



# Thomas R. Gaul

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**W**e are saddened to announce the passing of Thomas R. Gaul Jr., 81, of Trinity, Florida, on April 14, 2023, after a brave fight against end stage kidney disease. He was born on July 15, 1941 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Tom is survived and deeply missed by his loving 'bride' of 63 years, Jeanette (nee Szeene); his children Tracy (Tim) Ortelli, Bridget Mark, and Patrick; his eight grandchildren Shane (Ashley Kirkman), Andrew, Kelly (Jerry Schubert), Hailey, James, Adam, Oliva, and Erin; his sister Barbara Crigger; his brother-in-law Al Morgan; and 4 nieces and 2 nephews.

Tom was predeceased by his father Thomas R. Gaul, mother Irene (nee Kovach); sisters Collette Morgan and Patricia Linder; in-laws Adam and Celia (nee Schirripa) Szeene; son-in-law Leonard Mark; and brother-in-law Richard Crigger.

Tom's professional life focused on protecting and serving others. He had a successful 27-year career in the Cleveland Police Department, retiring as a sergeant in 1991. During his service he worked in the tactical unit, auto theft bureau, and as Officer in Charge of the Ordinance Unit. He graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy (FBINA) and attended Fenn College and the University of Virginia. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Cleveland Retired Irish Police.

Tom was passionate about riding his motorcycle and flying small aircraft. He was a history buff, coin collector, financial investor, and loved music. Tom was a spiritual man who studied scripture and was deeply committed to his family, including his beloved bichon Eddie (his soulmate). He could best be described as a man of great integrity who was fearless, loyal, sensitive, incredibly compassionate (except for when he was not), with a wicked sense of humor. He was also scrupulously detailed and organized and expected his family to be likewise. Tom will be greatly missed and remembered by the many lives he touched.



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Services will be held on April 28, 2023, from 1 - 3 pm at Trinity Memorial Gardens located at 12609 Memorial Dr., Trinity Florida. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Kidney Fund ([kidneyfund.org](http://kidneyfund.org)) or Holy Family Home Health Care & Hospice 6707 State Rd., Parma, OH 44134.



# Events

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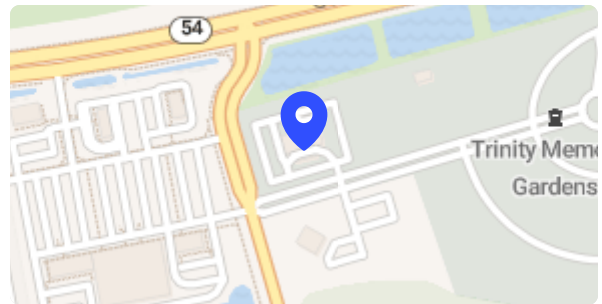
## Gathering of Family and Friends

 **Friday**, April 28, 2023

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Trinity Memorial Gardens Funeral Home and Cemetery**

12609 Memorial Drive, Trinity FL 34655



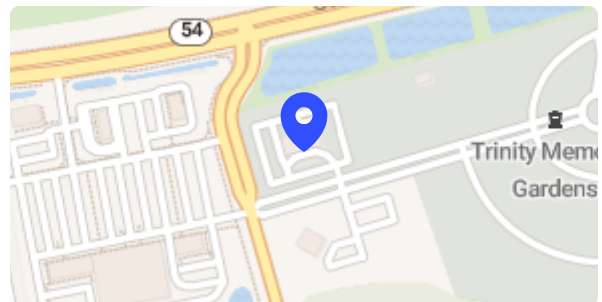
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## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Gaul family.



April 27 at 6:55 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet to the Gaul family.



April 27 at 2:34 PM



**Ann Porterfield** posted:

I have many fond memories spending time with my cousin Tommy when we were younger. He was dearly loved by all his family and friends and will be greatly missed. Ann Porterfield (Delhart).

April 27 at 6:21 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Large Basket Garden to the Gaul family.



April 27 at 5:24 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Gaul family.



April 27 at 5:19 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Gaul family.



April 25 at 6:14 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Gaul family.

April 24 at 6:01 AM



**Adeline** sent a Joyful Memory to the Gaul family.

April 24 at 4:08 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Memories 44" Sonnet to the Gaul family.

April 23 at 9:09 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gaul family.

April 21 at 10:33 AM



**Deanna Tobey** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

We will always smile when we think of Tom. I enjoyed our discussions after I read or watch the latest cop thriller book or movie and questioned him on whether cops really think like that or if criminals really acted that way. He would always find time to chit-chat (worrying Jeannette because he only went outside to bring the trash can in) and He always had a smile.

April 21 at 10:33 AM



**Karen Halsig** posted:

Even though I didn't know Tom personally, when I walked and he was outside, he would always speak to me. He was always so nice. Sympathies to Janette, who is also a sweetheart.

April 21 at 8:46 AM



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**Alice Wolfe** posted:

Tom was a kind and caring neighbor who always greeted you with a smile and those twinkling eyes. He was best buddies with our sweet Fozi who would sneak off to visit Tom on his own when we weren't looking and our newest pup, the ill mannered Gizmo who always choked himself on his leash to reach Tom. When we would drop by to visit Tom always asked "Can I get you a cup of coffee?" first thing. We will sure miss him but, we've still got his "bride" to visit with! No one could ask for better neighbors. May his family find comfort in all the great memories and good times ... Tom was a gem!Hugs ... Gary, Alice and Gizmo Wolfe

April 21 at 7:35 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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