



## Thomas F. Grant Sr.

January 1, 1945 - January 9, 2022

Thomas F. Grant, Sr., 77, of Kensington, beloved husband to his high school sweetheart, Lauren (Nordgren) Grant, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Born on January 1, 1945, he was the son of the late Joseph J. Grant Sr. and Elizabeth “Betty” (Potts) Grant. His claim to fame was that he was the first baby born on New Year’s Day in New Britain in 1945 and received several gifts from local businesses. He was also very proud to have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America in his youth. Tom graduated from New Britain Senior High School in 1963 and received his bachelor’s degree from Central CT State College.

While at CCSC, he began working with his future father-in-law at Portable Power Tool Repair, Inc. in New Britain. He later acquired the business and moved it to Kensington where he operated it for 32 years until his retirement in 2002. Once retired, he and Lauren became “snowbirds” to Naples, FL for the winter. They also enjoyed spending time at their house on Cape Cod, MA. Tom was an animal lover and often visited the CT Humane Society “just to see what they had” and usually came home with a new cat and one time two, twins. Golden Retrievers and Yellow Labs were his favorite breed of dogs and he had several of each during his lifetime. He was a fan of the New England Patriots and UConn Women’s basketball. He enjoyed gardening, cooking and wheel thrown pottery. He was also a talented artist creating many oil paintings including portraits of family members. He was a man of few words but had a quick wit when the opportunity arose.

Tom was very proud of his family and loved them all dearly. He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Lauren and their four children: Beth Pipkin, Thomas Grant Jr. and his wife Jane, Christopher Grant and his wife Jennifer, and Joyce Vento and her husband Giancarlo; grandchildren: Jacob Pipkin, Toni-Ann and Thomas "TJ" Grant, Brooke Grant, Makaila Cerrone, Marla Vento and his golden retriever, Sofie. Besides his parents, Tom was predeceased by his sisters, Patricia "Patty" Grant and Betsy Carlson and his brother, Joseph J. Grant Jr.

The family would like to thank the nurses and aides at the Hartford Healthcare at Home Hospice Care for their kindness, compassion and assistance which allowed Tom to stay at home.

At Tom's request, his funeral service and burial will be private. There are no calling hours. Burial will be in West Lane Cemetery, Kensington. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## West Lane Cemetery

High Rd.  
Kensington, CT 06037

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ Dearest Lauren,  
Sending sympathy on the loss of a quiet, but hard working  
classmate. Class couple forever! Take care of yourself, taking one  
day at a time.  
Jane (Reynolds) Pallokat

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**Jane Pallokat** - January 13, 2022 at 12:50 PM

WP

“ My deepest sympathies go out to Lauren and the Grant Family. My  
memories of Tom go back to Central Junior High School where we  
all navigated through those early teenage years. He was always a  
quiet easy going person. Watching him play basketball in the  
Church League games at the YMCA was a delight because he  
knew how to "draw the foul". He was a good man!

*Bill Paris*

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**William Paris** - January 12, 2022 at 06:20 PM

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“ To the Grant Family  
Sending my blessings to the family  
Mrs. Elaine Terlecky

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**Elaine Terlecky** - January 12, 2022 at 04:43 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I have wonderful memories  
of our youth and time at the shore with both of our families. I always  
considered him a friend even though we lost touch over the years.  
My sincere condolences to Lauren and family.

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**Jeck Haller** - January 12, 2022 at 02:21 PM

BS

“ Lauren & family,  
I was so saddened to hear about Tom's passing. He was truly one of the really "good guys" in our class. My thoughts & prayers are with you and your family..

Barry Stark

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**Barry Stark** - January 12, 2022 at 12:13 AM

JK

“ Lauren and family

It was a joy to work for Tom @ Portable Power Tools a man of genuie trust and character.Be assured you are not allow in your lost.

Joe Koziol

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**Joe Koziol** - January 11, 2022 at 03:26 PM

JH

“ Lauren and family,

I am so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May the memories you share make this most difficult time a little easier. Tommy will live on in your hearts.

Janie Holmstrom

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**Jane Holmstrom** - January 11, 2022 at 10:08 AM