



Thomas "Tom" Laprade

November 28, 1953 - September 30, 2025

Thomas "Tom" F. Laprade, 71, of Hatfield, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, surrounded by his loved ones after a brief illness, he confronted it with a quiet fortitude and grace.

He was born on November 28, 1953, in Northampton, MA to Diane (Brodeur) Hockman and the late Leonard Laprade.

Tom was a graduate of Easthampton High, the class of 1971. He progressed on finding a niche working as a carpenter, his adept precision to his craft kept his work in demand for many years before retirement. His polished craftsmanship can be found in homes and businesses all over the valley.

He met and fell in love with his wife Deborah "Debby" Michalowski, together they built their dream house in Hatfield where they raised their family. Debby predeceased him in 2019.

Early roots never left his blood with many of his lifelong friendships and interests stemming from his Easthampton youth. He relished any opportunity to go fishing, ice fishing, and turkey or white tail deer hunting, often at The Camp with the guys. Golf days with his brother Dave were always a highlight and had become priority since retirement, with a standing weekly tee time. Although Tom spent his days building/crafting domestic structures, he was always most at home outdoors or in the woods.

He is survived by two children, Jason Laprade and wife Jennifer, of FL, Sharon (Laprade) Bean and husband Dustin, of VT.

Thomas is grieved by his beloved mother, Diane Hockman of Easthampton,

MA, and his brother, golfing buddy, and best friend David Laprade of Southamptton, MA, his brother, Michael Laprade, of Easthampton, MA and sister, Jodi Laprade of Baltimore, MD.

Tom is remembered by five grandchildren: his eldest granddaughter Heather Cote, his housemate who kept him company before and after Debby's passing, Hayley, Hawley and Dustin Bean Jr, of VT, and Jason Jr. (JJ) and Ella Laprade, of FL. As well as several nieces, nephews, extended and chosen family.

Calling hours will be Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 11AM – 1PM at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME, 120 Damon Rd, Northampton.

Burial service will be private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, pick a great day and go fishing!

For more information or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **18**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
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Northampton, MA 01060
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Tribute Wall

MM

“ Never knew anyone who enjoyed the outdoors more than Tom. Our Ferry St. childhood was spent building forts, catching frogs, fishing, hunting and having soda on the Ferry St. Package store steps. Not to mention the many hikes up Mount Tom. My condolences to the family, especially to Dave and Mike. RIP.
Mike McGuire

Mike McGuire - October 14, 2025 at 03:25 PM

RT

“ Tom was a good friend of mine I used to go fishing with him & all his brothers Mike & David back in our younger days spending lots of time in the woods. I shall miss him sincerely , Roger Thouin



Roger Thouin - October 13, 2025 at 06:12 PM

PK

“ Rip Tom, I met you when you fell in love with Debbie you both were overwhelmed with each other it was definitely a fairytale love, when you see Deb tell her till we meet again ❤️

patti kenyon - October 11, 2025 at 09:40 PM

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Leo Guglielmo - October 11, 2025 at 10:44 AM

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“ I was not prepared for my best friend, from as far back as I can remember to be called to heaven by our Lord. We shared life from our very early childhood in the New City section of Easthampton. Fishing, hiking, hunting, canoe trips on the Connecticut River, trips to Misquamacut Camp Ground with our families, learning to swim at the community pool...and many, many more fond memories. So sad for all those Tom has left behind. Tom's pain is over...his eternal journey will bring him back to his beloved wife Debbie, and other relatives and friends that were called before him. They'll most likely find Tom using his carpentry skills repairing or building something up there. Rest in Peace old friend. I will never forget you. God Bless to his family and all his friends.

Sincerely,
Leo Guglielmo

Leo Guglielmo - October 11, 2025 at 10:43 AM