



Tom Stallone

August 7, 1949 - June 27, 2021

Tom Stallone, 71, musician, jokester, and proud Sicilian passed away at his lake house on Sunday, June 27th after a hell of a fight with lung cancer. The world will never be the same.

Tom was born on August 7, 1949, in St. Louis, Missouri. He was the only child of the late Anna Marie (Stollhans) and Tom Stallone. Tom attended St Casimir elementary school and graduated in the class of 1967 from Rosary High School. He played football for the Rebels and joined the Military Reserves after graduation.

MUSIC defined Tom Stallone. He was a talented pianist and trumpet player. Tom attended The Music Institute of St. Louis and played in a handful of St Louis bands including The Sceptors, Cecil Davis and the Epics and Harvey Wallbanger among others.

Tom continued to be a music enthusiast (to say the least!) even after his playing took a backseat in later years. He was always on the lookout for live bands and often planned trips around headliners. Tom didn't just listen to music, he felt it. And he could not sit still when watching the horns section. Tom made sure his parties always had a kicking band and threw money down to extend their set to keep the party alive.

Tom spent 31 years at Southwestern Bell before retiring. He was so proud of his installation and repair crew fondly called the “Stallion Battalion”. Tom loved talking business and jumped at the opportunity to share his stories with middle school students through Junior Achievement. He loved his job for many reasons, one of those being it was where he met his wife, Patricia.

And anyone who knew Tom will understand that Patricia Stallone truly survived her husband. Tom initially caught her fancy at Southwestern Bell (where they both worked) with his snazzy dressing style and Tom Selleck mustache. Tom and Pat married in 1991 and bought a minivan soon after to pack up their merged family on summer vacations. They moved to Lake of the Ozarks in 2004 to live out their life dream of open access to water, friends and live music.

Tom liked played games or gambling and loved a good joke. He was generous and really got a kick out of giving gifts or planning surprises. Tom was an animated storyteller who used his hands to emphasize a point. He created his own slogans, and those around him picked up his “Tom-isms.” Tom saw an opportunity to combine his ability to “tell it like it is” with a hidden crafty side that emerged during his later years. He merged these interests to pump out a surprising number of original wood signs. Tom's signs, found at <https://leahstallone.wixsite.com/website> can be found in the homes of friends and family, nearby restaurants and along the road leading to his house in Sunrise Beach.

Tom's surviving children include Elizabeth (Michael) Lowder, Leah Stallone, Brian Rakers and Dana Rakers. His grandchildren dubbed him “Old Tom” and include Claire Lowder, James Lowder, Aiden Rakers, Aubrey Rakers and Carter Johnson. Tom will be greatly missed by cats, Bobo and Marcello, and his dog, Angelo Stallone. And yes, Tom named all of the pets.

Tom Stallone hated funerals and loved a good party. As such, a memorial party will be thrown (date tbd) in his honor with a big band, good food and

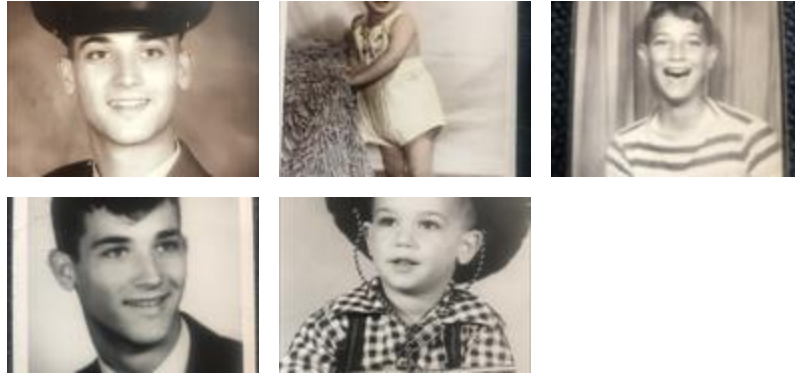
dancing. In lieu of flowers (or tears – Tom would not want people to be sad), you can make a donation to the American Lung Association at https://action.lung.org/site/Donation2?df_id=31272&mfc_pref=T&31272.donation=form1&_ga=2.55577963.1102876436.1625187920-1610370894.1625187920 FYI - Lung cancer accounts for 22% of all cancer deaths in the US yet is one of the most underfunded areas of cancer research.

