



Thomas William Wolter

February 2, 1943 - July 8, 2019

Thomas "Tom" William Wolter, age 76, of Summerville, South Carolina and loving husband of Patricia "Pat" Kulina Wolter, entered into eternal rest on Monday, July 8th 2019.

Tom was born on February 2nd, 1943 in St. Paul, Minnesota to the late Amadeus Frank and Genevieve Boise Wolter. He was the youngest of 6 children, three preceded him in death, Marge Connelly, Elizabeth Paul and John Wolter.

Always by her side, Tom and Pat married on May 7th, 1966. For 53 years of marriage, a foundation built on a love for God and family were faithfully followed until he was called Home.

Tom loved being active in the church. He answered the calling to serve the Lord at the early age of 38. On May 16th, 1981, in Arlington, Virginia, he was ordained as a Deacon in the Catholic Church. He faithfully served both the Arlington and Charleston Diocese. While in Virginia, he was assigned to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church followed by Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Upon his retirement and relocation to South Carolina, he was assigned to St. Theresa The Little Flower Catholic Church in Summerville, South Carolina. He was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus. Tom enjoyed life, family, many friends, and serving the church; "To know him was to love him."

Tom leaves to cherish his loving memory, in addition to his wife and best friend Patricia, his seven children: Christine Johnson (Rick) of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Jeffrey Wolter (Karen) of Harrisonburg, VA, David Wolter of Summeville, SC, Michael Wolter (Dawn) of Summerville, SC, Timothy Wolter (Kaylyn) of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Kenneth Wolter (Nichole) of Summerville, SC and Catherine "Katie" Jenkins (Daniel) of Harrisonburg, VA; his 27 grandchildren: Andrew, Tanner (Tricia), Jacob, Skyler, Abner, Talbot, Piper, Tatum, Hollis, Ryan, Mikala, Kennedy, Logan, Anson, Tyler, Riley, Emory, Tristan, Sierra, Keegan, Matilda, Thomas, Gavin, Liam, Nicklas, Tilly and Beckett; one great granddaughter: Berkley; one sister: Virginia Blomquist (Don) of Minneapolis, MN; one brother: Edward Wolter (Kathy) of Minneapolis, MN; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 11 o'clock at St. Theresa The Little Flower Catholic Church, 11001 Dorchester Rd., Summerville, SC 29485. Inurnment will follow at Mepkin Abbey, 1098 Mepkin Abbey Rd., Moncks Corner, SC 29461.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the following organizations that touched Tom's life would be appreciated in his memory:

The Summerville Symphony Orchestra, www.summervilleorchestra.org for donations made online or a check to Summerville Orchestra, P.O. Box 2686, Summerville, SC 29484

The Diaconate of Charleston, checks made out to Diocese of Charleston with Diaconate in the memo addressed to Diaconate Office 901 Orange Grove Rd. Charleston, SC 29407

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

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

Previous Events

Service

JUL **20**. 11:00 AM.

St. Theresa the Little Flower Catholic Church

Inurnment

JUL **20**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Mepkin Abbey
1098 Mepkin Abbey Road
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas William Wolter*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM

JS

“ *We extend our condolences to Pat and all of Tom's family. Tom enjoyed his time with family and friends making a huge impact on the lives of all he knew and loved.*

Johnny and Kathy Shields

Johnny Shields - July 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM

BE

“ *What a huge loss. I owe Deacon Tom for lighting the fire of the Spirit in me. He inspired and lead so many to the Lord. My heart and prayers go to his family and loved ones. I pray knowing he is now with God helps to heal the pain.*

Becca - July 17, 2019 at 10:47 PM

PS

“ *I would like to convey my condolences to Pat and the family for their loss.. I will always remember Deacon Tom for the manner in which he distributed the body of Christ. He pronounce ever so proudly Body of Christ with a smile as wide as Texas, look you straight in the eye and put in your hand. You knew this was a man of God, it was not pride but the privilege he felt in giving you the Body of Christ. I will miss him so. He was such a wonderful addition to our parish. God Bless you all.*

Phyllis Stabley

Phyllis Stabley - July 15, 2019 at 06:00 PM

CM

“ *Deacon Tom married my husband and I 12 years ago at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. There was no one else I wanted to marry us, but him. His passion, love, and dedication to the Catholic Church was extremely special. Deacon Tom's smile and laughter was contagious and his singing warmed our hearts. Every time we saw him at church he would smile, give a hug, or a high-five. He will always be special to us and we will always remember what a wonderful man he was. With deepest sympathy, Chris and Christine Morris*

Christine Morris - July 15, 2019 at 05:35 PM

KT

“ My daughter, Adele loved attending the youth group at Sacred Heart, and Deacon Tom was loved by everyone!

Katherine Tolle - July 15, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas William Wolter.



July 15, 2019 at 08:08 AM

LS

“ Deacon Tom baptized both of my sons over 20 years ago at St. Francis of Assisi Church. I have, and will, always remember him fondly as a kind and faithful shepherd of the Lord. Sincere sympathy to the Wolter family.

L. Strang

Lee Strang - July 14, 2019 at 10:47 PM

MD

“ Michelle Darnell lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Wolter



Michelle Darnell - July 13, 2019 at 09:23 AM

CR

“ Pat and Family,

I am so sorry to hear about Tom's passing. He was always so cheerful and encouraging. His love of God and the people of Sacred Heart always shined through.

Charlene Romero

Charlene Romero - July 13, 2019 at 07:57 AM

KB

“ Pat so sorry for your loss. I remember a happy man always full of life and love!

Karen Befumo - July 13, 2019 at 07:43 AM

GH

“ I am so sad to hear about Tom. It was fun being his neighbor his humor was priceless. I'm sure Tom is in heaven now but I will say an extra prayer for him.

Ginny Hines - July 13, 2019 at 05:07 AM

CW

“ I'm so sorry & my heart aches for the loss of Tom(Mr Wolter) a great man, husband,father,& Grandpa. I know he's in God's hands walking hand in hand with Jesus. I'll always remember his laugh& the way his whole face would light up when he smiled. I'm so grateful I got to know you these last 12 years. For now rest Tom& know you left a great legacy,1 I can only wish I could acheive.

Chris Webster - July 12, 2019 at 09:08 PM

JG

“ Jennifer and I wish to offer our most heartfelt condolences to Tom's family. Tom was one of those people that always welcomed you to be a part of his journey. I will dearly miss his insight and conversation at bible study. Tom loved Christ's Church and was a devoted servant, teacher and mentor.



We are both in shock at his passing but I'm sure Tom would be the first to tell me, "You know not the hour or day." I offer my prayers for the repose of his soul and pray that God in his infinite mercy grant Pat and her children peace and understanding that only He can give.

Jennifer & Barry Gordon - July 12, 2019 at 07:57 PM

TA

“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing; my thoughts are with his family and closest friends during this time.

tammy - July 12, 2019 at 03:43 PM

DF

“ Your family has been in my thoughts and prayers. While I never got to meet Mr. Wolter, there is a special place in my heart for all the Harrisonburg relatives and the positive impact each has made in my life. May God be with you during this difficult time and may you feel his blessings as you carry on.

Diana Ferguson - July 12, 2019 at 02:51 PM



Pat and family, How shocked and dismayed we were to hear of Tom's early death. He was of those shooting stars that grace the earth for too short a time. We remember well the joy and grace he brought to Sacred Heart in Manassas. We were sad to see you leave Sacred Heart for San Antonio, and sadder still to learn of his death from our friends there. We know he is adding his enthusiastic voice to the heavenly choir. You have our deepest sympathy.

George Darnell - August 20, 2019 at 01:01 PM