



Dr. Thomas J. Halligan Jr.

December 31, 2021

Dr. Thomas Joseph Halligan Jr, 84, long time resident of West Hartford CT, passed away peacefully on Dec 31, 2021. He was born to Thomas “Tim” Halligan and Alice (Hanley) Halligan in Concord, NH on April 6, 1937.

He is predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Julie Kelly Halligan. He is survived by his beloved and devoted sister Linda Skaggs, his five children and 11 grandchildren; Kelly and James Gerbo and their children Nicholas, Alexander, and Matthew; Kathleen and Michael Hanahoe and their children Caitlin, Erin and Ryan; Timothy and Karen Halligan and his daughter Sarah and their son Timothy Jr.; Thomas and Pamela Halligan and their child Kathryn; and Colleen and Jed McCarthy and their children Hallie and Justin.

Tom grew up in Concord, NH and attended St John’s High School where he was captain of the basketball team and class President. He attended the University of Notre Dame where he studied pre med and graduated in 1959. Notre Dame held a special place in his heart and he returned there often to attend football games and visit the Grotto to light candles and offer prayers. He graduated from the University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine in 1963. He spent 2 years in service to his country with the Air Force stationed at Stewart Air Force Base in Newburgh, NY.

During his childhood Tom spent many happy summers at Camp Fatima in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH, first as a camper and later as a counselor. For many years he was the camp doctor during Exceptional Citizen’s Week at Camp Fatima. He was introduced to his future bride on a blind date. Julie was

a counselor at the sister camp- Camp Bernadette. All of their children and some grandchildren spent many enjoyable summers at both of these camps. Camp Fatima was Tom's happy place. He enjoyed nothing more than being out on Lake Suncook.

One of Tom's passions was helping others. He was a General Surgeon at St. Francis Hospital for 40 years. He was beloved by his patients, the nurses and the many residents he trained. He was frequently in the hospital spending time with his patients at nights or during holidays.

The back porch at 104 was where he spent much time relaxing, reading his daily stack of newspapers, watching Red Sox games and being available to listen and give advice to the many friends and family that visited.

The family would like to offer their deepest gratitude to "LaLa" , his devoted caregiver. She cared for Tom with love and respect during his last year.

Calling hours will be at Molloy Funeral Home at 906 Farmington Ave. in West Hartford on Sunday January 9 from 1- 4 pm. The Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 am at St. Thomas The Apostle Roman Catholic Church at 872 Farmington Ave. West Hartford on Monday. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery , West Hartford. There will be a Celebration of Life at Camp Fatima in the summer of 2022. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you consider making a donation to either Camp Fatima (<https://fatimadonation.campbraingiving.com>) or Malta House of Care (<https://malthouseofcare.org>). Online remembrances and livestream link may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 9. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT
(860) 233-8269

Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Thomas J. Halligan Jr.*



Molloy Funeral Home - January 08, 2022 at 07:58 AM

MM

“ *The Halligan Family - In 1983, I was gravely injured in a car accident. Lucky for me your dad was on call that evening! I spent months in the hospital but through it all Dr Halligan was always there to encourage me to keep up the fight as learned how to walk, talk and speak again. I remember one Saturday night he came to the hospital to watch me take my first steps in months. He told my Mom; he was bowling with one of his boys, who was patiently waiting for him. The love and compassion I still remember and always will be grateful the wonderful surgeon and gentlemen that was Dr Halligan.*

Mary-Frances Murray - January 13, 2022 at 03:10 PM

CM

*What a wonderful story to share. Dad always made time for his patients. He loved helping people heal. He will be missed by all.
Colleen (Tom's youngest)*

Colleen McCarthy - January 14, 2022 at 11:21 PM

DH

“ Sad to hear about dr Halligan passing. Tom was a colleague of mine, I did my residency in surgery in the late seventies it was a delight working beside him a good teacher and a mentor. St Francis was like a family because of the good people like dr halligan who was always encouraging and helpful. I know he retired at a young age to spend time with his family but I kept bumping in him around west Hartford it was always fun reminiscing. Rest in peace Tom you are going to be missed. Dr Joseph Horanieh.

Dr joseph horanieh - January 09, 2022 at 07:23 PM

BR

“ Doctor Tom's service, dedication, and contribution over many decades to Camps Bernadette & Fatima have helped countless campers and staff thrive and grow. He has improved the lives of so many because of his love of camp. We will miss him greatly, but his spirit will live forever at Camp Fatima. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for Tom.
Budd Ryer

Budd Ryer - January 09, 2022 at 08:22 AM

SM

“ What a great man and surgeon. So often he would come to Mercyknoll to treat one of our sisters to save her from an office trip, but of course he wanted to know what was for lunch. He did love to eat. Dr. Halligan spent many hours visiting many Nursing Homes to do minor surgery to again save a trip to the office or Out Patient Clinic. I met Dr. Halligan and Julie years ago in his office and we remained friends for many years. There were a few times for a round of golf and of course lunch. We would often meet at Holy Family Retreat Center for evening Liturgy always happy to see his friends and always a smile. Deepest sympathy to the family.
Sister Margaret Ann Mathis

Sr. Margaret Ann Mathis - January 08, 2022 at 07:18 AM

MT

“ *Mohamed Ali & Engineering Ldrshp Team purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Thomas J. Halligan Jr..*



