



Thomas Albert Lathe

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Thomas Albert Lathe was born in Baltimore, Maryland on May 16, 1938. His parents were Warren and Margaret Lathe. They raised five sons, Warren, Jr., Thomas, Robert, Timothy and Albert (deceased). Tom's mother was one quarter Mattaponi Indian of the Powhatan Nation. Tom was very proud of his Indian heritage. Tom loved the outdoors, camping, fishing, boxing, football singing and skiing. As a teenager, he became the Golden Gloves Boxing Champion of Baltimore.

Tom's first marriage was to Nancy Jane Butler (June 6th 1959) of Martinsburg, Pennsylvania. They raised two daughters, Nicole Ervin and Noel Corbin. Their first born child (Aug 63) was a daughter named Selina Beatrice Almira Lathe. She died shortly after birth and is buried in Fort Rucker Alabama. They had four grandchildren, Johanna Allen, Kyle Ervin, Charles Weeks Jr. and Philip Weeks.

Tom was drafted by the U. S. Army in 1961. He was stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama in Helicopter supply. He received orders for Vietnam, but they were canceled. Instead, his unit was flown to south Florida to set up facilities for troops to prepare to invade Cuba. Fortunately, Nikita Krushchev

And U.S. President John Kennedy made the decision to cancel the planned combat. Tom's unit was returned to Fort Rucker and we all gave a sigh of relief. Tom retired from the Army in 1963 and returned home to Virginia.

Tom's second marriage was to Donna Judy Lathe. They would have been married 39 years on 1-17-15, but Tom died on 12-7-14. Donna had 3 children from her first marriage, Dawn Cain, Preston Parker, Jr. and Patrice Nowlan. This marriage has been successful because they enjoyed so many activities together, watching football, fishing, camping, boating, snow skiing and fishing in Striper competition up and down the east coast for Striper Magazine in their bass boat named the "Awesome One".



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In 1984 they were selected to fish with the “Virginia State” team of nine. There were teams from every state at the competition on the huge Lake Texoma” in Oklahoma. Tom brought in the first striper of the 2-day tournament, he knew fishing. Unfortunately, one team cheated, blocking off one arm of the lake for days before the tournament and gaining a distinct advantage. They won a large cash prize and a new boat, but when it was discovered that they had cheated, the prizes were taken back. The Captain of that boat was sent to prison.

Stripers are a deep water fish, and when they are brought to the surface, they have nearly expired so they cannot be set free. The tournament brought in 5,000 pounds of Striper. The catch was donated to local charities such as retirement homes and orphanages.

Tom and Donna skied from coast to coast and up to Mount Tremblant in Canada. Exciting fun.

They mad three trips to Montana two trips in a small camper and once they flew into Bozeman. Tom enjoyed trout fishing in the most desirable Madison River. They loved Montana so they made

The decision to buy 20 acres of that beautiful state.

They retired in 1992 from the United States Postal Service in Merrifield, Virginia and moved to 88 Acres with a panoramic view of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Culpeper County, Va. on the Robinson

River to build their home. They became involved in karaoke and spent 14 years singing around Culpeper.

Over the years, Tom and Donna made many friends and Tom will be missed by them.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Judy Lathe; five children, Nicole Ervin and her husband, Kenneth of Woodstock, Noel Corbin of Fredericksburg, Patrice Nowlan and her husband, William of Springfield, Preston Parker Jr. and his wife, Lois of Lorton and Dawn Cain of Lorton, VA; three brothers, Warren Lathe, Jr., Robert Lathe and Timothy Lathe; nine grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and other extended family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Albert Lathe.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 2pm at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel, 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper. The family will receive friends two hours prior to the service.



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Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.




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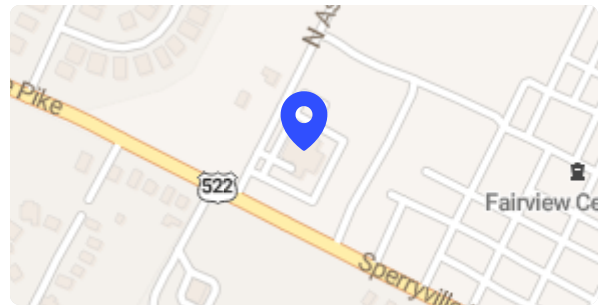
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Visitation

 **Saturday**, December 13, 2014

 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET


 **Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service**
850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701

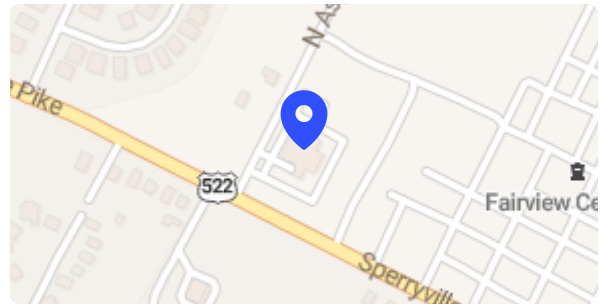


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PN

Patty Nowlan posted:

Apparently there were a few mistakes in the obituary when it was written. We are very sorry but often at times like this these things happen. It has been corrected.