Cremation arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Tribute Wall

EL

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elizabeth lowder - July 28, 2021 at 03:53 PM

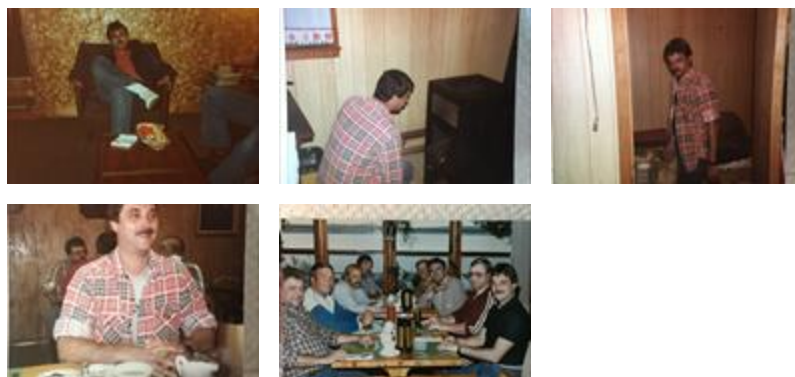
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“ Both pat and Tom very dear friends I will miss Tom very much he was my Bud

Alex Davis - July 08, 2021 at 10:16 PM

DB

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Dan Baker - July 08, 2021 at 02:24 PM

DB

I guess I've known Tom for 45 years. I known Tom after his band playing days. We did a lot of coaching for the kids and fishing for ourselves. We worked the STL Sports show. We worked the booth for Reiner Ruben . The Paul Bunyon type German became great friends. We visited his resort in Canada on Eagle Lake and became reps for his Camp. Organized trips from St Louis for a number of groups. I will miss him a lot but great memories will always be remembered. Pat my condolences to you and your family and his two daughters Elizabeth and Leah. RIP Bud

Dan Baker - July 08, 2021 at 03:00 PM

EL

Thanks Dan, I've never seen these pictures and I appreciate you posting.

elizabeth lowder - July 08, 2021 at 10:52 PM

EL

Thank you for posting those pictures I've never seen them before.

elizabeth lowder - July 08, 2021 at 10:53 PM

JS

“ *I thank God for the awesome memories and great times. He will be missed*💜



Jahmille Simon - July 07, 2021 at 10:12 PM

JY

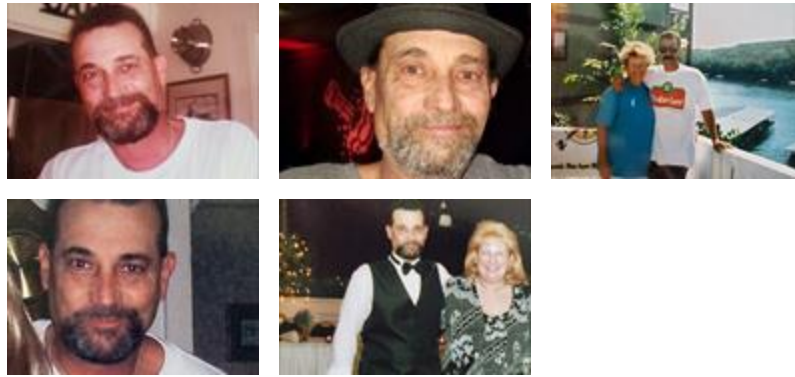
“ *Judy Yruax lit a candle in memory of Tom Stallone*



