



Thomas Joseph Callaghan

March 10, 1946 - October 28, 2025

Thomas Joseph Callaghan

Age 79, died peacefully at home on October 28, 2025.

His beloved wife, Shilan Aghdam, preceded him in death 5 years earlier. He is survived by his loving daughter Maeve Musgrave Callaghan and her husband Dave Musgrave.

Tom was born March 10th, 1946 in Belfast, N. Ireland to Betty (McCormick) and Gerry Callaghan, and the family came to Chicago in 1962. He is one of ten children: Gerard (Mary), Mary Ann, Liz Morgan, Eileen (Ed) Rascon, Pat (Vince) Lukasik, Tony (Cindy), Sean, the late Deirdre (Todd) Milos, and Brian (Anne) and has many nieces and nephews who remember him fondly.

Tom loved travel and adventure. He served 5 1/2 years in the U.S. Navy, including time in Vietnam, and twice with the Peace Corps in Africa – first in Guinea and then Gabon. He was a teacher of English as a second language, and worked in many countries including the Philippines, Thailand, and Saudi Arabia. When he and Shilan married they settled in Chicago and he joined the Chicago Police Force. In retirement, he provided security at Bank of India.

He was an avid reader with a love of history and deep understanding of politics. He practiced martial arts and loved poetry and music.

He loved his wife and daughter as well as the extended family and treasured his friends. A doting husband and father, a diligent brother, and a devoted friend. May he rest in peace.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **10**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home
7710 West Addison Street
Chicago, IL 60634
(773) 625-3444

Tribute Wall

TH

“ Tom Heenan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thomas Joseph Callaghan.



Tom Heenan - November 10, 2025 at 09:44 AM

TH

“ Tom Heenan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Joseph Callaghan.

Tom Heenan - November 10, 2025 at 09:44 AM

UF

“ Uncle Bill Callaghan and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Joseph Callaghan.



Uncle Bill Callaghan and Family - November 09, 2025 at 10:10 PM

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“ Uncle Bill Callaghan and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Joseph Callaghan.

Uncle Bill Callaghan and Family - November 09, 2025 at 10:10 PM

ML

“ I was very saddened to hear of Tom's passing. It was an honor to know him for so many years and to share in his wit and warm intelligence. Sincere condolences to all of Tom's family and friends.

Mike Lipinski - November 09, 2025 at 09:29 PM

MB

“ Margie, Rick, and Louis Balocca purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Joseph Callaghan.



Margie, Rick, and Louis Balocca - November 09, 2025 at 08:23 PM

MB

“ Margie, Rick, and Louis Balocca planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Joseph Callaghan.

Margie, Rick, and Louis Balocca - November 09, 2025 at 08:23 PM

DF

“ Rest in peace Tom. It was nice knowing you all the years.

David Foster - November 09, 2025 at 05:43 PM

DF

“ David F. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas Joseph Callaghan.



David F. - November 09, 2025 at 04:57 PM

DF

“ David F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Joseph Callaghan.

David F. - November 09, 2025 at 04:57 PM

PO

“ Patrick & Sue Owens purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Joseph Callaghan.



Patrick & Sue Owens - November 09, 2025 at 09:45 AM

PO

“ Patrick & Sue Owens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Joseph Callaghan.

Patrick & Sue Owens - November 09, 2025 at 09:45 AM



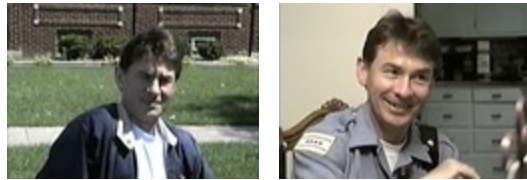
“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. I have lost a great friend. May his soul rest in peace... 🌸🙏



Satish Kachhawa - November 09, 2025 at 01:56 AM

PO

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Patrick Owens - November 07, 2025 at 06:31 PM

JA

“ Judy A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Joseph Callaghan.

Judy A. - November 07, 2025 at 12:32 PM

MT

“ 3 files added to the album Tom Callaghan



melvin toast - November 06, 2025 at 10:22 AM