



Thomas E. Berger

May 3, 1963 - January 30, 2015

Thomas Berger, age 51, of Gardiner, NY, died on Friday, January 30, 2015 at his home in Gardiner.

Born on May 3, 1963, in Poughkeepsie, he was the son of Thomas Perry and Mary Conroy Berger. He married Jillian Cutler.

Tom was a very caring person and a great friend to all.

Tom is a graduate of New Paltz High School and a Graduate of Springfield College.

Besides his wife, Tom is survived by two daughters, Jordan Mary Berger and Quinn Elizabeth Berger. He is survived by both his parents and his siblings, Michael Berger, Ellen Berger, and Katherine Berger Morrissey.

Friends and family may join the Bergers at the calling hours on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 from 4:00-8:00pm, at the Copeland Funeral Home, Inc., 162 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 10:00 am at St. Joseph Church, 34 South Chestnut Street, New Paltz, NY, Burial will follow at New Paltz Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made to a charity of ones choice in memory of Tom.

Funeral Arrangements are by Copeland Funeral Home, Inc., 162 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, N.Y. 12561. (845)255-1212. If anyone wishes to express condolences online please go to the main tribute page for Tom.

Cemetery

Events

New Paltz Rural Cemetery FEB

81 Plains Rd.

New Paltz, NY, 12561

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Calling Hours

04:00PM - 08:00PM

Copeland Funeral Home, Inc.

162 South Putt Corners Rd., New Paltz, NY, US, 12561

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Mass Of Christian Burial

10:00AM

St. Joseph's Church

34 South Chestnut Street, New Paltz, NY, US, 12561

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Burial

11:00AM

New Paltz Rural Cemetery

81 Plains Rd., New Paltz, NY, US, 12561

Comments



“ I was saddened to hear about Tommy Berger's passing. My deepest sympathies and condolences go to the entire Berger family. I have many fond memories of Tommy and the Berger family from childhood and growing up in New Paltz. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Mrs. Ellen Wood Newhard

Ellen Wood Newhard - February 10 at 09:09 PM



“ Deborah Massaria lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Berger



Deborah Massaria - February 10 at 01:00 PM



“ Michael Gallo lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Berger



Michael Gallo - February 07 at 11:46 AM



“ Jill, Mary and family, I am so deeply saddened by the news of your beloved Thomas, I am very sorry for your great loss and send my thoughts and prayers your way.
Geri Ritchie

Geri Ritchie - February 06 at 12:43 PM



“ DONNA BURNHAM SIEGEL



DONNA BURNHAM SIEGEL - February 05 at 10:48 PM



“ very sorry to hear of Tom's passing

donna burnham siegel - February 05 at 10:52 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to the entire family. Mike and Cindy King

Cynthia King - February 06 at 12:09 PM



“ Just heard of the news of Tommy's passing. Our deepest sympathies to the Burger family. We had so much fun at my Mom's house at the pool, at softball games and P&G's. Tom was always smiling and laughing and that's the way we will remember him.

Mario & Kathy Interrante

kathy interrante - February 04 at 09:15 PM



“ So sorry for the whole family and all that knew Tommy. I grew up with Tom and got to know him best after high school as we worked on the Ulster County Highway Department together during the summers when we were in college. We had a true Fraternity of mostly New Paltz High School graduates and enjoyed many moments together working together. We happened to have had a foreman who was illiterate and would typically take us to the NP diner for breakfast a few days during the week. This foreman would pretend to read the breakfast specials each time we went and the group would mostly kind of giggle. Not Tommy, he always stood up and made sure we were all in line to not make fun. Tommy had a special way about him that made people around him feel better. Anyway, we had a lot of good times during the summers together and he will be remembered for being a great guy!! Doug Schnell



Doug Schnell - February 04 at 03:12 PM



“ i remember going to school with tom. i would have graduated new paltz with him if i didn't move to walkills dirstict in the summer of 76. he was a friend.

VIRGIL D. RONK JR. - February 04 at 12:03 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I'm sure many of the drivers from Akron will be sad for the loss of such a fine person.



Bruce Ricks - February 04 at 09:55 AM



“ I am so saddened by the padding of my cousin Tommy. My thoughts are with his family. Sending much love and concern.

