



## Thomas J. Sunderland

September 14, 1920 - March 27, 2003

Thomas J. Sunderland, Sr., 82, of Farmington, beloved husband of Lydia Wentland Sunderland for nearly 60 years, died peacefully Thursday March 27 at his home. Born in New Britain, he was a New Britain resident until moving to Farmington in 1985. A U.S. Coast Guard veteran of WW II, Thomas served in the European and Pacific Theaters. Tom was employed as a Tool & Die Maker and later as a foreman at the Mattabassett Water District for 20 years, until his retirement in 1982. He was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in New Britain, an avid sportsman, he enjoyed hunting and fishing all of his life; he also enjoyed gardening, and bowling with the Laurel Lanes Seniors. Active in New Britain politics for many years, he served as former chairman of the Board of Public Works.

Besides his wife Lydia, he is survived a daughter, Marsha Baldwin of Farmington; a son, Thomas J. Sunderland, Jr. of New Britain; 2 sisters, Adele Guokas and her husband Frank of Windsor, and Eleanor Wolski and her husband Ted of New Britain; 3 grandchildren, Laura Bednarz and her husband Kenneth of Broadbrook, CT, Ryan Baldwin of South Boston Mass., and Timothy Sunderland of Plainville; 5 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 2 brothers, Robert and Edward Sunderland, and 2 sisters, Hazel Sims and Jessie Mazur.

A graveside funeral service will be held Tuesday 11 AM at Fairview Cemetery in New Britain. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Farmington Valley Hospice, 8 Old Mill Lane, Simsbury CT 06070. The

family would like to extend their appreciation to the staff and caregivers of Farmington Valley Hospice for the gentle and considerate care they have provided during such a difficult time. Their devotion has been very much appreciated. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is in charge of arrangements. Please share a memory of Thomas with his family on our online guestbook by clicking "[sign memorial guestbook](#)" at the top of the page.

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Deepest Sympathy*

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**Dora Stountenberg** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *AUNT LYDIA, MARSHA AND TOMMY  
LIFE IS THE GIFT GOD GIVES TO US AND WHAT WE DO WITH  
IT IS OUR GIFT TO GOD. UNCLE TOM IS A TREASURE CHEST  
OF GIFTS. HIS HUMOR AND WIT KEEPS US FOREVER  
LAUGHING, HIS KINSHIP WITH NATURE TEACHES  
APPRECIATION FOR THE GREAT OUTDOORS, HIS  
SPORTSMANSHIP SETS THE STANDARD FOR FAIRNESS, HIS  
COMPASSION AND LOYALTY FOR FAMILY, RELATIVES AND  
FRIENDS LEAVES ALL OF US FEELING MORE LOVED. WE  
KNOW YOU ARE GRIEVING BUT WE ARE ALSO SURE THAT  
UNCLE TOM AND HIS BIGGER THAN LIFE ESSENCE WILL  
GUIDE AND SUPPORT YOUR HEALING.  
LOVE, LIGHT AND BLESSINGS  
RON AND BARB*

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**RON AND BARB MCCLELLAN** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Uncle Tom, You'll sure going to be missed. You'll always be in our  
hearts espically at Christmas. Hope there is bowling up there. We'll  
always treasure the sign. Say Hi to my mom, dad and the family.  
We love you and you're sure going to be missed. Gods love will  
watch ouer Aunt Lydia.  
Love and Prayers  
Joyce and Rich*

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**Joyce & Rich Robinson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.

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**Roger & Judi Roy** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NV

“ All the veterans of the  
Northwestern TGM Veterans Post  
will miss Tom's friendly  
personality and dedication to the club. Sincere sympathy to Tom's  
family from TGM officers and members.

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**Northwestern TGM veterans** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Aunt Lydia, Marsha, Tommy & Ryan. Uncle Tom will be missed by his  
family and friends. Love Georgia

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**Georgia Mazur** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Sorry to read about your father, hope everything is well...thinking  
about you in your time of sadness. You are in our prayers.

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**Corky and Joanne Sylvester** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ For Aunt Lydia, Marsha and Tommy:

*We're glad that we had a chance to visit "Uncle Tommy" before he left to join his hunting and fishing buddy, Brother Ed.*

*I really enjoyed listening to Tom's Coast Guard stories and recollections. He was proud of what he did and rightly so.*

*I will miss my hunting and fishing buddy and Paula will sorely miss her favorite "Uncle."*

*Love,  
Rod & Paula*

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**Rod & Paula Friedmann** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Deepest sympathy to Lydia, Marsha, Tommy and Ryan - we have great memories of family gatherings when the kids were small - Tom playing ball with Doug at the Lake and giving him his first real mit and ball Doug will be 40 soon.  
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AZ

“ Lydia, Marsha, Tom.

*So sorry to read about the passing of Tom. I can remember seeing him shopping in Plainville when I had that territory. Was surprised to see not only how many grandchildren but great grandchildren he leaves.*

*I know how hard it is to lose a loved one. My sympathy goes out to all. May God Bless in your time of sorrow.*

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**Andrew J. Zuder** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Mrs. Sunderland, Marsha and family - I would like to express my deepest sympathy at this sad time. Marie

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**Marie Caione Bayley** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Lydia,

*My condolences and thoughts go out to you. I don't know if you remember me or not. You met me just a few times at the Northwestern Veterans Club. My Father, Stanley "Timmy" Borowski and your Husband were friends. They served together on many committees at the Northwestern Vets. I also considered your Husband my friend. As my involvement increased with the Northwestern Veterans I too served on many committees with him. The one that comes to mind is the 40th Anniversary Committee. While serving on that committee with Tommy my respect and admiration for him only increased. Tommy was a loyal Husband, dedicated Father, and Patriot. I will miss him so.*

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**Edward Thomas Borowski** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *May god Bless Tom and his Family. He was truly a good man.*

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**Mr&Mrs Walter Radziewicz** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Thomas J. Sunderland*

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**Mr. & Mrs Walter Radziewicz** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *A very special neighbor. A true gentleman.  
Forever in our hearts.  
Love, Randy, Mari and Lilia*

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**Randall & Mari-Helen Giarnella** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *Sorry to hear of Tom's passing. My sympathies to the entire family.  
I'll always remember our days on Corbin Ave.*

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**Tom Ormsby, Jr.** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ *OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES*

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**FERNAND&LAURA BROCHU** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM