



## Thomas Anthony Cieri Sr.

June 6, 1945 - October 4, 2019

Thomas A. Cieri Sr. passed away on October 4, 2019 at age 74 at the Roper Hospice Center in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Tom was born June 6, 1945 and was raised in Elmira, New York. In 1990 he relocated his family to Charleston, SC. Tom was the son of Antoinette Salina Cieri and William R. Cieri, of Pine City NY who both preceded him in death. He leaves behind to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 53 years Laretta (Laurie) Hollenbeck Cieri of Charleston, his beautiful daughter Tracy Marsh of Greenville, SC, his wonderful son Thomas A. Cieri Jr. of Ladson, SC, 3 grandchildren, Ryan T. Marsh, Jordan P. Marsh and Lindsay M. Marsh all of Charleston, SC. Tom is also survived by his brother Richard Cieri of Weedsport, NY, his brother-in-law William (Bill ) Hollenbeck and wife Mary (Punky) of Englewood, Fla., Sister-in-law Sheila Hollenbeck, Pine City, NY and numerous close nieces and nephews who he loved dearly. Tom was a 1964 Varsity letterman graduate of Notre Dame High School in Elmira, NY. He loved football but played various other sports during his high school years at Notre Dame. Tom never forgot his high school friends, he kept in touch with many and spoke often of others. Tom served in the US Navy from 1964-1968 during the Viet Nam era. He was stationed at NAF Johnsville in Warminster, Penna. Upon his Honorable Navy discharge, he was employed at United Parcel Service, in Horseheads, NY for 18 years as a courier and in management. Upon leaving UPS he was employed by Federal Express in Horseheads, NY as a manger of that station and eventually transferred to FED EX in Charleston. He retired from Fed EX and went on to

work at the Medical University of South Carolina in the Heart and Cath Lab as a PIXIS coordinator. Tom's final employment was with the James A. Dyal Funeral Home in Summerville, SC. Tom enjoyed golfing, his NY Giants, shooting pool and Radio-controlled airplanes. He was an avid aviator, private pilot and was especially proud of owning his own CESSNA 150 airplane. If Tom's feet were not on the ground, he was in the air flying his plane. Tom was a one in a million-good guy. He worshiped his wife and family, always had a smile and loved life!! There will be calling hours at the James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 S. Main Street, Summerville, SC on Saturday October 12, 2019 from 1 o'clock to 3 o'clock. A Catholic mass in the Dyal chapel at 3 o'clock. Funeral arrangements for Elmira, NY are presently incomplete. The Cieri family would like to express their sincere appreciation for the excellent care Tom received from the doctors, nurses and from Roper Hospice Comfort Care Center. In lieu of Flowers donations are welcomed at the ALS Foundation. To my Tom: Hero's get remembered but legends never die.....xox  
A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends & Family

OCT 12. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483  
(843) 873-4040  
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

## Service

OCT 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483

# Tribute Wall



“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Anthony Cieri Sr.



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**James A Dyal Funeral Home** - October 11, 2019 at 01:48 PM

JD

*Tom was a big part of James A. Dyal Funeral Home. We all love him and will never forget him. He always dressed Immaculately and was always professional. He was a handsome guy and was the best diplomat we could ever ask for. I loved making him laugh and working with him. His smile is second to none. I believe he's with my mom and dad, but most importantly his heavenly father. I we put our faith in Jesus, we'll see him again. May The Lord comfort his family during their time of grief. The Dyal staff will NEVER forget you my friend.*

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**James Dyal** - October 12, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ Thomas Anthony Cieri Sr.

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September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM

KB

“ Laurie and Tommy... Personally, I am dismayed about Toms passing....We first met a a home show in Charleston and found a common interest in flying....the rest is history...He was a terrific influence at Carolina Fun Flyers. Always calm and steady, keeping impeccable records as treasurer.



*I speak for everyone in the club who knew Tom, condolences to both of you and your extended family and friends of Tom.*

*God knows that he IS a great man and will have a special place for him in Heaven...*

*Bless you and yours....Ken Becker*

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**Ken Becker** - October 13, 2019 at 01:37 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas Anthony Cieri Sr..



