls for our family, "Cousins Zooming." I am so grateful that he started this and hope it continues. I was very impressed with his guitar playing with Robert Fripp and others and that he volunteered to play guitar for the patients at Sloan Kettering. I am sending Joanne and all of his family love and prayers of support. He will be greatly missed.

Jennifer Peters - September 25, 2023 at 01:48 PM

DS

“ It is humbling and astonishing how many people's lives Tom touched in such a meaningful way. You wonder how he had enough hours in the day for all those who were apparently having regular zoom conferences with him. And how everyone says how much he helped them. A large Tom-sized hole has been left in all our lives. How much larger that hole must be for his close family. Our thoughts are with you all. From David Singleton

David Singleton - September 25, 2023 at 12:59 PM

RB

“ Rita Belarista lit a candle in memory of Thomas M. Redmond Jr.



Rita Belarista - September 25, 2023 at 12:39 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Thomas M. Redmond Jr.



Bongarzone Funeral Home - September 24, 2023 at 04:52 PM

KB

“ Tom was one of the kindest people I've known, and his gentle humor was so heartwarming. I listened carefully and valued his advice, whenever he offered it. I asked him to offer some advice by telephone to my teenage child before college, and Tom joked that he had a feeling he wouldn't be the smartest person on the phone call. I knew Tom through Geshe Wangdu, and my favorite joke of Tom's was that we need to reach enlightenment by noon (because we are busy and have other things to do.) It made me laugh every time because that's just not how it works. Tom was always reliable and an absolute delight. Best wishes in all future lifetimes, Tom. We will miss you. From Karen Bronchetti

Karen Bronchetti - September 24, 2023 at 11:50 AM

JM

Tom Redmond was one of those exceptionally bright lights, a smile always ready to emerge on his lips, a word of humor, kindness, insight, or enthusiasm about to burst forth. I'll bet there were dozens of people who considered him his best friend, my husband Patrick being one. We love him dearly, miss him, and know his love for his family, for fellow guitarists and suffering alcoholics, for all suffering people is just too big to be stopped by death. His love and sense of humor live on in us and inspire us to be our best selves, generous to others.

I wonder if there is a "Level T" in heaven?

Joann Malone - October 01, 2023 at 11:08 AM