December 23 at 4:47 PM

PN

Patty Nowlan shared an album called **New Album Name**.



December 21 at 4:53 PM

PN

Patty Nowlan posted:

I am Donna Lathe's youngest Daughter Patty. My mother Donna and Tom Lathe's marriage was one of the most loving marriages I have ever seen. They were married for 38 years and had been retired from the US Postal Service for 22 years and 2 months. They retired on the same day. Everywhere you saw one you saw the other. They had all the same likes in their hobbies and with everything. My husband and I also worked at the US Postal Service. Whenever one of the four of us would see each other we had this whistle we would do just to let them know we were in the area and we could see them. I will never forget the last time my Mom, Tom, Bill, Tommy (our friend) and I went fishing. It was in June of this year. Tom was always there to help with anything that someone needed while they were fishing. We used to buy a bunch of worms and just keep catching as many fish as we could and then just let them go. Tommy had caught a huge snapping turtle and Tom helped to take him off the hook. Tom was like a second father to me. He helped me with different things and was always so glad to help. I had a tape measure that had been my grandfathers and it got pulled out all the way from its case. I asked Tom if he could fix it for me and he said I could just buy another one. But when I told him it was my grandfathers he said he would gladly fix it for me. My Mom and Tom took such great care of each other. Always being so patient and loving to one another. They shared everything in life together. At Thanksgiving we were all together and as usual Tom would slice the turkey. He could slice a turkey better than anyone. As he began to slice our turkey he said to me "I am so glad I felt well enough to come up today and slice your turkey." He always said the prayer. This years prayer was very special, a little bit longer than years before but always thanking The Lord for everything. Thank You Tom for coming into our lives. We love and miss you terribly.

December 10 at 2:56 PM



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Nik Justnik posted:

I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SOME CORRECTIONS TO THE OBITUARY THAT IS LISTED. I THINK DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES INFO WAS FORGOTTEN. Tom's first marriage (JUNE 6TH 1959) was to Nancy JANE Butler of MARTINSBURG Pennsylvania. They raised two daughters, Nicole Ervin and Noel Corbin. They had three grandchildren, Johanna Allen, Kyle Ervin and Nickoli Sage Weeks (SEE BELOW FOR CORRECTIONS) BELOW ARE MY CORRECTIONS: (THE ABOVE IS PARTLY CORRECT... THERE WERE FOUR (4) GRANDCHILDREN: THEY ARE JOHANNA HULL (OF CULPEPER VA), KYLE ERVIN (OF WOODSTOCK VA), CHARLES WEEKS JR. (OF LAKERIDGE VA), PHILIP WEEKS (OF LORTON VA). LISTED AS A GRANDSON IS INCORRECT... NICKOLI SAGE IS THE NEWLY BORN SON OF CHARLES WEEKS JR... AND THEREFORE A GREAT GRANDSON. THOMAS LATHE HAD 4 GREAT GRANDSONS: ELISHAH JOSEPH HULL- ALLEN, JASE KENNETH HULL- ALLEN, BRYCE ESPER HULL- ALLEN, NIKOLIA WEEKS. HE WAS SO PROUD TO BE THE VERY FIRST TO HOLD EACH AND EVERY ONE OF HIS GREAT GRANDSONS! ALSO LEFT OUT IS THAT TOM'S FIRST BORN (AUG 63) WAS A DAUGHTER NAMED SELINA BEAT RICE ALMIRA LATHE. SHE DIED SHORTLY AFTER BIRTH AND IS BURRIED IN FORT RUCKER ALABAMA.

December 19 at 3:38 AM



Nik Justnik shared 5 photos to the **New Album Name** album.



December 10 at 2:56 PM



Bill Pace lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Donna. So sad to hear about Tom's passing. We feel so fortunate to have known him. Please know that you are in our prayers. Bill and Emily Pace

December 13 at 5:53 AM



Emily Pace lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Donna, We're so sorry for your loss. Tom will be sorely missed. We feel so very fortunate to have known him God bless you. Bill & Emily Pace

December 13 at 5:47 AM





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Mellina Lathe lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Sending my love to you, and love, prayers of strength, and prayers of comfort to those missing you.