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October 12, 2019 at 10:22 AM

BP

“ Laurie, Tracy, and Tommy, our heartfelt condolences go out to you for the loss of Tom. During 17 years living across the street from you in Pine City we became close friends. I will always remember the Saturday I went for a ride in Toms plane. Taking off from the grass field in Pine City. It proved to be very windy as we climbed higher....we returned to the field safely. That was about 35 years ago, and I never flew on a single engine plane again, and never will.  
Bob and Cheryl Pierce  
Wilmington, NC

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**Bob Pierce** - October 10, 2019 at 01:08 PM

JC

“ Worked with Thomas and his son Tom Jr for many years at FedEx when I lived in Charleston. Had many great years working side by side. My thoughts and prayers go out to all.

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**John Capps** - October 10, 2019 at 09:40 AM

MB

“ Laurie, you and your precious family are in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏

*Marilyn Brindel*

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**Marilyn Brindel** - October 10, 2019 at 09:34 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Anthony Cieri Sr..*



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October 10, 2019 at 09:09 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear this news Laurie and family. May all your fond memories provide comfort.*



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**Donna Von Hendy** - October 09, 2019 at 09:38 PM



“ *Saddened to learn of Tom's passing. Hope many fond memories sustain you in the tough days ahead. ND64 classmate and such a gentleman. His was a life well-lived. Fair winds and following seas....*  
*Skip & Cathie Creighton Saal*

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**C Saal** - October 09, 2019 at 05:17 AM



“ *Uncle Tom will be sincerely missed. I still hold memories of coming to visit on vacations where we would swim and enjoy each other's company that I still tell. I send my condolences to my family members and am sending love and prayers.*  
*Love always,*  
*Kim, Dustin, and baby Brea*

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**Kim Cieri** - October 08, 2019 at 09:22 PM

DC

“ *Luire, so sorry to hear about Tom's passing. I am his second cousin. Dorothy Carboni Cameron. When I was very very young I babysat Tom. He looks just like his Mom's side, in fact he has features of my brother Bill who is deceased. We live in North Carolina. Wished I knew you all were in South Carolina. My prayers are with your family.*

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**Dorothy Cameron** - October 08, 2019 at 04:45 PM

BC

“ *May you Rest In Peace Tom. Sincere condolences to your family...*

*Betty Carey*



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**Betty Carey** - October 08, 2019 at 01:41 PM

JC

“ *All of you are in my prayers. Uncle tom will be greatly missed. I still have the best memory's of Christmas time in Elmira. I also still have the Seaman whistle that uncle tom gave me as a kid and still cherish to this day. I love you all.*

*Jimmy*

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**Jim cieri** - October 07, 2019 at 09:39 PM

CC

“ Laurie and family, I was very saddened with news of Tom passing you are all in my thoughts and prayers. He will be your guardian angel and always in your heart. So many memories and laughter, hang onto those as they will help you thru each day. If you need anything give me a call or text.

Love to all  
Connie Cieri

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**connie cieri** - October 07, 2019 at 09:26 PM

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Laurie sorry to hear of Tom's passing. You're in my thoughts and prayers

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**.Marigene Ripley** - October 09, 2019 at 07:26 PM

LB

“ Linda Brennan lit a candle in memory of Thomas Anthony Cieri Sr.



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**Linda Brennan** - October 07, 2019 at 09:03 PM

JC

“ Thoughts and prayers in this difficult time. I Still remember and cherish the many Christmas's we spent together in Elmira. Such found memories I have of him and all of you! He will always be remembered and with us all in memory! Lots of love and prayers!

*Love Joe, Amanda and Kids*



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**Joe Cieri** - October 07, 2019 at 05:54 PM

DW

“ Dear Lorie and Family, I was so deeply saddened to read of Tom's passing. I remember his bright smile and friendliness and he was always so welcoming to me anytime I was in your home. I know what a difficult time this is for all of you. I will hold you all in my heart and prayers. God be with you and comfort you. My love to you all,  
*Duska*

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**Duska Willis** - October 07, 2019 at 01:24 PM

DW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.*

*Dorothy L. White*

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**Dorothy White** - October 07, 2019 at 09:37 AM

PL

“ Was in total shock to see this. I met Tom when he was working at Fed Ex and delivering packages at MUSC. Then to see him at the Hockey games and once he retired from Fed Ex, he got a job here at MUSC and visit me often. Tom, his wife and me shared so many emails. My thought and prayers for the family.

*Peggy Low*

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**Peggy Low** - October 07, 2019 at 08:47 AM