



Thomas A. Coulombe

August 29, 1947 - June 6, 2016

LEWISTON- Thomas “Tom” Coulombe, 68, passed away at his home in Lewiston on Monday June 6, 2016, with his family at his side.

He was born in Topsham, Maine on August 29, 1947 to Theresa Marin and Jacques Coulombe. Tom was the oldest of 13 children.

Tom attended St. John’s Grammar School in Brunswick, St. Joseph’s Seminary in Bucksport, Maine and graduated from St. Dominic High School in 1966. He attended Auburn Maine School of Commerce receiving an Associates in Accounting and Business Administration.

Tom began his career at Philips Elmet where he worked for 17 years. He spent 6 years at Dion Distributors as Assistant to the President. Before retiring in 2009, he worked at the Department of Education in Augusta for 20 years managing federal special education funds. He earned several awards for his distinguished service to the State of Maine. After retirement, Tom enjoyed delivering UTZ products which reminded him of times when as a child he helped his father deliver milk for Granite Farm Dairy in Brunswick.

When not maintaining his gentleman’s farm, which includes scenic walking trails, gardens and animals, or enjoying trips and activities with his immediate or extended family, Tom shared his time and talents with many organizations. For over 40 years, he participated in Boy Scouts (Troop 160 and later Troop 116) in various capacities, earning the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver. Tom was very proud of his son, Jacob, who accompanied him on many hikes and canoe trips and earned his Eagle in 2006. He assisted Girl Scout Troop 318 on trips to Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania. More recently, Tom served as a Venture Crew Advisor, spending a week at the Florida Sea Base sailing with the crew. He attended 5 National Scout Jamborees, one with his son, serving as a railroad merit badge counselor. For many years, Tom was affiliated with the Catholic Committee on Scouting, helping to organize numerous camporees. He was awarded the St. George Medal for his efforts. He continued to assist scouts to earn religious awards until shortly before his death.

Over the years, Tom also managed softball teams, served as an advisor for Junior Achievement, tax preparer for AARP and a presenter for Operation Life Saver.

Tom enjoyed outdoor activities, such as chopping wood, hiking, canoeing, white water

rafting and zip lining.

Since 1997, Tom's passion has been model railroading. He was an integral part of the Great Falls Model Railroad Club, serving as Treasurer for the club and Station Master at the Club's Mill Street location in Auburn. He organized train shows, participated in adult education programs at the club and family nights at Governor's Restaurant. He looked forward to attending train shows in West Springfield, Massachusetts, sometimes with members of his family. Tom was a member and treasurer of the Seacoast Division of the National Railroad Association for several years.

Tom will be remembered for his love of family, patience, quiet sense of humor, wisdom, and gentleness, his strong work ethic and his life of service and commitment to others. He made a difference in the lives of many. His influence and advice will have an impact long after his passing.

He is survived by his wife, Carmen Berube Coulombe; his son Jacob Thomas Coulombe; six brothers, Francis, Antoine, Michael, Pierre, James and Andrew; four sisters, Anita Kenopinsky, Elizabeth Kinsman, Jacqueline Adams and Barbara Giroux; his paternal uncle Chanel Coulombe of Topsham; his maternal aunts, Freda Cook, Anne Belanger and Alphena Curtis; his sister-in-law Julie Berube; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by two sisters, Jeannine Gilliland and Rosemarie Homovich.

Tom's family wishes to thank medical providers and staff at St. Mary's Cancer & Blood Disorders and Wounded Care Units, Radiation Oncology at CMMC and Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice for their compassionate care of Tom during his illness.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com.

NOTICE

Coulombe- Died in Lewiston on Monday June 6, 2016. Mr. Thomas A. age 68 a resident of Lewiston. A Memorial Mass honoring Thomas' life will be celebrated on Saturday June 25, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Holy Family Church followed by a reception of fellowship at Holy Trinity Church in Lisbon Falls. In lieu of flowers, Tom has requested that gifts be made in his memory to the Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill Street, Auburn, Maine 04210. A memorial gathering will be held on Friday June 24, 2016 from 2-4 & 7-9 PM at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway, Lewiston 784-4023.