December 12 at 3:55 PM



Robert Lathe lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

December 12 at 3:44 PM



RL Robert Lathe December 12 at 3:47 PM

He taught me how to ride a bike and how to swim at age six. Awesome Brother. I shall miss him. We'll meet again. don't know where, don't know when, but I know we'll meet again some sunny day.



Robert E. Lathe posted:

There are no words that can convey my feelings of loss and remorse at my older Brother's passing. I am so sad at his passing that I could not see him once again. I am unable to travel to his service in Virginia as I am disabled. I was able, back a few years ago, to attend my younger brother Albert's service, but, alas, I am unable to do so now. My fondest memory of Tom was him teaching me how to ride a bicycle at age six on a 26" bike with pedal blocks added in Springfield. And learning how to swim in the Potomac River at age six by being tossed in and being told to swim.

December 12 at 3:32 PM



Anonymous sent a Small Garden Dish to the Lathe family.

December 12 at 2:48 PM



Jennifer lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

December 12 at 1:13 PM





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Your Friends At Graystone Homes, Inc. sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Lathe family.

December 12 at 11:32 AM



Nik Justnik lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

December 12 at 9:39 AM



Ed Rowland sent a virtual gift in honor of Thomas.

December 11 at 4:07 PM



Ed Rowland lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

December 11 at 4:05 PM



Elizabeth Rowland posted:

We met Tom and Donna in 2005 when our homes were being built on Mabel Court. We connected and became close friends. Tom was kind, sensitive, smart, strong, creative and did he have a voice. He loved his dear wife "Rocky" more than life itself. He was beyond devoted to her. And there were his black cats. Kara was his snuggle buddy. Oakie, the outdoor feral cat, was the newest addition to the family. Tom was devoted to her and so proud that Oakie came to trust him enough to eat out of his hand. Tom's smile and hugs would always lift me up. I will miss the vegetables from his garden that he shared with us, and oh the delicious recipes from his Mother's cookbook that he shared with us, the frequent phone calls just to check in and say Hi, his childhood stories and wonderful memories of times spent with his brothers. You will be missed more than words can say. You are unforgettable. The lights on the path between our homes will now shine in your memory. Rest in peace. We will always keep you close in our hearts. We love you. -Elizabeth Rowland

December 11 at 4:01 PM



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Elizabeth Rowland lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



December 11 at 4:00 PM



Ed Rowland posted:

Tom was more than a neighbor and a friend. We first met Tom and Rocky in 2005 when we were both having our homes built. We quickly felt like we were the luckiest people in the world to have neighbors like Tom and Rocky. Tom was generous to a fault and would give you the shirt off of his back if you were in need. Tom was a very kind man. He helped me build my shed and used some spare lumber from his porch to build us a bench for our backyard. Tom and Rocky built a path between our backyards with spare stone from their home and pebble rock they picked up to complete the path. Tom enjoyed tending his backyard garden, often sharing its bounty with us or calling Elizabeth to say "come pick whatever you want". Tom shared his Mother's recipes with us sometimes suggesting ideas to make it just a little bit better. They were all delicious. During the summer I'd often see Tom mowing his lawn as I worked or studied in the basement. Then I'd look up and he'd be mowing our side yard, going around the Crepe Myrtles, because he wanted to help us out. One of my fondest memories will be singing karaoke in their basement. Tom had a voice comparable to Frank Sinatra and when he and Rocky would pair up for a song it was very special. They were so clearly and deeply in love! Tom loved animals. He seeded his fishing pond and was very proud of the abundant life he brought to it. He loved Pepper, Kara and the feral cat Okie who he fed and built shelter for on his front porch. Okie loved Tom too, coming to him when he called and letting him pet her. No small feat. Our dogs loved Tom, especially Banks who would whine and finally go through the invisible fence to get love from him. When I was at night school Tom would call to check on Elizabeth which I always appreciated. Tom was a very patriotic veteran who frequently shared his love of country and U.S. history. Words cannot characterize my deep affection for Tom. To say he will be missed is an understatement. Rest in peace my good friend Tom!Ed Rowland

December 10 at 2:56 PM



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Bj Stephens posted:

43 years ago, I had the pleasure of meeting this wonderful man when I went to work at the Alex Post Office. Over the years Tom has remained in my heart as a true man of faith and love of his country. I always admired how noble and kind he was even when this young gal would flare up and lose her temper. Thank God he always showed me how to take the higher road and for that, I'm most thankful. I'm also thankful that the last time I saw Tom I was able to tell his daughter and granddaughter in front of him just how special a man he was and what a fine co-worker he had been over the years. I still treasure that warm hug and huge grin on his face. Sad to hear of his passing however, I know without a doubt, Tom is safe in the arms of his Lord and Savior. Donna, you were blessed with the best the 2nd go-around...treasure in your heart that wonderful gift. You are each in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. May sweet, wonderful memories comfort your hearts.

