



## Thomas J. Passaro Jr.

January 9, 1945 - February 23, 2026

Thomas J. Passaro, Jr., 81, of Springdale, Arkansas, passed away peacefully on February 23, surrounded by his loving family, leaving behind a legacy of family and love.

Born on a cold, wintry January 9, 1945, in Union City, New Jersey, to Thomas and Leda Passaro, Thomas carried his East Coast roots with him throughout his life, blending strength, loyalty, and deep devotion to family in everything he did.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, Leda and Thomas, as well as his sister Maryanne Hospidor.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Patricia; his sons Stephen (Carrie), Jeffrey (Laura), and Matthew (Jennifer); and his cherished grandsons, Nicholas, Michael, and Warner, who were his greatest joys. And enough nieces and nephews to fill out an NFL roster.

Thomas proudly served his country as a member of the Connecticut National Guard, a chapter of his life that reflected his deep sense of duty. He carried that same sense of duty and service into his community, serving on the Waterford Board of Education and on the Board of Selectmen for the town. Thomas strongly believed in education, serving as an advocate for students

and teachers.

Above everything, Thomas loved his family. Every July, the family would gather in the upstairs family room, watching the Major League All-Star Game with the air conditioning on, enjoying baseball as a family.

Thomas leaves behind a legacy of love, service, duty, and commitment. As John F. Kennedy said, "When we leave this world, we should be able to look back and say that we have done our best to make it a better place for our children."

This is the legacy that Thomas leaves behind, having left the world a better place for his children and grandchildren.

A funeral mass will be held on Friday, February 27th, 2026, at 10 AM at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Tontitown, Arkansas.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

FEB 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
136 E Henri De Tonti Blvd  
Springdale, AR 72762  
<http://www.stjoetontitown.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Passaro Jr..*



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February 26 at 07:08 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy, Love Jim and Denise purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas J. Passaro Jr..*



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**Deepest sympathy, Love Jim and Denise** - February 26 at 12:14 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas J. Passaro Jr..*

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February 25 at 01:03 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Passaro Jr..*



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February 25 at 01:03 PM

JH

“ John Hospidor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas J. Passaro Jr..

John Hospidor - February 25 at 11:30 AM

JH

“ John Hospidor purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas J. Passaro Jr..



John Hospidor - February 25 at 11:30 AM

DD

“ To the Passaro Family, Paul and I want to extend our sincerest sympathy on the passing of Tom. We will always remember his warm smile and our lively conversations at Steve and Carrie's house. Hugs to all of you.

Diane O'Connor Diederich - February 25 at 09:42 AM

PD

“ Paul and Diane Diederich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas J. Passaro Jr..

Paul and Diane Diederich - February 25 at 09:37 AM

PD

“ Paul and Diane Diederich purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Thomas J. Passaro Jr..



Paul and Diane Diederich - February 25 at 09:37 AM

LS

“ Love, the McNeil Siblings purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas J. Passaro Jr..



Love, the McNeil Siblings - February 25 at 09:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas J. Passaro Jr..

February 24 at 10:20 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Passaro Jr..



February 24 at 10:20 PM

NK

“ Tom was a wonderful neighbor while living in Waterford Ct. and will always be tempered by me and my family.

God Bless and prayers go out to your wife and family 🙏🙏❤️❤️

Frim the Koning family.

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**Narie Koning** - February 24 at 09:29 PM