



Thomas H. Sell

November 1, 1943 - January 4, 2024

Thomas Henry Sell passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 4th, surrounded by family. Tom's life exemplified service. Service to his country, service to his community and loving service to his family.

Tom was born on November 1, 1943 to Caryl and Edna Sell. A lifelong resident of North Tonawanda/Wheatfield, Tom Married Karen Lee Miller in August of 1967 and just 10 months later was deployed to Vietnam. Tom served his country as a Sergeant in the United States Air Force as a jet engine mechanic and returned home in June of 1969. Upon his return, Tom received an associated degree as a tool and die maker from Erie Community College and gained employment with General Motors and later American Axle where he spent 30 years of loyal service. Tom retired in 2006 and spent his remaining years

traveling with Karen, enjoying his children and grandchildren and volunteering and serving his community as a member of the Adams Fire Company on Nash Rd in Wheatfield. Tom's dedication and service to Adam's Fire Company was second to none and he considered it an extension of his family. He joined Adams in 1964 at the age of 21 and remained in active service for the remainder of his life. Tom served for many years as Chief and fire police captain and carried true passion and love for his community and fellow firefighters that was only surpassed by the love he had for Karen and his family, Tom was the pillar of his family and, without compromise, they were always his number one priority. Karen, Daughters Kelli Thompson, Dawn Sell

and Amy Sell were his life. He also served as a father figure and amazing example to his Grandson Tommy, and Son's in law Justin Scricco and Drew Thompson. The love, laughter, dedication and memories he provided to Karen and the girls over the years was a gift we all will cherish forever. Tom was preceded in death by his parents Caryl and Edna Sell and Brother, Peter Sell. Tom is survived by the love of his life and best friend Karen Sell(Miller), daughters Kelli Thompson (Drew), Dawn Sell (Justin Scricco) and Amy Sell, grandchildren Thomas Anthony Sell, Kiersten Thompson, Brenden Thompson, LeeAnnMarie Scricco and Ava Scricco, Sisters Nancy Mercer (Sal) and Linda Jones (Francis). We will miss you, Tom. We love you. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Adams Fire Company, 7113 Nash Rd, North Tonawanda NY 14120.

Wattengel Funeral Home 533 Meadow Dr, North Tonawanda. Visitation Sunday January 14 th from 12:00-2:30pm with a Memorial Service beginning at 2:30 pm Reception to follow at Adams Fire Hall 7113 Nash Rd North Tonawanda. Burial Tuesday January 16 th at 1:00 pm. Acacia Cemetery 4215 Tonawanda Creek Rd, North Tonawanda.

Cemetery Details

Acacia Park Cemetery

4215 Tonawanda Creek Rd N.
North Tonawanda, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)
533 Meadow Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-0440
wattengelfh@gmail.com
<https://www.wattengel.com>

Memorial Service

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Committal Services

JAN 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

Acacia Park Cemetery
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North Tonawanda, NY

PLEASE ASSEMBLE AT CEMETERY CHAPEL

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas H. Sell.*



January 12, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ *Karen & Family*

My sincerest condolences!

Dick Szewczyk

Richard Szewczyk - January 10, 2024 at 02:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas H. Sell.*



January 09, 2024 at 07:06 PM

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“ Mrs Sell, Kelli, Dawn, Amy and the rest of your families:

I am so so sorry for the grieving you are enduring. Mr. Sell was such a good man and so many of my childhood memories include your family. Whether it was events at the fire hall, camping at Uncle Matt's or visits at your house, so many of them include you all. I remember Mr. Sell as a patient and kind man. He was giving with his time and love. While I'm glad he's not suffering, I'm sad for all of you. Praying for your peace and comfort.



Llaura (Kowalski) Williams - January 07, 2024 at 05:01 PM

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“ We're very sorry for your loss!love Bob and Rita

Rita Conroy - January 07, 2024 at 01:07 PM