December 11 at 12:55 PM



June Kearns posted:

Tom & Rocky were dear friend to me & especially to my loving husband. they were there for me when my husband (Ted) Big Daddy passed away 1 1/2 years ago. I know that Ted & Tom are together singing in Heaven..& will be celebrating Christmas with their savior, Jesus.. Rocky I am praying for you & your family.. I know how it is, if I can do anything, please let me know.. just keep the faith & rely on God he is always there...June Kearns

December 11 at 11:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lathe family.



December 11 at 8:48 AM



Bill Nowlan posted:

My Father-in-law Tom was a gentle but strong man. A loving father grandfather and great grandfather with always a kind word and smile. A wonderful husband who loved his sweetheart dearly. You will always be missed but never forgotten. We love you Tom! Bill & Patty Nowlan

December 11 at 7:21 AM



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LB

Linda Bradshaw posted:

I only met Tom and Rocky a short while ago, but could tell that they both were very loving, caring, and fun people. I was so saddened to hear of his illness and passing, as I had hoped that my family and theirs were starting a good and dear friendship. I am praying for Tom to have a peaceful slumber, and for Rocky to be comforted and surrounded with the love of her friends and family during this difficult time.

December 11 at 5:14 AM

PN

Patty Nowlan posted:

I will have only half of a life now because we were rarely apart. Tom was the finest man that I ever met. He had many facets to his personality and we were rarely separated. We first met at Christmas time at the Alexandria Post Office. The guys were having fun with a sprig of mistletoe. The supervisor, Charlie, held it over my head. Tom could never resist a dare, so he came up to me and planted a kiss on me and then a second one. I was so affected, that I went downstairs to bring up coffee for our morning break. I realized that I was filling the cups with water. We have had a fun and exciting life. Rest in peace my love until I meet you on the "Other Side", a song by Jimmie Fortune. Your loving and lonely wife, Donna aka "Rocky" Lathe.

December 10 at 5:20 PM

HE

Helen posted:

Donna, my thoughts and prayers are with you since we spoke and was just remembering some of the good times we had together at work and PLAY. What stands out the most tho is what a great couple you all were and fun to be aroundJust know that you are both loved and Tom is in a much better place"...Love Helen

December 10 at 2:56 PM



Media

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Patty Nowlan shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

December 21 at 4:53 PM



Tom, Mom and Caitlyn

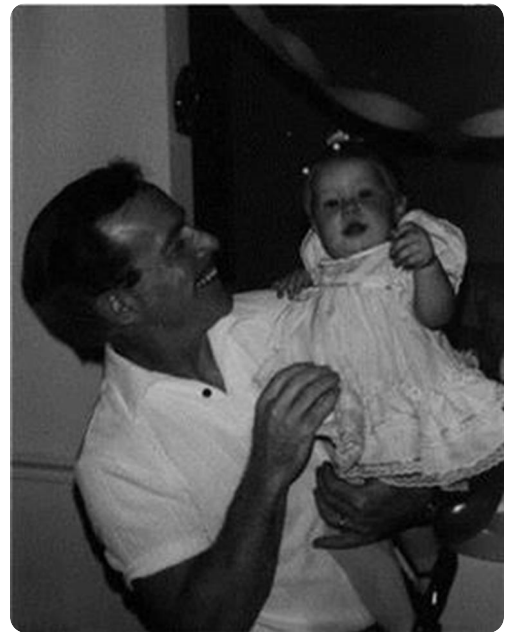


Nik Justnik shared 5 photos to the **New Album Name** album.

December 18 at 11:46 PM

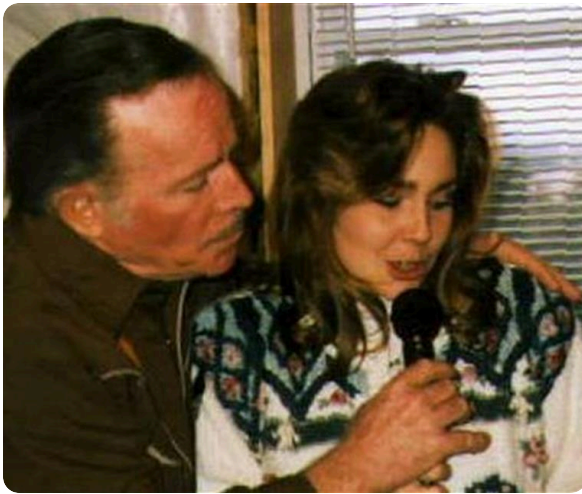


My Daddy and Me



Dad and his first Grandchild Jo hanna aka Joi





singing along side by side :)



Ken thought this was me...but this is my sweet Dad



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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