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Thomas A. Campana, age 67, of North Ridgeville, formerly of Lorain, passed away unexpectedly on October 31, 2014.

Tom graduated from Admiral King High School in 1965 and attended John Carroll University graduating with a Bachelors Degree in Management. He continued his education eventually becoming a Certified Public Accountant. He started his career as an accountant at both US Steel and PC Campana as well as being employed as a treasury agent with the IRS. He eventually ventured out on his own and in 1970 started his own accounting firm on his kitchen table. The name has changed over the years from Thomas A. Campana and Co. to its present, Campana, Campana and Company Inc. when he took on his daughters Gina and Nikkii as his partners in 1997. Along the way he and his family opened Campi's Italian Restaurant, Sylvester's Night Club, Vonoto's Night Club, and Shorty's Sports Bar in Sheffield Lake, Lorain, Vermilion and Avon Lake.

As a young man Tom was an avid athlete playing football, softball and bowling as well as being a passionate fisherman. Each year he and a half dozen friends ventured deep into Canada to catch Muskie. Tom's love of classic muscle cars had him driving a 1955 T-Bird, 1962 Impala, a 1967 GTO, and eventually a 1957 T-Bird replicar built through his company Forever Young Replicars. Tom traveled all over the country participating in bowling tournaments with his best friends. The highlight of his bowling career was the 300 he threw at Saxon Club as a sub on February 8, 1974. He was an avid Cleveland Browns and Cleveland Indians fan coming in on Monday mornings critiquing the team with his daughter. In later years he enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren and having double date nights with his siblings. He and his wife Debbie enjoyed vacations to Mackinac Island's Somewhere in Time weekend and watching their favorite television shows in his man cave with his two little dogs on his lap.



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Tom, a devout Catholic, was a life-long parishioner of St. Pete's Catholic Church in Lorain, Ohio. He joined St. Clarence Catholic Church in North Olmsted when he and his wife Debbie recently moved to North Ridgeville. He was very involved in many organizations throughout his life including various bowling organizations, Italian American Veterans Club, board member of El Centro, various accounting organizations, and the Firelands Chapter of CPA's, a group he still enjoyed meeting for dinner every month.

Tom was a large presence standing 6'5" but he was known as the Gentle Giant. He was the nicest man you would have ever met. He was quick to compliment you or the first person to tell you a funny story. While his death comes many years too early, we are blessed knowing he died unexpectedly but peacefully having just finished a wonderful Italian dinner with his wife and her daughter and son-in-law. He would have wanted it that way.

Tom was a self made man yet he would always point out the people that helped him along the way. He was not only successful on his own, but his thousands of clients would tell you that he was the reason for their success as well. He taught his daughters well and was very proud to tell people of their family business that he hoped would carry on for generations. He has the pleasure of seeing his grandchildren every day as they have been coming to his office after school and during the summers for 17 years. He had a playroom built for them full of toys and a drawer full of snacks in his desk. Tom never had to use it to bribe them for kisses though.

Tom is survived by his loving wife, Debra (nee Marian); parents, Baldo and Mary (nee Cambria) Campana, of Lorain; daughters, Gina (Jeff Wikel) Campana and Nikki Campana; and son, Thomas B. Campana, all of Lorain; step-children, Miranda, Serena and Ronald Johnson, all of North Ridgeville; his siblings, Jim (MaryAnn), Joe (Jaye), Carol Campana, Cindy (Paul)Elkins, all of Lorain; brother-in-law, Dominic (Sharon) Marian; sister-in-lawm Linda Blacksmith; his former spouse, Elaine (nee Ortenzi), of Lorain; 21 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Martha (nee Valentine)Marian, father-in-law Dominic Marian and his brother-in-law, Keith Marian.



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The Campana Family will receive friends on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 from 1:00 -4:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst where closing prayers will be held on Thursday, November 6th. at 10:15 a.m. followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of St. Peter, 3655 Oberlin Ave., Lorain. Rev. Fr. Craig Hovanec, Pastor, will officiate. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery, Lorain. A luncheon will follow the interment services at the Italian American Veterans Club, Oberlin Ave., Lorain.

Due to his great love of his pets and his family's commitment to the fight against cancer, we ask that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Muttley Crue or the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.dovinreberjones.com



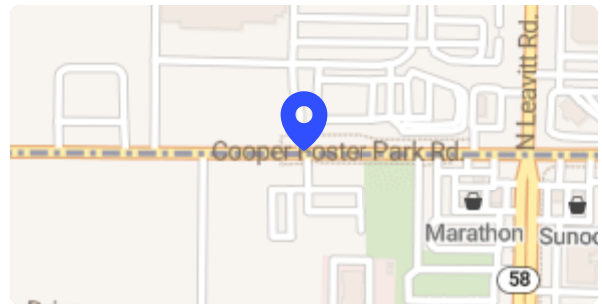
Visitation

 **Wednesday**, November 5, 2014

 1:00 AM - 4:00 PM ET

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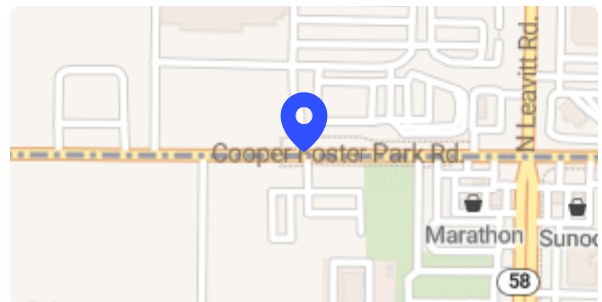
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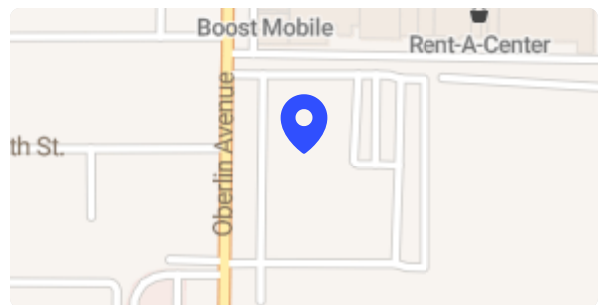
Mass of Christian Burial

