



## Mr. Thomas L. Bessette

August 14, 1944 - January 6, 2019

On Sunday, January 6th after a valiant battle with cancer, Thomas L. Bessette, beloved husband, dad, grampy and brother passed into God's hands surrounded by his loving family. Tom was born in Adams on August 14, 1944 to the late Gerald and Geraldine (Kearns) Bessette. He devoted his life to raising and caring for his family. He retired after 26 years of service with the United States Army, the Army Reserves and the National Guard. For 29 years he was employed at WR Grace and later at BFAIR until illness forced his retirement.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and vacationing. He was also an avid reader with a passion for learning.

His greatest joy was being with his granddaughters Mikaela and Miranda Sadlow.

He leaves his wife and best friend Barbara DeCoigne Bessette whom he married on July 17, 1965. He was blessed with two beautiful daughters Trisha Lynn Bessette and Rebecca Bessette Sadlow, a son-in-law Michael Sadlow. His brother David and sister-in-law Patricia Bessette and two nephews Matthew and David Bessette all of Malden, MA. Two nephews Thomas and Michael Burdick.

He is predeceased by his daughter Trisha Lynn Bessette, brother William "Mickey" Bessette, sister Carolyn Burdick, stepfather Joseph Mahoney.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Western and Central Massachusetts and especially Linda Michaels-Negri, Kathy Sumner, Dominic Negri, Eleanor

and Dennis for the loving care they provided.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, January 12th at 12:00 Noon in Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, McKinley Square, Adams, celebrated by Rev. Steven Montesanti, Pastor.

Burial will be at a later date in the spring.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the Parish of St. John Paul Charity Center or the Parish of St. John Paul Meals Ministry, both at P.O. Box 231, Adams, MA 01220.

# Previous Events

## Liturgy of Christian Burial

JAN 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church  
McKinley Square  
Adams, MA 01220

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas L. Bessette.*



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January 11, 2019 at 06:51 AM



“ *Dear Barbara,*

*I was so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. God bless you all.*

*Karen Ketcham  
St. John Paul II Parish*

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**Karen Ketcham** - January 10, 2019 at 07:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas L. Bessette.*



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January 09, 2019 at 09:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas L. Bessette.*



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January 08, 2019 at 07:06 PM



“ *I have fond memories of our visits to Adams and visiting with our Bessette cousins. As we grew to adulthood, the visits were more for weddings and sadly funerals. Tommy will be remembered not only for his strength and courage but for his willingness to always help and being a "good guy".  
Rest in peace, dear cousin.*

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**Bonnie Morrison** - January 08, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ *In Loving Memory: Bonnie, Jerianne and Barbara purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Thomas L. Bessette.*



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**In Loving Memory: Bonnie, Jerianne and Barbara** - January 08, 2019 at 02:14 PM