Elizabeth Gorayeb - February 04 at 06:25 AM



“ Hey friend you will be missed prayers for your family. RIP

Andy Carlock - February 03 at 10:30 PM



“ what a shock to hear. i am so sorry and send all of my strength and love to the whole Berger family. Tom was truly one of the great spirits to walk this earth. My sincere and heartfelt condolences.



chris mazur - February 03 at 12:49 PM



“ Tommy, you will be missed but forever in our memories. Wishing love and peace to all of the Berger family, we pray for Gods graces on you all

Louis Mosconi and Family - February 03 at 12:47 PM



“ R.I.P. Tom.You were a great co worker.I will always remember the time I spent working in linehaul.with you.Fun but we got.the job done.You will be missed by all.My thoughts and prayers to all his family, friends and co workers.

Mary Smallwood - February 03 at 09:28 AM



“ Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Berger.



February 03 at 09:03 AM



“ My deepest sympathy and prayers go to his wife Jill, two daughters, sisters, brother and friends. It has been a long time but the gift Tom gave me was to get close to so many amazing people of New Paltz. I was proud to be considered a "townie" for awhile. The community is bar none the best group of people I have ever met and I know that they will carry his family through like he would do for anyone else. I know he will be missed.

He was one of a kind.
Rest In Peace Tommy.

Kimberly McDermott

Kimberly McDermott - February 03 at 08:56 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Berger.



February 03 at 07:43 AM



“ R.I.P. Tom.



Andrew Charles - February 03 at 06:56 AM



“ Robert Smith lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Berger



Robert Smith - February 03 at 05:06 AM



“ Tommy Berger...you will be missed so much. We worked together for nearly Thirty years. I appreciated working for him. He truly was the Best. I loved sharing stories and busting each others chops. I really enjoyed sharing a metaphore with him. Even though at times all he would do is smile and say "REALLY?"
We had good times,bad times sad times hard times and easy times. When the push was on at worked...he Pushed.Then he let you slide till it was on again.
YRC will never be the same without Tommy there. It is with deepest sympathy and a heavy heart that I say goodbye to my friend. But I will celebrate Tom's life and remember the good times. God bless us all and may you rest in peace my friend.
I wish to send my condolences to Tom's family and friends.You were all truly blessed to have known Tom so long and be so close to him all his life.

There is a saying:
People will forget what you said,
People will forget what you did, But
People will never forget how you made them feel.
With deepest sympathy, Kandy Keller

Kandy Keller - February 02 at 10:40 PM



“ To Berger and family. My deepest condolences. We lost a great person. Tom and I worked together at YRC. He was one of a few who would make me laugh at my worst and who would put me in my place when I needed it. Awesome AWESOME guy. He was my buddy. I'll miss him. My prayers are work all of you.

maria - February 02 at 08:46 PM



“ Tammy Grube lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Berger



Tammy Grube - February 02 at 08:29 PM



“ To the Berger Family,
I worked with Tom at YFS both at the dock when he started and at LH. He was always a gentlemen and really great guy. I was sadden to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. He will be missed by many.
Laretta Dodd

Laretta Dodd - February 02 at 07:11 PM



“ Debbie Spencer lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Berger



Debbie Spencer - February 02 at 06:10 PM



“ Samantha Reiss lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Berger



Samantha Reiss - February 02 at 05:38 PM



“ Jody Mesches lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Berger



Jody Mesches - February 02 at 04:58 PM



“ To Katherine, Mary & Tom and the Berger Family. I send my heartfelt condolences to you. So sad to hear of Tommy's passing. Watch Hill Road was a great place to grow up and I have such fond memories of the fun we had as kids. So very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Julia Martin Eile

Julia Martin Eile - February 02 at 04:16 PM



“ I used to work with Tom that yellow freight in linehaul! He was always funny and upbeat, this is very sad. Rest in peace Tom and Robin Jennings-McVey

robin - February 02 at 03:21 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Berger.



