



## Thomas A. Dorgan

January 27, 2017

### Obituary of Thomas Dorgan

Thomas Aquinas Dorgan Sr., 64, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed peacefully on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017, at the Lane Purcell Hospice House in Sumterville, FL surrounded by family.

Tom was born in Watertown, NY, and retired to The Villages in 2008 after more than 30 years working with Miller Brewing Company. His job had him traveling to various states, and he made a home for himself and his family in Wisconsin, Georgia and New York.

During his struggle with cancer, Tom kept a positive attitude for which he was always known. He never gave up on his full life of friends, family, golf, and music.

His heart and home were always filled with music. Tom played the drums from a young age and was the drummer for numerous bands throughout his years, including several in The Villages. Tom's love for music was only surpassed by his love of family.

He was the type of husband and father who always put family first. He gave love unconditionally and made everyone he met feel integral to the world.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Richard W. Dorgan and Eileen Riley Dorgan

Tom is survived by his wife, Jo-Ann of 42 years, and their two sons Tom Jr. (Shannon) Wilmington, NC, Eric (Becky) Cedarburg, WI; two beloved granddaughters Sophia and Hannah; his siblings, Ellen Harootunian, Richard (Janis) Dorgan, Susan Whitehead, John (Gloria) Dorgan

A Celebration of Life will be held at North Lake Presbyterian Church at 975 Rolling Acres Rd., Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017 at 11 a.m., with fellowship to follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family request contributions in Tom's memory to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL Online condolences may be left at [www.BeyersFuneralHome.com](http://www.BeyersFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Dear JoAnn and family, I am so sorry for your loss of Tom. I just came across this info today while viewing some Miller info. I met Tom when I took a temp position at Miller Container in the early 80's. Prior to that I worked at Miller and after my temp position was rehired at Miller. I remember him as such a sweet man with a big, friendly smile and loving family man. I went on to have a large family. My husband, Dale, passed away at age 65 in 2015. My last name was Hoffman. I have since remarried 5 years ago and my last name is now Janik. I hope your family is doing well. I know people who live in the Villages. I feel Blessed for having met Tom.  
Marie (Hoffman) Janik

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**Marie Janik** - June 12, 2024 at 03:33 PM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss. Enjoyed spending time with Tom. I wish we would have kept in touch. Really a great guy. Hope he is drinking Miller and playing the drums in heaven.

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**John Fabitz** - May 04, 2018 at 04:34 PM

DS

“ Dear Mrs.JoAnne and family. I am so sorry for your loss of Tom,he was such a friendly man. I am glad I got to know him. He will be greatly missed. Stay strong as I know you are. My prayers for you and your family at this sad time. Your friend Darla

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**Darla Stroud** - February 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My condolences to JoAnn and the family. Tom was the most wonderful kind hearted generous man I have ever met. He was also the most talented musician I've ever had the joy of playing next to. His joy and spirit will live on with us forever.

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**Scott Sander** - February 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear Jo-Ann and Family, Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. We are so very sorry for your loss. Tom was a wonderful person with a great personality. He was fun to be around, and he will be greatly missed. May God bless and comfort you and your family!! Love, Barbara and Darrell

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**Barbara and Darrell Clark** - February 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ We have lost one of the sweetest human beings I have known. Tom loved everyone and he provided sunshine and happiness everywhere he went. He was such a perfectionist when it came to his music...he learned every beat, every rudiment, and every cymbal crash to every song he did, identical to the recording by the original artists. He loved his family most and was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and sibling. When I sang to the audience, I would turn around to catch a glimpse of him on the drums, and he always had the biggest smile, he loved performing. We will miss him dearly. My prayers and thoughts are with JoAnne and his entire family. RIP Dugie

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**Mike Hayes** - February 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ To: All the Dorgans I'm so sorry for your loss. Tommy was such a fun, happy guy. I know he is with Aunt Eileen, Uncle Dick, and Uncle John. He certainly had a life well lived.