Mohamed Ali & Engineering Ldrshp Team - January 07, 2022
at 11:37 AM

GO

“ *To Tom’s Children. I was very sad to hear of your Dad’s death! I had a nice chat with him awhile back and it was so nice to connect with him! My children and I will never forget the kindness he showed to Dr. Fred’s last weeks—he was there every day and helped us so much! He and your Mom were good friends and we had many fun times together! I am in Florida and am so sorry that I will miss his services! Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all! RIP Tom!*

Ginny O’Brien - January 07, 2022 at 08:14 AM

MO

“ *I knew Tom from years at Bernadette. Was close friend of Julie, Evie and Marie. Followed the romance from Julie’s hoping to reality.... Went to med school as did Tom and followed him in surgery one day at St. Francis. Came to know his daughters as some moved in and out of DC. Wonderful chapters in my life..... proud to say my grandsons are now Fatima campers.... Tom was a prince of a guy. May he Rest In Peace.
Maureen O’Regan*

maureen O’Regan - January 06, 2022 at 07:12 PM

CM

This is Colleen Tom's youngest.. I remember your daughters from Bernie and mom talking about you. My son Justin (dads twin) is a camper at Fatima and my daughter (Hallie as in Halligan) is going to Bernie for 8 weeks this summer. The tradition continues. Dads spirit will always be at Fatima. Thanks for your support

Colleen McCarthy - January 06, 2022 at 07:23 PM

MO

Forgot to add Becky and Fudge to the repertoire.....

maureen O'Regan - January 07, 2022 at 10:11 PM

ES

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ellen Mckone Stafford - January 06, 2022 at 06:40 PM

ES

“ *The ultimate doctor who took his oath seriously. I first met him in the ER in 1978 and we were friends from that day forward. He was like a second father figure. Always compassionate, caring and understanding. I have so many memories of times spent together for birthdays, weddings, births and funerals. Tom was very supportive of all of us when Jeff was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma and was a significant contributor emotionally to all of us. He traveled to Boston at least three or four times to make sure we were getting the information and care we needed. My four children always called him Dr. Tom, as I am sure many did. He was fascinated by Julianne and her skating and traveled with us to Boston for the National synchronized skating championships and he was smiling from ear to ear all day. He also loved just stopping by for a quick visit to check up on us , especially Jeffrey.*

He enriched our lives by his presence. I hope he is back in Julie 's arms where he always wanted to be.

Thank you for being such a wonderful friend to all of us. We will think of you often, always with a smile on our face. I Will miss you and your words of wisdom.

God speed my friend.

Ellen

Ellen Mckone Stafford - January 06, 2022 at 06:38 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas J. Halligan Jr..*



January 06, 2022 at 03:10 PM

CB

“ *Camps Fatima and Bernadette purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dr. Thomas J. Halligan Jr..*



Camps Fatima and Bernadette - January 06, 2022 at 08:59 AM



“ *Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas J. Halligan Jr..*



January 05, 2022 at 03:22 PM

TS

“ *Our deepest sympathies to you, Kelly and all your family for the loss of your Dad. He clearly was a very special man who made a positive difference in the lives of countless people in so many loving and caring ways. It has been a privilege to get to know him and our many conversations have been a joy. Lynn and I will surely be keeping him and all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Tom & Lynn Sheehan*

Tom Sheehan - January 05, 2022 at 01:40 PM

NS

*So saddened to hear of Dr Tom's passing! It's the end of an era for Camp Fatima! I have so many fond and fun memories from our days together in the Infirmary ! Many times he kept me out of trouble! We enjoyed many conversations and enjoyed listening to "good nights" together! Loved seeing him floating on the lake in a tube!!! He loved to talk to Mr Sully about Notre Dame!! Good night my dear friend! May you rest in God's loving peace! Pray for us, Tom!
Love you Nurse Sully*

Nurse Sully - January 05, 2022 at 08:19 PM

CM

*I can still hear the good night dad would send you ladies at the end of the week... Good night to the best medical staff around together we have 7 million years of experience working together. He loved to laugh with you. Working with you, Mary Anne and all the nurses was the high light of his year. I hope dad and Mr. Sully are having fun playing some cards together in heaven. He loved the Sullivan family. Bless you
Nurse Sully*

Colleen McCarthy - January 06, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas J. Halligan Jr..*



January 05, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ *To all the Halligan's, when I think of Tom, my heart sees Our Lady of Fatima. Tom was a man of Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of the Lake (Notre Dame du Lac). I will always cherish the times we spent together at E. C. Week. Doctor Tom, rest in the peace of the Lord and His Mother, Mary.*

John Hanley - January 05, 2022 at 12:03 PM

TS


“ Dear Halligan Family,

Condolences to you all. Tom was a great guy. I enjoyed many conversations with him at EC Week. I put his surgery skills to the test one time and we had a lot of laughs about it afterwards.

RIP Doc.

Tug Sexton

Tom Sexton - January 05, 2022 at 11:55 AM


Giovanni
Seccareccia

“ So sorry for the loss of Dr. Halligan. I was a surgical tech at St. Francis Hospital from 1973 to 1994 and he was one of my favorite surgeons whom which to work. I ran into him a few years ago at Plan B in West Hartford and we reminisced for over an hour. My sincere and heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

Giovanni Seccareccia - January 05, 2022 at 10:18 AM