



## John Grizzaffe

October 19, 1950 - April 22, 2024

John Thomas Grizzaffe passed away peacefully on April 22, 2024, in Atlanta, GA, surrounded by his loving wife and family.

Tommy was born on October 19, 1950 to Charlie and Elise Grizzaffe. He was the baby of the family and completely spoiled by his loving aunts and two siblings, Charlie Jr, and Virginia. After graduating from Hillsborough High School, he married Vicki Storm and started his family. He worked hard with his brother to make their father's produce company a success and he loved his job. He was a joy to all those who met him at the Tampa Farmers Market.

Anyone who knew Tommy knew he loved fast cars, big boats, and flying his airplane. He was always looking for adventure, whether it be lobstering, jet skiing, or flying friends to Cedar Key for lunch! Tommy was always ready to share a meal and a joke with anyone who needed it. We know he is enjoying unlimited Veal Parmesan in heaven!

His loving wife, Vicki, spent the last 54 years by his side and gave him the support he needed to live his best life. He loved her with all his heart and would tell everyone he met how beautiful and amazing she was. He was the best dad, but an even better granddad! His grandkids can tell you, no one liked to have more fun than their "Mac". He had a huge heart for his family and we are blessed that he was ours.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Sherri Simpson-Lynch. Sherri was his loving caregiver who helped our family in tremendous ways. He would tell people she was his "second wife". He adored her and their relationship and laughter is one we will always treasure.

Tommy is preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Elise. He is survived by his wife, Vicki, sons Chris and Nick (Angie), and daughter Lisa Garmendia (Chris). He has six beautiful grandchildren; Kendall, Brayden, Sophia (Joey), Coleson, Jocelyn and Natalie.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Tommy's huge heart and giving spirit by helping those in need or donating to a charity of your choice. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

No service is planned at this time. We will be hosting a celebration of his life this summer in Tampa and will reach out to friends and family with further details. God Bless you all.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## **McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory**

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# Tribute Wall

TB

“ Lisa — I never met Tommy but I feel like I know him a little through knowing you. So many ways you described his memory, fun, funny, loving, true friend, etc, are how I see you. You have an amazing family and I count it a blessing to know you. My prayers and sympathies go out to you and your family.

trish basham - April 29, 2024 at 07:27 AM



Thank you ❤️

Lisa Garmendia - April 29, 2024 at 08:00 PM

JO

“ I have not known anyone more dedicated to making sure everyone was happy. I spent much of my adolescence with Tommy, he always tried to help me as if I were family. Every day was an adventure. Now I can better appreciate what a good man and role model he was. Thank you for sharing.  
I love you all. —Joe

Joe - April 26, 2024 at 11:20 PM



Lisa Garmendia - April 29, 2024 at 07:59 PM

LF

“ *My condolences to Mrs Vicki and family, I meet Tommy and I never get tired of him because he put a smile on my face every time he opens his mouth , he was a bundle of joy and a great man he love his wife very much and in every discussion he would say I wonder what Vicki would say, heaven has gained an angel, may his soul rest in peace .love you Tommy*

**Laverine Francis** - April 26, 2024 at 08:54 AM



**Lisa Garmendia** - April 26, 2024 at 09:00 AM



*My deepest condolences to his family may his soul RIP 🙏*

**Donovan Parker** - April 26, 2024 at 09:37 AM

MP

“ Tommy is the person responsible for where I am in my life today. Tommy loaned me the money to start my produce company in 1995. I borrowed \$5000.00, I bought a van and set out to make a life for myself.

Almost 30 years later we are still going strong, thanks to that man for believing in me when not many others did. He ALWAYS helped me when I needed it, no matter what it was.

I spent years with him and others at the market eating breakfast, lunch, and even Cedar Key by plane.

We laughed...often. Mostly at some totally inappropriate joke or story and we loved every minute of it.

Tommy truly was the funniest man I have ever met and he never met a stranger.

He really taught me so much about business, life, friendship and family. I am so proud to call him a friend and I will never forget what he did for me to get me to where I am in my life today.

Vicki, I love you all and I am praying for you and your sweet family. Your entire family has always been so good to me and I thank you for sharing Tommy with me.

Much love.

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**Mike Perry** - April 25, 2024 at 09:20 PM



*What a beautiful tribute. Thank you Mike!*

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**Lisa Garmendia** - April 26, 2024 at 08:36 AM

SS

“ A letter to Tommy

*It was a privilege and honor caring for you the last few years of your life.*

*I will remember our walks.*

*I will remember our talk.*

*I will remember our laughters and your sense of humor.*

*I will always remember you asking Vicki where is your red mustang.*

*I will always remember you were always hearing a plane passing by.*

*I will remember the first time you tried to fold the laundry.... What a horrible job you did, but I said "great job Tommy" because Vicki was sick and you wanted to help.*

*I will remember we were heading to the gym and as soon as I drive out the gate the first thing you'll say is "let's go to McDonald's I want a double cheese burger with a L fries with a XL coke.*

*I will remember us at the gym and a person came over saying hi I'm So and So, you are doing a awesome job! You responded. "I'm Tommy and that's my wife.... with a smirk on his face.*

*I will remember the day you ate your lunch and mines. Then told me you thought I didn't want it.....but look in your refrigerator Vicki always have something in there to eat. That's always true. How can I not love you.*

*I will remember you always wanted water, even when you have a cup of water right beside you.*

*I will remember you always saying you're hungry even when you just finish eating.*

*I can remember you always wanting me to call Vicki to ask, what's for lunch? before we get back home.*

*I could write a book about you. But I'll keep it short.*

*It breaks my heart 💔 that you were taken so unexpectedly. I was never ready for you to go.*

*But God had a empty place in his garden for a beautiful flower "soul" like you ✨ until we meet again*

*I'll think of you always.*

*I'll talk about you always*

*I'll hold the memories of you close to my heart. I will forever miss*

you 😔💔 Love you Tommy  
PS. I hope you are exercising in heaven love endlessly 🥰

Sherri Simpson-Lynch - April 25, 2024 at 07:08 PM



He loved you beyond measure. ❤️

Lisa Garmendia - April 26, 2024 at 08:35 AM

JG

“ I'll never forget the time tommy while in his truck backed into a car at a traffic light and it got hooked on his trailer hitch . Not knowing this he left the light and got on the expressway pulling the car with him .the guy was blowing his horn to get attention, Tommy finally heard him and pulled over. the guy got out of his car shaking like a leaf and told Tommy he thought he was being carjacked. That is one of the many things that could only happen to Tommy.  
I love you and will miss the many great times we had together.

Jim green - April 25, 2024 at 11:28 AM



I love that story too!!!

Lisa Garmendia - April 25, 2024 at 12:13 PM

RC

I'll never forget when Tommy took me flying we flew over the beaches and he flew low so I could see his beach place, he looked over at me and said are you ok? I said sure about that time I got sick all in the front of the plane I said now I feel much better. Love you Tommy

Rose Campisi - April 25, 2024 at 04:41 PM

VG

Thank you for the memory

Vicki Grizzaffe - April 25, 2024 at 05:08 PM

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*Much love.*

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**Mike Perry** - April 25, 2024 at 07:48 PM

VG

*Thank you Mike. We loved having you around and in our life.*

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**Vicki Grizzaffe** - April 25, 2024 at 10:25 PM