



Thomas Joseph Amato Jr.

September 7, 2025

Thomas Joseph Amato, Jr. passed away peacefully in his sleep on September 7, 2025, at the age of 77, after a long struggle with heart disease.

Born on August 16, 1948, in Brooklyn, NY, to Laura DiMaria and Thomas Amato, Sr., the family settled in New Hyde Park, and later Great Neck, NY.

Tom attended Lincoln College and Fort Lauderdale University before returning to New York, where his entrepreneurial spirit and love of community flourished. In 1971, he opened the Cow Bay Café in Port Washington, NY — a vibrant gathering place for musicians and artists. It was there that he met the love of his life, Veronique Fauvel, whom he married in 1973.

In 1982, they welcomed their daughter, Delphine, and together they built a warm and creative family life. During this time, Tom also founded Classic Builders Resource, a reflection of his deep appreciation for architecture and design.

The family remained in Port Washington for many years, surrounded by friends and community. When Tom's health began to decline, he and Veronique relocated permanently to Port St. Lucie, Florida, where they enjoyed a quieter pace of life.

Tom was an active member of both the Cow Neck Historical Society and the Sons of Italy, organizations whose missions were deeply meaningful to him. During his life, he enjoyed extensive travel in France where he was welcomed by his wife's family. He was known for his love of wine, good food, and his extraordinary gift for bringing people together. His warmth, convivial spirit, and

zest for life will be profoundly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 52 years, Veronique Amato; his daughter Delphine Hautefeuille and her husband Martin Hautefeuille; and his granddaughter, Sibylle Hautefeuille. He is also survived by his sisters, Carolina Amato Capone and Lauraine Mangakis, along with their families, who cherished him dearly.

A Memorial visitation will be held on Saturday November 8th from 9:30AM - 10:30AM with prayer service at 10:30AM followed by interment at Nassau Knolls Cemetery Port Washington, NY

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a gift in Tom's memory to St Francis Hospital Foundation, benefiting the Cardiology Innovation Research Fund.

<https://donate-st-francis-hospital.chsli.org/cardiology-innovation>

Cemetery Details

Nassau Knolls Cemetery

500 Port Washington Blvd
Port Washington, NY 11050-4295
(516) 944-8530

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 8. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Prayer Service

NOV 8. 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

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