February 02 at 03:03 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Berger family. I have known Tom for my 11 years at Yellow and YRC as a Casual Road Driver. It was a pleasure to work with him as he always was very professional. I truly will miss talking and seeing him at Maybrook.
Chris Sissick

Chris Sissick - February 02 at 02:34 PM



“ Tommy was my husband Tom's roommate at Springfield College, and I felt like he was my roommate as well. We laughed all the time, and he was such a wonderful guy and an incredible person. My favorite memory of Tom was 1983 and my Tom was away wrestling, and we had the semi formal that night. "Bergermeister" as I liked to call him, had a car and told me that he would take me to get an outfit and not to worry. Needless to say, as a poor college student, we made our way to "Zayre's department store" to begin the hunt. He patiently waited as I tried on numerous outfits and gave me his opinion.(He created a scene more than once!!!) I helped him pick out a tie and we laughed ourselves silly through the whole day. The three of us spent most of that year together, and we became forever friends. We didn't see each other every year, but we touched base on the phone and if we were close by, we would always try and connect. He was a wonderful person, funny, kind, and considerate. I will miss him dearly.
Beth-Ann and Tom Latsko Springfield College '86

Beth Ann Caron-Latsko - February 02 at 02:25 PM



“ My heart feels such sadness on learning this news . I have very fond memories about Tommy and his teaching our daughter Kara how to swim ..She was quite shy and he was patient and very kind and loving. She learned how to swim and left with her very first real crush. Our prayers go out to his family , and to Mary and Tom. Thank you Tommy you will always hold a special place in our hearts,

Tina , Robert Oculato

ROBERT OCULATO - February 02 at 02:16 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Stephen Weinman - February 02 at 01:55 PM



“ The loss of Tommy Berger is the loss of one of the truly nicest people I have ever known. We first met wrestling together in high school, where he, I and the other lightweights, Bill Moslander and Billy Schmalkuche would gang up on the heavy weights in a Gulliver style game which we loved as much as winning real matches. Keith Domeris was one of our usual victims.

Tommy was a great wrestler. Where I usually bulled my way to winning Tommy was more the slick, style focused athlete, and I used to think if I could combine my brute force with his grace I could have been so much better.

I hadn't seen him in years but then several years ago we reconnected. The last time we spoke we were talking about buying his family bicycles. He and Jill had gone biking up in the mountains and he wanted to buy bikes for the family. Our plan was to go to a local shop in the spring and spend "big bucks" as he said.

Tommy loved to kyack down the Wallkill river, and he took myself and my kids one time and it was just plain great. This summer we went alone together down the river, and we had a long discussion about his relationship with his daughters, and how much he loved them. We commiserated about how great it is but how incredibly difficult it could be to be a parent. It was one of those rare moments where two guys discuss their deep emotions.

My kids also remember Tommy coming over to our house for a pond day. He gave them tips on swimming. He had a special way with kids and was a natural coach.

Tommy, I have to say I thought we really would have more time to do things. It's a shock man, to see you go like this. I'm going to miss you, I wish we had more time together now that we had rekindled our friendship. I know everyone who knows you feels a little cheated right now that you left us so early. But everyone who knows you also knows how fortunate they were to have known someone as truly friendly, honest and kind as you were. I aspire to be the kind of man you were.

I'll see you on the other side my friend.

Love, Steve

Stephen Weinman - February 02 at 01:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Berger.



February 02 at 01:15 PM



“ Timothy J Gay and family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Thomas E. Berger.



Timothy J Gay and family - February 02 at 12:38 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Berger.



February 02 at 12:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Berger.



February 02 at 11:51 AM



“ Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Berger.



February 02 at 11:47 AM



“ Alex, Lily and I send our sincerest condolences, with love and prayers to you all, Julie Mazur.



julie mazur - February 02 at 11:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Berger.



February 02 at 10:23 AM



“ I am so sadden to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Berger family.

Maura Albertson - February 02 at 09:57 AM



“ Lynda Martinez sent a gift in memory of Thomas E. Berger



Lynda Martinez - February 02 at 09:23 AM



“ Tom, Jill, Quinn, Jordan, Tom and Mary, brothers and sisters have been intertwined in the Martinez family for a very long time. Tom and Mary have been friends since college. Our children grew up together. My son Chris was not only Toms friend but his neighbor. Jill was my student at SUNY. I talked to Tom often when he was walking his dog along the river. My granddaughters went to school and played soccer together. My heart goes out to the whole Berger family, my heart breaks for you. Lynda Martinez



Lynda Martinez - February 02 at 09:20 AM



“ Cindy Costello-huepler lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Berger



cindy costello-huepler - February 02 at 09:07 AM



“ Melissa Rosa lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Berger



Melissa Rosa - February 02 at 08:16 AM



“ So sorry for your loss...my prayers go out to all of his family and friends.

Melissa Rosa - February 02 at 08:18 AM



“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. May your cherished memories bring you comfort during this difficult time.

