



## Thomas LeRoy Loren

January 8, 1935 - December 18, 2020

Thomas (Tom) LeRoy Loren of Manassas, VA formerly from South Glens Falls and Cambridge, NY passed away peacefully at home on December 18, 2020 with his wife of 61 years, Mary Rooney Loren by his bedside. Tom was born in Cambridge, NY on January 8, 1935 at 7:42pm to Erma Lillian Montgomery Loren and James LeRoy Loren. (Elvis Presley was born at 4:35am)

Besides his parents he was predeceased by his eldest daughter, Mary-Teresa Loren Reffue on February 23, 2017 and his son-in-law Ben Gregory Bingham on December 18, 2016.

He is survived by his loving wife Mary, daughters Aileen (Leonard) Zuriff; Susan Bingham and grandsons Thomas D. Reffue and Liam A. Bingham.

Most people considered him a quiet gentle soul which he was until you got his Irish up. Above all he was a loving husband, loving father to his three daughters and loving Grandpa to his two grandsons. He trudged through snow many times to get Christmas gifts for his daughters. Liam's birth and helping care for him gave Tom a new lease on life and he loved every minute of it.

Tom grew up in the idyllic village of Cambridge where his grandfather James Loren and uncle Johnny Lourin served as Fire Chiefs. Norman Rockwell lived in Arlington, Vt and chose many people from the village as models for his famous paintings. Grandma Moses lived a short distance south in Buskirk. Several homes in the village were used in the Underground railroad.

Tom was a graduate of Cambridge Central School class of 1954 where he was known as Gam and for his love of cars and speed behind the wheel. He learned to drive on his father's Ford 1928 Model A which was traded when he crashed it into the garage. He kept the love of cars of all shapes and sizes throughout his life which led to one of his most enjoyable pastimes, attending Antique Car shows and the restoration of a 1929 Model A

Fordor, with the great help of dear friends Gail and Jim Barody.

Following high school he went to work for the Associated Seed Company in Cambridge, where his Dad was Traffic Manager. It was there he honed his solid work ethic and many skills from printing seed packets, measuring and filling containers of fertilizer, truck driving to being the night watchman responsible for tending coal stoves in the various buildings for 50 cents an hour.

In 1957 while he and his Mom were still trying to get over the unexpected passing of his Dad in October 1956, he was drafted into the Army even though he failed the National Guard physical because of his legs. When he was learning to walk it became evident that his legs were not as strong as they should be and it was thought he had a slight case of polio. This disability kept him from participating in sports.

In April 1958 while he was stationed at Fort Meade, MD he met the love of his life, Mary Rooney, an Irish immigrant, on a blind date and they were married by the Rev. Paul K. Lynch in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cambridge on August 22, 1959.

In October of 1961 as a Reservist he was recalled into the Army and stationed at Fort Devens, MA until August 1962 when he returned to Cambridge and resumed his employment at the now named Asgrow Seed Company.

In October of 1962, Tom began an internship in Glens Falls as an Office Machine Repairman with R.G. Landry and he and Mary moved north to South Glens Falls. Almost every weekend they visited Tom's mother for Sunday dinner.

In that position he traveled all over the Adirondacks delivering and repairing machines for businesses and especially summer camps. He had to lift heavy cash registers which was hard for him. When his internship ended he applied to Glencraft Printing Company and after he assured Herb the Foreman that he wasn't afraid of the big press, he hired him and thus began his Offset Pressman career. In 1969 he joined Rist-Frost Consulting Engineers as their In-House Pressman until his retirement on June 12, 1990.

In April 1965 Tom, Mary and Mary-Teresa made their first family trip back to Mary's parents and family in Ireland and Tom loved it and being part of a big family. He loved going to the Pub with his father-in-law and there were many such trips over the years.

In 1969 after Tom suffered a fracture in his left leg following one of his numerous falls, he

finally got an answer to why his legs were weak. He had Limb/Girdle Muscular Dystrophy. It did not keep him from living a full life and working very hard to provide for his family.

In July 1994 a fall which resulted in a broken right ankle left him using a wheel chair and scooter to get around from then on.

He and Mary lived in South Glens Falls until August, 2000 when they moved to Manassas, VA to be near their youngest daughter Susan and for a shorter trip to Tampa, FL where their daughter Mary-Teresa Reffue, husband John and grandson Thomas resided. Their daughter Aileen and husband Lenny Zuriff were soon to move to New Jersey and later to Tampa, FL.

Tom had many hobbies among them were: genealogy; refinishing furniture; caning chairs; finishing off the second story of their first home; working on their new home in the village of So. Glens Falls and helping design their fully wheel-chair accessible retirement home in Manassas.

