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**T**homas R. Jacobs, 86, of Lawrence passed away on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at the Holy Family Hospital after a short battle with cancer. Tom was born on June 5th, 1930 in Haverhill. Son of the late James and Veronica (Butler) Jacobs. Thomas was educated in St. Augustine's School in Andover and was a parishioner of Saint Mary's Church in Lawrence. He worked for many years at the Bellevue Cemetery in Lawrence, MA. Husband of the late Rhonda (Kennedy) Jacobs. He is survived by his sons Thomas and James of Lawrence, John and his wife Elisa of Methuen. His daughters Veronica and husband Roger Jackson, Joyce and husband Tom Cross all of Florida, Michelle and husband John Oberlin of Ohio, Suzanne and husband Ray Stevens of Haverhill. As well as several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his children William, Kathleen and Michael Jacobs and their Mother the late Rita Jacobs Jacques. He was also predeceased by his siblings Robert, William, Daniel, John, James and Suzanne Jacobs. Tom will forever be remembered by his generosity, his sense of humor and his striking resemblance of Jolly Ole Saint Nick. In his final weeks Tom shared many family memories with his closest grandson William Cormier & his favorite niece Dorothy "Dee" Jacobs O'Neil both of Haverhill. Relatives and friends are cordially invited to call on Friday, September 30, 2016 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA. His funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Saint Mary's Church, Lawrence, MA. Inurnment will follow in Saint Mary's/Immaculate Conception Mausoleum in Lawrence, MA. For online condolences and other information please visit us at [www.breenfuneralhome.com](http://www.breenfuneralhome.com). In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.



## Tribute Wall

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DB

**Debbie (Clarke) Blanchard** posted:

Dear Jimmy, My condolences in the loss of your dad. We haven't seen each other for quite some time, but I always remember your kindness from the old neighborhood as we grew up together and lived next door to each other, and years later when our paths crossed. Your dad must have been proud to have you for his son! Wishing you and your family peace and strength during this difficult time.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

JW

**Jack Winters** posted:

So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I was a classmate of his all through St. Augustine's. The family lived just up the street on N Main. He later moved into the house I had lived in. I will remember him in my prayers.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

SL

**Stacy Lynch** posted:

My sympathy goes out to all the family and friends and pray that the Lord will dry each tear and comfort each heart.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

GH

**Gena Hunt** posted:

Suz and Family, My sincere condolences to you and your family, Your Dad will be sorely missed but he knew you were the most caring loving daughter imaginable Love Gena

March 7 at 8:00 PM



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MO

**Michelle Oberlin** posted:

Let me tell you about my Dad, Tom Jacobs. I spent a lot of time with him this year and got to know him in a deeper and personal way. My Dad is cute and funny, as he could light up a room with his charming wit and humor. Dad was incredibly generous and always wanted to help people, especially his children. Even though he is not a rich man, he gave away his money to any charity that asked him. Once he gave his car to a neighbor who did not have one. He did not try to sell it, as he could not drive any more. He just saw a need and gave it away. My Dad more than once gave away his coat to homeless individuals in freezing cold weather because he loved to share. As a child my Dad he lost both his parents when he was very young. He struggled through life, worked very hard and by the grace of God he learned how to be a good person. In his last days he would say that his name Tom was an acronym for "Tired Old Man". He was a very polite and gentle man, always maintaining an attitude of gratitude toward those who helped him. He was reactive and made mistakes in his life. However, like Moses he became very wise in his later years. He could scholarly discuss many things going on in this complicated world as he had developed a deeper understanding of God. Moreover, my Dad developed a strong faith in Jesus and his eternal salvation. He would say, "I don't read my Bible, but I know Jesus." He kept a picture of Jesus in different rooms in his house and in his wallet for most of his adult life. On the day of our last time together, two Mormon elders came and my Dad witnessed to them about Jesus. I'm very proud of my Dad and I know I will see him in Heaven. Love  
Michelle Oberlin (Daughter)

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MK

**Michael Kenney** posted:

Dear Jim, on behalf of my family we extend our deepest condolences to you and your family during this time of great loss. Tom was a good man, a friend and fellow grave digger. God keeps a special place in heaven for those who tend to the dearly departed. Mike, Cindy Kenney & Family

March 7 at 8:00 PM

CC

**Cathy Callahan** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the Jacobs Family.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

CM

**Cindy Jacobs Macdonald** posted:

May you Rest in Peace Uncle Tom

March 7 at 8:00 PM



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**Theresa Marks** posted:

please accept our deepest sympathy on the death of your father Tom Jacobs. may the Lord comfort you at this time.... with deep sympathy, Gadowski Family.

March 7 at 8:00 PM



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