



## Thomas Walling Hanford

April 26, 1940 - February 17, 2020

Mr. Thomas Walling Hanford, 79, of Senoia, GA., formerly of Sutton, Ma passed away Monday, February 17th, 2020 at Piedmont Fayetteville Hospital. Tom was born April 26th, 1940 in Pittsfield , MA. to the late Thomas B. Hanford and Harriet Card.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Lorraine Leahy and stepmother Iva Hanford.

Thomas leaves behind his high school sweetheart and wife Diane Brezinski Hanford , with whom he shared 57 years of marriage; children, Kimberly Chartier (Greg) , Melanie Polselli (Marc) , Craig Hanford (Laura) Scott Hanford (Patti) ; grandchildren, Adam Chartier, Craig Hanford Jr., Joshua Hanford, Nicholas Cain, Sydney Hanford, Ashley Hanford, Jackson Hanford, Dylan Cain; siblings, Sandra Phillips (Fred) , Chet Hanford, Jim Hanford (Deb) ; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tom moved with his mother and lived in Taunton MA. as a child where he would attend school and eventually meet Diane until their marriage in 1962, upon which they moved to Connecticut.

Tom had a very successful career with Friendly's Rest. Corp, managing many different stores throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut before settling his family in Sutton Ma. After 20 years , Tom decided to use his knowledge to open his own restaurant , The Homestead, in Oxford Ma. Also while a resident of Sutton , Tom became heavily involved in the parish of St. Marks. Not only was he a lecturer, Eucharistic Minister, and CCD teacher, he was instrumental in organizing the church's first Knights of Columbus council. The Bishop Flanagan Council 12710 is still thriving today.

After 34 years in Sutton, Tom decided he was done with the cold and snow, retired , and moved with his wife to Senoia, Ga. , where he resided since his passing. His strong faith brought him to St . Mary Magdalene where he was a proud member of their Knights of Columbus Council 12862.

Tom enjoyed quiet times with his wife, his spiritual life , and of course the New England Patriots, as well as other Boston sports teams.

The memorial mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 5th , 2020 at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Father Terry Crone officiating. The visitation is Wednesday evening between 5:00 -7:00 at McKoon Funeral Home with the Rosary following at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the building fund at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, 3 Village Road, Newnan, GA. 30265

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 4.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
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## Service

**MAR 5.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
3 Village Road  
Newnan, GA 30265

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Walling Hanford*



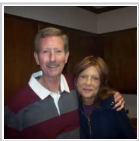
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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - March 04, 2020 at 09:40 AM

DR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hanford family during this difficult time. A donation has been made in Thomas' memory to Saint Mary Magdalene.*

*Our Deepest Sympathy,  
East Coast Seafood Group & Truefoods.*

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**Dawn Russell** - March 03, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ *Chet Hanford purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas Walling Hanford.*



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**Chet Hanford** - February 27, 2020 at 01:55 PM

PB

“ *So sorry to read of Tom's passing. Although it's been many years since you left Sutton we easily recall the pleasure of knowing your wonderful, friendly family. GOD BLESS !  
Ron & Pat Bardier & Family*

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**Pat & Ron Bardier** - February 25, 2020 at 07:46 PM

KR

“ To all those connected to Tom, especially to his wife, his children, grandchildren, extended family and friends my deepest sympathies and condolences to you. I am holding Tom in light and honoring his earth-side travels. I have fond memories of Tom as being so very kind, warm and loving. Always receptive and easily approachable. Always with a big smile and a warm hello. May he sit now at the right hand of the Father...in glory, grace, and peace.  
- Kim Radke (Hastings)

Kim Radke - February 24, 2020 at 10:47 PM

AB

“ What comes to mind when I think of Tom was how great and willing he was to keep us going when I was working with you all at Haralson voting poles....Tom, please be ready to make one of your delicious pots of coffee when we meet up again. ❤️ Thank you for being a friend and a great neighbor.  
Diane , you and your family are in my prayers and thoughts. Annette and Tom.

Annette Bowman - February 22, 2020 at 08:51 AM

JK

“ To Diane and Family - We are sad to learn that Tom has passed. We enjoyed Tom and his family as our neighbors in Sutton, MA. Tom had a great sense of humor and a reputation for making amazing fireworks displays on the Fourth of July. No matter who lives there, that house is always referred to as the “Hanford house”. Tom and Diane raised four children who are now adults they can be proud of. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless you all.  
Jeannie and Don Katz

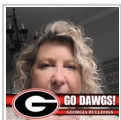
Jeannie and Don Katz - February 21, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ Dee Dee Clarke Pollard lit a candle in memory of Thomas Walling Hanford



Dee Dee Clarke Pollard - February 21, 2020 at 11:57 AM



Diane, I am so sorry to see this news. We will be keeping you and your family in our prayers.

Dee Dee Clarke Pollard - February 21, 2020 at 11:58 AM

SP

“ *One of the finest gentleman I've ever known. I will miss you Tom. Prayers for Diane and your family.*

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**Scott Parker** - February 20, 2020 at 08:44 PM

SL

“ *So sorry Diane and family, He was a great guy we had a lot of good times together. Sally Leger*

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**sally Leger** - February 20, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Chet Hanford** - February 19, 2020 at 08:06 PM



*Sister and Bros. The white shoes must be genetic.*

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**Chet Hanford** - February 19, 2020 at 08:03 PM

MD

*The first Sir Knight to friend me on my arrival in Georgia 2 years ago. I will miss him for sure...*

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**Mario Diaz** - February 21, 2020 at 11:10 AM