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**Margy McCarthy Anderson** - February 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Dear Joann and family, We were so sorry to hear about the passing of Tom. Our thoughts are with you. Love Pat & Bill Culkin

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**Pat and Bill Culkin** - February 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Jo Ann and Family Mary and I are so sorry for your loss and share your sadness in remembering Tom. Tom was always a great friend and truly one of the nicest people we have met. He will be missed With deepest sympathy, Bob and Mary Fink

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**Bob and Mary Fink** - February 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I have had the good fortune of knowing Tom for over 30 years, as a co-worker and as a friend. His enthusiasm, energy and can-do spirit were always out front, but his most endearing quality was that he truly valued people and was genuinely interested in their well-being and success. Tom was a role model and left big footprints in every area he touched: his family, his work, his friends, and his hobbies and interests. He will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences and prayers to Jo-Ann, Tommy, Eric, and their families. Marty Costello

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**Marty Costello** - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I have known Tom for many years, since our Fulton, NY days. Mary also met Tom years ago, while on business at Albany, GA. We were both very impressed with Tom's positive attitude and genuine cordiality toward everyone he met. We shall miss his friendship and company always. We express our deeply felt condolences to Jo-Ann and the entire Dorgan family. Giorgio Sega

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**Giorgio and Mary Sega** - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Rest In Peace Tom. I was blessed to meet you and call you friend. You were a shining example to us all; on how life should be lived.... full of love, music, family and friends. You will be missed by all!

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**Mary Ellen Williams** - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Jo-Ann and family: May God Bless you and give you comfort in the days to follow.

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NG

“ We are so sorry for the loss of this wonderful man. We never met him but MaryEllen and Ira spoke of him often. He will be missed by so many

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**Norm and Roe Gagnon** - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

IR

“*Brother Tom From the moment we met, I felt a special warmth between you and the members of No Regrets. Our first jam at Gary's house was filled with joy for all of us. Big smiles filled the room as we so enjoyed playing music with you. That special atmosphere never changed and continued throughout all of our times together. As time went on, I watched your interaction with many people and my observations revealed the most pleasant, genuine, and generous man I have ever known. As time went by, I met other acquaintances and musicians who also have had the pleasure of you company. Frequently, I've heard many say, " Tom is the nicest guy I ever met " So thank you my Brother for being part of my life, for I am a better man because of it. God Bless you, and your beautiful family. I Love You Brother.*

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**Mary Ellen Williams** - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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**Susan & Neil Woodworth** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NS

“*Jo-Ann, I saw a butterfly today and thought of Tom. He has his wings now and is soaring with the Angels. My parents say he was an Angel during his time here on Earth, so I can only imagine the place he holds now. God Bless you and your family as you go through this difficult time. Love, Nadja Silvey*

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**Nadja Silvey** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SW

“*Jo-Ann and Family Our thoughts and prayers are with you; we fondly remember Tom for his kindness, generosity, strength of spirit, and devotion to family and friends. May God bless you all. Susan & Neil*

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SW

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JG

“*Jo as you know better than anyone Tom was a very special beautiful man. Knowing him has been a blessing to us. We loved him as we do you. We have you, Eric and Tommy's families in our thoughts and prayers. May you be blessed with strength. The Garks*

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**Jerry and Sandi Garkey** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *What a wonderful guy. Unfortunately for us we got to meet Tom too briefly in the past year but he acted like we had been friends forever. We will miss his good spirit but know he will enjoy looking down on us :-)*

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**Rich and Marianne Byron** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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DO

“ *Tom was a very special person that I will miss very much. I've never known someone so positive in his outlook toward life and other people. The times we spent together were always fun and uplifting. I feel heartbroken for Jo-Ann and the family, but know that Tom is now in a better place. Their many friends will be here to mourn, support and celebrate the fabulous life that was Tom. RIP Tom...*

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**Dwight Olson** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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DH

“ *We have lost a true, caring friend who affected our lives in more ways than he would ever know. The emptiness we feel pales in comparison to the gain he contributes in Heaven. We have so many special memories with Tom and Jo-Ann that will remain with us the rest of our lives. We love you Tom and Jo-Ann and are so glad you came into our lives.*

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**Don & Claudia Hammett** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ We will miss Tom very much! It was a true pleasure to spend time with him. He set a great example of enjoying life, having a positive attitude, and seeing the best in people.

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**Dave and Diana Gibbons** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ Dear Jp-Ann and your Family, We are so sad for you at this time, and sad for our community too. Tom was one of the nicest guys we have ever known. He was always happy to see us, eager to help, and so pleasant to be with. We will miss him. Please know that you are all in our hearts and prayers and if we can help in any way, we will be happy to do so. Fondly, El and Yunk

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**Carroll and El Youngkin** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ JoAnn, Arlene and I want to pass on our deepest sympathy to You and Your family. Tom was one of the kindest and most thoughtful person we have ever known. He will be dearly missed here! However, as we all know, he truly is with our Lord & Savior now!

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**Jim & Arlene Meyer** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM