



Thomas A. Stolz

September 3, 2025

Thomas Arthur Stolz, 68, of Liverpool, passed away on September 3, 2025, at Francis House in Syracuse, New York. He left this earth peacefully surrounded by his loving family. Tom was born May 7, 1957, in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Howard Earl Stolz, Sr. and Elizabeth Jane “Betty” Wehner, and the youngest of their three children. He grew up in Wilkes-Barre and Edwardsville, Pennsylvania.

Tom was a member of the Class of 1975 at West Side Area Vocational Technical School in Kingston, Pennsylvania. He received his undergraduate degree from Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and a master’s in computer science from Syracuse University. From 1983 to 2011 he worked at General Electric, Martin Marietta, and Lockheed Martin as a software engineer. He taught continuing education classes, C and C++ programming language courses while employed at GE and Lockheed Martin. He volunteered at Rosamond Gifford Zoo working in diet prep for the animals and worked part-time for zoo admissions and EFX Currency Exchange.

One late summer day in 1982, Tom went to the New York State Fair with his friend John, who invited along a fellow friend and SU student named Cathy. Even though this was the first time that Tom and Cathy had ever met, it was here that Tom told John he was going to marry Cathy one day. Tom and Cathy went on their first date together to a concert that October. Eleven months later, Tom married the love of his life, Catherine N. “Cathy” Owen, on August 13,

1983, at St. Joseph's Church in Burlington, Vermont. During their 42-year marriage they raised their two sons in Liverpool, where they enjoyed watching them play soccer, hockey, karate, tennis, and in the school orchestra.

Later in life they welcomed numerous grandchildren into their family. Tom enjoyed being a part of their everyday lives and was always willing to drop everything to spend as much time with them as possible. Tom deeply loved and was intensely devoted to his family and grandchildren, by whom he was known lovingly as "Pop Pop." His stalwart presence in their lives created memories for them that will be passed down through generations. He also enjoyed collecting stamps, dining out with family and friends, listening to music, and watching tv shows, films and tennis matches. He loved every place he traveled around the world, especially in recent years to visit friends in Australia.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Elizabeth; sister, Judith Ann Thuemmler; infant brother, Howard Earl Stolz, Jr.; father-in-law, David Owen; mother-in-law, Anna Owen; brother-in-law, Richard Joseph Owen; sister-in-law, Sheila Catherine Owen; granddaughter, Elowen Josephine Riley; and close family members, Allen H. Sager and Thomas F. Zuk.

The legacy of a person's life is measured by the lives they've touched, and how much they were loved. Tom's legacy and memory will live on forever in those he left behind. He is survived by his wife, Cathy; son, Scott M. Stolz (Amherst, NY); son, Cory S. Stolz and daughter-in-law Brittany A. Stolz (Baldwinsville, NY); in-laws, Daniel A. Sager and Tracy Z. Sager (Baldwinsville, NY), Joan A. Zuk (North Syracuse, NY), Thomas A. Sager and Brei N. Sager (Baldwinsville, NY), Brandon J. Riley and Ashley E. Riley (Bainbridge Island, WA); grandchildren, Soren Thomas and Syllas Daniel Stolz, Jameson Allen and Natalya Genevieve "Nellie" Sager, and Welles Joseph Riley. He is also survived by several cousins, nieces, nephews, and many close friends that will treasure his memory.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, September 8, 2025, from 4 to 6 pm, at

Ferguson Funeral Home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse. On Tuesday, September 9, 2025, a prayer service will be at 9:15 am at the funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 am at Saint Rose of Lima Church, 407 South Main Street, North Syracuse. The Rite of Committal will be celebrated at 4 pm on Friday, September 12th at the pavilion of North Syracuse Cemetery, 555 South Bay Road, North Syracuse.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Tom's name and memory to Francis House, 108 Michaels Ave., Syracuse, NY 13208 or to Hospice of CNY, 990 Seventh North St, Liverpool, NY 13088 or to CNY SPCA, 5878 East Molloy Road, Syracuse, NY 13211.

Cemetery Details

North Syracuse Cemetery

555 South Bay Road
North Syracuse , NY 13212

Previous Events

Prayer Service

SEP 9. 9:15 AM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc.
215 South Main Street
North Syracuse, NY 13212
(315) 458-1970
<http://fergersonfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 9. 10:00 AM.

Saint Rose Of Lima Church

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Tom at General Electric and Lockheed Martin for years. When asked to teach the c++ course, Tom offered his course materials to me and guided me through lesson preparation. We were also lunch buddies and occasionally breakfast buddies. Him and our friend Andy had a lot of laughs. I will miss him. Godspeed him to beautiful heaven. I am so sorry to his family for your loss. Prayers. -Chris

Christopher LaVenture - September 09, 2025 at 06:19 AM

LJ

“ My husband Bob worked with Tom at GE/Lockheed Martin. We always looked forward to the annual updates on their family and post retirement activities. My condolences to Cathy and the entire family. Linda Jackson

Linda Jackson - September 08, 2025 at 01:05 PM

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“ Dan, Tracy, Ashley, Brandon, Tom, Brei purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Thomas A. Stolz.



Dan, Tracy, Ashley, Brandon, Tom, Brei - September 06, 2025 at 12:52 PM

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“ *The Riley Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Stolz*



The Riley Family - September 05, 2025 at 11:33 PM

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“ *Condolences to Tom's family. I worked and taught classes with Tom at Lockheed Martin and haven't talked with him since his post-retirement trip to Australia and Tazmania. So sorry for your loss. Tom was a great guy and will be missed. Great memories over the years.*

John OHern

John OHern - September 05, 2025 at 02:34 PM