



## Thomas F. Murphy

May 17, 1932 - December 6, 2019

Thomas Francis Murphy, 87, of East Patchogue passed away on Friday, December 6, 2019. He was the beloved husband of Rosemarie who passed away 37 days prior, on October 30th.

"Red" graduated from Seton Hall High School (Patchogue) where he played baseball, basketball and football. After graduation and a tryout at Ebbets Field he signed with the Brooklyn

Dodgers organization, where—among other accomplishments in the minors—during one season he lead the league in stolen bases.

"Murph" was an Army Veteran of the Korean War. After his military service, he was selected for "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" while studying at SUNY New Paltz. Mr. Murphy enjoyed a long career as a teacher in the South Country School District, where he was instrumental in obtaining pay for the district sports coaches. He was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, recognized by The Greater Sayville Chamber of Commerce for his contributions to "The Prestige of the Irish American Community on Long Island" and in 1994 was inducted into to the Suffolk County Sports Hall of Fame.

Tom is survived by his children, Colleen and John Murphy, grandchildren Tia Marie, Samantha Rae and Nicholas Murphy, great grandson Kaden Dible, and many nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by his parents John and Julia Murphy, and his brothers Martin, John and Owen (Rev. Neil Murphy, OSF). A funeral Mass will be offered at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 13, 2019 at St. Joseph the Worker Church in East Patchogue. Interment will follow at Calverton National Cemetery.

# Cemetery

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## Calverton National Cemetery

210 Princeton Blvd  
Calverton, NY, 11933

# Events

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**DEC 13** **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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St. Joseph the Worker Church  
510 Narragansett Avenue, East Patchogue, NY, US,  
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# Comments

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“ Sorry for your loss! We played football together at seton hall!

**Andre & Dolores Morin** - December 16, 2019 at 09:52 AM

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“ I would come over to visit Col, on Hedges and Tom would be sitting at the kitchen table and he would call me to sit with him and we would chat and catch up. He always had a twinkle in his eye and was delighted to hear our stories. I always felt loved and welcomed by Tom and Rose. I know the two of you are now dancing together in that wonderful place of Home. You both have left this world a better place because you were in it and touched our lives, enriched our lives. Your suffering is over, it is time to Dance. God speed fellow travellers. All my heart. Corey Mansueto  
XOXO

**Corey Mansueto** - December 13, 2019 at 06:05 AM

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“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas F. Murphy.



December 12, 2019 at 12:26 PM

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“ The Dusterwald Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas F. Murphy.



**The Dusterwald Family** - December 12, 2019 at 11:44 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas F. Murphy.



December 12, 2019 at 11:03 AM

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“ When I think of Murph, the first thing I think of is his hearty laugh and the cap he always wore. Of course I think of everything Irish and spending St. Patrick's Day with him, my husband and Colleen at Reese's in Patchogue. Trips to the city with the dance studio and he always carried a book. Millions of stories and long conversations - he seemed to know something about everything. A true renaissance man! I always enjoyed his company and will definitely miss him. I'm sure everyone in heaven is laughing at one of his stories and that he is reunited with his true love, Rose. xoxo Cindy Alevas

**Cindy Alevas** - December 11, 2019 at 08:36 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



**Robertaccio Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 11, 2019 at 01:32 PM

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“ Dear Colleen and Family:

I am so deeply saddened to learn of your father's passing. The loss of a parent is one of life's saddest moments. Mr. Murphy will be missed by so many. I thought of him often, with the fondest of memories. I remember EVERYTHING he taught in class as if it were yesterday. The lessons, reading current events from the Daily News or Newsday at the start of each class. Who could ever, ever forget his smile and hearty laugh as he greeted us each day? I am moved to tears that he is gone, but hope in some small way, you may find comfort in the knowledge that he had a positive, lasting impact on my life and countless other students lives as well. He was more than just an educator, he was a friend. God bless you all as you grieve. May his soul rest peacefully as he joins your mother in Heaven.

In Love and Friendship,

Wendy Lynn Sykes  
Brookhaven, NY

Wendy Lynn Sykes - December 11, 2019 at 11:18 AM

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“ Oh Colleen my heart is with you, wish I could physically be there! Love you my friend



sherry briggs - December 10, 2019 at 04:23 PM

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“ Dear a COLLEEN, We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad so soon after your dear mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
Stephanie and Jacqlyn.

stephanie - December 08, 2019 at 09:29 PM

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“ Dearest Colleen & Family, Our deepest condolences to you during this sad time. Know that you are in our thoughts & prayers! May God watch over all of you & give you strength. Know that you are not alone, you have the love & support of family & friends. Colleen I had the pleasure to meet your dad & he was truly a kind hearted man. He & your mom are together in heaven & will be with you in memories & in your heart! Nancy & Ray

**Nancy Schmidt** - December 08, 2019 at 08:28 PM