Judy Yruax - July 07, 2021 at 04:12 PM

LS

“ *Dad pictures*



Leah Stallone - July 06, 2021 at 08:08 PM

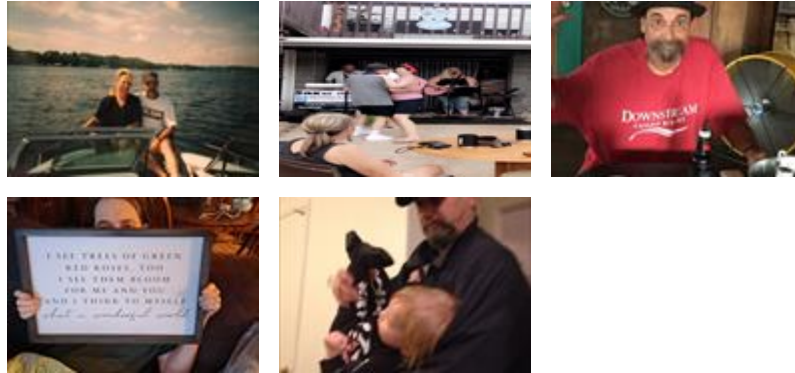
BO

“ *we met Tom when patty and him move across the street from us at Cozy Cove in Sunrise Beach then our very special friendship began....Tom is so special in so many levels i cant even name them all but to us he was a friend he represented Music ,loved animals . treated everyone like he knew them for years ,we are going to miss the cookouts, his wooden signs ,boat rides, cards and dice games, parties, quiet times just to visit , loved his family and most of all his sweet and caring wife Patty....what i see in Tom was that he let people be there selves never judged and always welcome you with a smileGod love you Tom will miss you your friends Bob and Lolly*

bob and lolly orozco - July 06, 2021 at 04:45 PM

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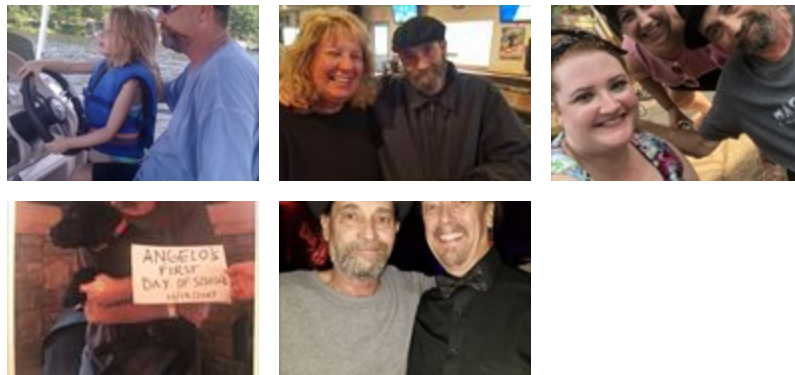
“ Few of the photos I love!



Dana Rakers - July 06, 2021 at 04:21 PM

EL

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elizabeth lowder - July 06, 2021 at 03:24 PM

PA

“ We only met Tom a few years ago, but you'd think we had known him for years the way he treated us. Cherish his memories and smile as you pass all of his signs. I'll toast a Miller High Life in his honor. Pat you are in our thoughts and prayers .

Paul & Connie Anderson

Paul Anderson - June 30, 2021 at 09:01 AM

SS

“ I worked for several years with Tom at SWBT at the Evergreen Central Office. I knew at a later time he played with Pat Liston in a band. I had a little contact with Tom via Facebook.

Stan Storch - June 30, 2021 at 12:14 AM

HS

So sorry for your families loss. I went to grade school with Tom.

Helen (Mieczko) Steber - July 06, 2021 at 05:42 PM

JD

I knew Tom at Rosary. I really liked him, remember catching up with him in between classes. I am really sorry for your loss.

Jackie DaPrato - July 30, 2021 at 08:56 PM

SB

Tom, I played Guitar with you in the Harvy Wallbangers. After you left we became the American Dream and took the name of the Spirit of St Louis. I stayed with the m from 1970 to 1978. I missed you greatly! I remember when I accidently kicked your horn from the stage, Jamming the mouth pierce. You were very kind and not upset and next gig it played fine and you made no mention of it. May GOD have mercy on your Soul. It is such a kind and musical soul. With all my love,
Herman

Scott Burcham - September 16, 2023 at 11:10 PM