Events

JUN 24 **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services
305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

JUN 24 **Visitation** 07:00PM - 09:00PM

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JUN 25 **Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Holy Family Church
615 Sabattus Street, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

Comments



“ I worked with Tom in the Department of Education, Special Services for well over ten years. His sense of humor and patience were evident every day, but it wasn't long before I knew this man to have the gifts ethical and moral courage. His family values were evident in most every conversation - Tom was a gift and a beacon of light to all who truly knew him.

Gaylord Day Weston - June 25, 2016 at 11:06 AM



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Anita and Bob Desjardins - June 24, 2016 at 11:58 AM



“ Many years ago Tom was my first contact with the outside world of Council activities. He opened my eyes to what real training was all about. This continued for many years. Then we came in contact over my civilian job and that is when I saw Tom's real softness. He was so good in explaining how mistakes were made and how to correct them.

And Carmen is very dear to us. She and I interacted in my civilian job and she was such a good friend of Monette's.

We miss him now very much and hope he helps me to get where he is now some day.

Richard Valcourt - June 24, 2016 at 01:21 AM



“ We certainly miss Tom's smile and his quiet guidance... condolences to Carmen and Jacob... Love you both, Barbara & Michael

Barbara Giroux - June 23, 2016 at 08:53 PM



“ Tom and I were leaders in Troop 160 in Lewiston and I just remember his mild demeanor and leadership to the first year scouts. Many great campouts on his property and his cabin.



“ I met Tom when he worked for the Deapartment of Education. Tom was always willing to help a colleague in need. When I think of Tom, I see a man who truly believed in helping people with disabilities. He did not speak the lingo. He will be missed by a lot of people.

My sincere condolences to his family

Claire LaBrie - June 23, 2016 at 05:40 AM



“ Tom will be greatly missed by all of those who knew him. Personally he was one of my greatest scout leaders and advisor through Troop 116 and Venture Crew 116. Over the years Tom helped me to earn numerous scouting badges including several religious awards. I will never forgot how dedicated he was to the scouting program, always volunteering as a leader for camping trips, scouting events, and even a trip to Florida to sail in The Florida Keys. I will never forget the time he let the Venture Crew use his barn to build multiple cardboard sleds for the big cardboard sled race. It was while the crew was building these sleds that I go to see Tom's train layout for the first time. This inspired me to start collecting more model trains, building on the set that was given to me by my grandparents. I am very glad that I got to spend time with him traveling down to Virginia for not one but two National Scout Jamborees in 2010 and 2013. I will never forget Tom; he was one of the most kind, generous, and dedicated men I knew. You will be greatly missed Tom, I look forward to the day when I will get to see you again.

Lee Morin - June 22, 2016 at 11:18 PM



“ Tom was a quiet and caring person . others always came first. during our time a St. Dom,s Tom sat next to me during our sophomore & and seniors classes.He will be missed Glad to call him my friend.

Ronald Maillet - June 22, 2016 at 03:34 PM



“ I had the great pleasure of knowing Tom, working with him at Philips Elmet, playing Softball with him on the Philips Elmet Softball Team and helping him teach kids how to become entrepreneurs at Junior Achievement. In addition, I enjoyed many canoe trips down the Saco river with him. He was easy to be around. He always had a smile on his face and would help anyone that crossed paths with him. I learned a lot by watching Tom. The earth we live on will not be the same without him. But heaven is rejoicing that he has come home to be with the other angels like him. I miss you Tom.

And I look forward to the day when we meet again. Your friend forever. Jim DeLong

Jim DeLong - June 22, 2016 at 03:01 PM



“ I worked with Tom at Dion Dist. He was the example of patience and professionalism. I remember attending a company picnic at his house and fun times snowmobiling on his trails. I think of Tom every time I see a lama.

Monique Godbout - June 22, 2016 at 02:45 PM



“ Tom will be missed very much by me. The first time Tom and I went on a camping trip with troop 160 they had a cracker barrel met and I could not find a spoon. Tom said that they always bring thier on. Tom being the gentleman he was he loaned me his, I stirred my coffee and let the spoon drip and handed the spoon back. Tom liked the spoon and said he always washes his spoon before putting it a way. I never forgot my silverare again. I will miss you my friend. Until we meet again.

Mike Edgecomb Sr. - June 22, 2016 at 06:38 AM