 **Thursday**, November 6, 2014

 11:00 AM ET

 **Church of St. Peter**

3655 Oberlin Ave., Lorain OH 44053





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TK

Tania Kegyes posted:

Dear Debbie and family, I am so sorry to read about Tom's passing. Sending hugs and prayers to youall. My sister has been in the hospital and I was not able to come to the service.You are all in my thoughts. Tom was such a gentleman.fondly,Tania Kegyes

November 6 at 11:41 PM

MG

Milly Gonzalez posted:

I am so very sorry to learn about Tom's passing. He was a good man and a dedicated one. He always put others first. I had the pleasure to serve in the Board of El Centro with Tom and always had a great deal of respect for him. He had a big heart for cared very deeply for the community. May he rest in peace. May his memories keep his family going now and always. With much respect - Milly Gonzalez

November 6 at 10:25 AM

FG

Francis Gildner lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tom's wonderful family. We were honored to have Tom as our friend and accountant. Love and blessings to his family. Sincerely, Francis and Nancy Gildner

November 5 at 12:37 PM



PC

Patti Cambria lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

My heart is broken for each and everyone of you. My mother Josephine sends her love and prayers. I LOVE YOU Aunt Mary & Uncle Baldo. I wish I could hug you and never let go. Patti Cambria Petaluma CA

November 5 at 10:43 AM



MK

Myra Kawaguchi lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Tom was always very helpful as an advisor. He cared about us as people, not just business clients. We will miss him.

November 5 at 3:49 AM





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MK

Myra And Shozo Kawaguchi sent a Basket of Joy to the Campana family.

November 5 at 3:41 AM



MD

Mr. And Mrs. John Darby sent an Amazing Arboricola to the Campana family.

November 4 at 2:15 PM



Joy Lynn lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

November 4 at 1:59 PM



EM

Eric Maxwell sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Campana family.

November 4 at 12:53 PM



DZ

Diane Zagrobelny posted:

My very deepest sympathy to Tom's family. I went to high school with Tom and worked at P. C. Campana's for him in the 70's. May he rest in peace. Diane Zagrobelny.

November 4 at 10:23 AM

MM

Miracle Method sent a Secret Garden Basket to the Campana family.

November 4 at 9:06 AM





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PM

Paula Martin lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

November 4 at 8:18 AM



DB

Denise Bier posted:

Debbie & Family, We are so very sorry to hear of Tom's passing....sending much love, sympathy, & prayers to all of you...God Bless Denise & Tim Bier

November 4 at 8:03 AM

MR

Michael Reghi lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

I will always carry such wonderful memories of time shared with Tom! He indeed, personified the 'Gentle Giant' stature bestowed upon him by all who knew him. While he will be greatly missed, his kind, gentle nature, genuinely caring for those he befriended, will ALWAYS shine brightly. My deepest condolences and sympathies to the entire Campana family. His strength and stature will endure perpetually. May God rest his soul. Michael Reghi

November 4 at 6:06 AM



JC

Jo Ann Castle lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCE FOR ALL THE FAMILY. WHEN THE LORD CALLS OUR LOVED ONES HOME HE LEAVES A GIFT OF MEMORIES IN EXCHANGE. JO ANN CASTLE

November 4 at 4:41 AM



JB

Jerry And Nancy Berezney sent a Heavenly Grace Spray to the Campana family.

November 4 at 3:51 AM





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JC

Jean Campana lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

My deepest condolences to the family. May your memories give you peace and comfort.

November 4 at 3:48 AM



GB

Gerald Bereznay posted:

It's been an honor and privilege to have known you and see you achieve all that you have. My condolence to your family and children, parents, brothers and sisters over their loss. Good bye old friend. Jerry Bereznay

November 4 at 3:41 AM

DS

Darlene Swanger posted:

With deepest sympathy, you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Larry and Darlene Swanger

November 4 at 1:43 AM

LM

Love, Sue And Rick Miller sent a Written in the Stars to the Campana family.

November 3 at 2:45 PM





Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Campana family.

November 3 at 2:40 PM



LH

Lenny Hodoryand Marilyn Larock Hodory lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

November 3 at 9:40 AM





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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Campana family.



November 3 at 6:17 AM



Carol Campana lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



November 2 at 6:05 PM



Rosa & Joseph Gee posted:

Our Deepest sympathy to the family.

November 2 at 2:08 PM



Tim And Sally Mccullough sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Campana family.



November 2 at 3:39 AM



Aunt Pat Marion And Family posted:

Dear Debbie and family We're so very sorry to hear of the sudden loss of Tom. Your all in our prayers. You know he's flying high with your dad and mom right now and will update them on everything that's been going on for the last 8 months. He was a very gentle and kind man and will be terribly missed. All our love Aunt Pat, Uncle June Matt and David

November 1 at 3:30 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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