Colleen Giametta

Colleen Giametta - February 02 at 07:49 AM



“ Sending hugs to the entire Berger family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Deb (Haight) Elliott



Deb Elliott - February 02 at 07:48 AM



“ Sending my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...my thoughts are with the Berger family during this difficult time. I have fond memories of Tommy from high school. - Amanda (Humbaugh) Greene

Amanda Greene - February 02 at 07:48 AM



“ Sending the Berger family prayers of comfort and strength.

Kathleen Sickles - February 02 at 07:35 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He will be missed. If there's anything you need, please let me know.
- Bruce Strothenke

Bruce Strothenke - February 02 at 07:22 AM



“ Tommy was great friend. Growing up in NP and he being a few years older I can say are school years was more knowing each other by name only. Fortunately I worked with him for over 25 years. In that time I got to know the man ,the husband, the father. When you work side by side with someone that long you share the same stories of raising your kids of dealing with life's issue. I always felt good about going to work when I knew I was working with Tommy. Not only was he the best at what he did a true professional, but he also knew how to tease to make you laugh about the job while you were there. I like to think i could make him laugh too. That is what i will miss very much. To the Berger family, to Jill, Jordan and Quinn I'm so sorry for your lost. I am thankful I knew him by more then name only, and i can say he was a true freind. You will be missed very much Mr. Berger.
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Thomas Donahue - February 02 at 06:20 AM



“ Gregg Isaacson lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Berger



Gregg Isaacson - February 01 at 11:56 PM



“ Laura Panessa-Flood lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Berger



Laura Panessa-Flood - February 01 at 11:30 PM



“ Sending the Berger family our sympathy, and prayers in there time of need. My you get through this difficult time with all your happy memories of Tom.



Lorianne Moranski - February 01 at 11:21 PM



“ Gwynne Matter Cosh lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Berger



Gwynne Matter Cosh - February 01 at 08:55 PM



“ Connie Valentino lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Berger



Connie Valentino - February 01 at 08:36 PM



“ So sorry to hear of this great loss! My deepest sympathy to the Berger family

Connie Valentino - February 01 at 08:37 PM



“ Having worked with Tommy for over 20 years, I am so saddened by his passing. My heart and my prayers go out to all of his family, for comfort and peace as you grieve this deep loss. With sympathy, -Ruth Spencer

Ruth Spencer - February 01 at 07:39 PM



“ Bradshaw Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Berger



Bradshaw Family - February 01 at 07:01 PM



“ Caring thoughts and prayers to your family. My heartfelt condolences.

Sarah Dudley-Lemek - February 01 at 06:32 PM



“ A great friend and a well respected colleague. Tom will be sorely missed by so many. My heartfelt condolences to the Berger family.

Robert Abramson - February 01 at 05:21 PM



“ Thoughts and Prayers to the entire Berger family Tom will be missed by many !
P. Romano

Peter Romano - February 01 at 04:18 PM



“ Pam Cerasani lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Berger



Pam Cerasani - February 01 at 04:02 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family, Jill. If there is anything you need, please do not hesitate to let me know. I am so sorry for your loss.

Joel Freer - February 01 at 03:58 PM



“ Katherine and the entire Berger family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Heidi (Wagner) Hogan

Heidi Hogan - February 01 at 02:45 PM



“ To Jill and the Berger Family...my prayers are with your family during this difficult time...Jolene Espe

Jolene Espe - February 02 at 05:19 AM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. May your faith and memories comfort you at this difficult time.

The G. Beyer Family - February 02 at 06:08 AM



“ To Jill and the Berger Family... Heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rosann LaManna

Rosann LaManna - February 02 at 11:26 AM



“ I worked with Tom for many years. The one thing I will always remember is his infectious laugh and big smile, especially during the crazy times when we needed it the most. He will be missed deeply by all who knew him. My heartfelt condolences to the family.

Bob Donovan

Bob Donovan - February 03 at 08:59 AM



“ To Katherine, Jill, and the entire Berger Family. Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ed and Paula Rechen

Ed Rechen - February 03 at 04:48 PM



“ Haven't seen Tom since I retired five years ago. It's haunting to think he died so young. I know you all are missing him and I know how bad that pain can be. He was a truly good man. He had a good heart. It was an honor to have worked with him all those years.

Kevin O'Connell

Kevin O'Connell - February 08 at 06:40 PM