



Thomas Frank Bernard

January 18, 1944 - September 8, 2025

Thomas Frank Bernard, age 81, of Christiansburg, passed away on September 8, 2025. He was born on January 18, 1944, to the late Raymond John and Fernande Irene St. Onge Bernard. He was also preceded in death by his son, Mark Steven Bernard.

Tom graduated from Berkley High School in Berkley, MI in 1963. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served until 1969.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Valerie L. Tweedie; son, Maurice Lawrence Bernard; daughters, Maria Jeannie Riley, Grace M. Calpus, Laura A. Ulmer; grandchildren, Stephen Riley, Donovan Riley, Katherine Riley, Todd Bernard, and Alex Bernard.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Christiansburg with Dr. Mark Frazier officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Christiansburg Police Department Citizen Support Group (CPDCSG), 10 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, and/or the Boys Home of Virginia, 414 Boys Home Road, Covington, VA 24426.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
103 East Main Street
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Tribute Wall

RW

“ Tom, was a proud member of our hunting club and great friend. Always willing to help people and a very caring person. My heart goes out to all loves ones and may god hold you tight during these times

Ray Wilburn - September 12, 2025 at 05:05 AM



“ Although I didn't know Tom for very long (a few years) he always impressed me with his work ethic even in senior years. I will miss his guidance and help. Sending thoughts to Val and their family as they navigate this time.



Diana Jones-Cox - September 10, 2025 at 09:29 AM

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“ Tom approached everything in life with open arms and with love. His relationship with Val was his proudest achievement. He would often tell us the story of their meeting. The way his eyes would light up, as he told the tale, revealed his deep feelings for her. He was a truly wonderful man and will be missed...

Kevin Meredith - September 10, 2025 at 08:44 AM

DR

“ Tom was such a natural giver to his community and to his friends. And boy, could he make the best peanut brittle—I always looked forward to tasting that yummy treat during the holidays. He will be remembered for his kindness , his faithfulness to his friends, standing by them through good times and hard times, and also for the joy he brought to those around him.

Dianne Roberson

Dianne Roberson - September 09, 2025 at 09:19 PM

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“ I worked with Valerie for many years. During that time, Tom often brought goodies by the office for us - donuts, mostly. But sometimes he brought Skosh by, too. Last summer, Tom hired my young son to do handyman work with him - landscaping and such. My son was so impressed at how strong Tom was - working along side him, dragging tree branches to the end of the drive! I will forever be grateful for Tom's kindness to us over the years & especially to my son when they worked together last summer. Praying for Val and the family. He will be missed.

Amber Haskins - September 09, 2025 at 08:55 PM

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*Tom was a dear friend. I will miss our discussion and foolishness. Rest in peace my friend. I love you like a brother.
PEACE my friend ☐ Thanks for All of our fond memories .
Rest in peace my friend.*

Rick VanGorden - September 09, 2025 at 09:28 PM