He embraced the computer and taught himself how to use the internet and could find any information you needed. He supported Mary in her pursuit of learning from her preparation for U.S. Citizenship to her advanced college degree work.

He was a past member of the Glens Falls Ancient Order of Hibernians and was Hibernian of the Year in 1977. He represented the Chapter at their 1978 National Convention held in Killarney, Ireland.

He was a member since 2000 of the Bull Run Region Antique Automobile Club of America and a thirty-five year member of the Model A Restorers Club and past member of the Adirondack "A's" and Cooper's Cave Car Clubs.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at 12:00 Noon at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, Virginia. Interment will be private.

The mass will be live streamed at <https://youtu.be/iLA1oyBbjYM>

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association, 161 N. Clark St., Suite 3550, Chicago, IL 60601 or [MDA.org](http://MDA.org) – Donate.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Mass of Christian Burial**   12:00PM

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All Saints Catholic Church

9300 Stonewall Rd, Manassas, VA, US, 20110

# Comments

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**Mary Loren** - January 04 at 12:37 PM

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“ Mary, I watched the funeral today via livestream. I'm glad I was able to attend in spirit. I'm sorry, and I hope your are well.

The annual Loren-Pennell visit was always an excitement and is a distinct and cherished part of my childhood. I'm thankful for such memories of Tom, you, and family.

**Mark Pennell** - January 02 at 08:52 PM



“ Mark & Priscilla, Thank you for heartwarming message and the picture from 1963. Love, Mary

**Mary Loren** - January 04 at 12:39 PM

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“ The Pennell family is so sad to hear of Tom's passing. We had so many wonderful memories of our families sharing times together. Tom would love to come to Maine and enjoy the ocean with us. He also loved sharing family picnics and was a wonderful family man. We will miss him.



**PRISCILLA J PENNELL** - January 02 at 11:17 AM

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“ Mary & Family:

So sorry to hear of the passing of Tom. If there is anything we can do please let us know. Will keep you in our daily prayers. See you on Saturday. Sally & Jim Batchelder

**Sally J Batchelder** - January 01 at 05:53 PM



“ Dear Sally & Jim, Thank you so very much for your condolences here and for joining us at Tom's funeral Mass. We really appreciated having you with us.

**Mary Loren** - January 04 at 12:47 PM

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“ Mary and family,

I'm very sorry to hear about Tom's passing. I've always admired the relationship between the two of you. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the pictures! God bless and may he rest in peace

**Elizabeth Tice** - January 01 at 10:15 AM



“ Elizabeth, Thank You very much for your kindness and prayers. Mary

**Mary Loren** - January 04 at 12:41 PM

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“ Mary & Family,

Thoughts and prayers are with you.

May you find comfort in the memory of your loved one.

Anne Rooney Flannery

Anne Flannery - December 30, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ Mary and Family,

Deepest prayers and Condolences for you Mary and Family, Tom was truly a wonderful man and a remarkable husband, father, grandfather and friend to everyone who new Tom! God Bless and Praying God will comfort and care for you and family and give you strength . Memories are powerful.

With Sympathy

Warren and Marilyn Gonyea

Warren & Marilyn - January 01 at 02:22 PM



“ Dear Marilyn & Warren-Thank you so much for condolences here and for your phone call. We have so many happy memories of times together and Warren's helping in moving so many years ago. Love!

Mary Loren - January 04 at 12:45 PM



“ Susan and Liam,

I'm sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Lynn McClure

Lynn McClure - December 30, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ Dear Lynn,

Thank you very much for taking the time to share our grief and offer your prayers. We appreciate it very much.

Mary Loren - January 04 at 12:44 PM



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Mary Loren - December 30, 2020 at 10:26 AM

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“ Dear Mary and family  
I am saddened to read in the Post Star of Tom's passing and I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Tom at Rist-Frost for many years and have many fond memories of working with such a great guy who everyone liked. Our paths had crossed over the years when I was happy to see him again in Saratoga where I worked in the late 90's. Thinking of you with prayers.  
Diane Morency

Diane Gifford Morency - December 29, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ Dear Diane, Thank you very very much for remembering Tom here. He was always so delighted to see you and remember the good times at Rist-Frost. Mary

Mary Loren - January 04 at 12:42 PM

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Mary Loren - December 27, 2020 at 11:39 AM

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“ SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO MARY AND FAMILY. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS SAD TIME. REST IN PEACE THOMAS. MARY (ROONEY) POYNTZ, CASTLEBLAYNEY, EIRE.

MARY POYNTZ - December 25, 2020 at 08:20 AM



“ Dear Mary,Susan, Aileen, Thomas and Liam,

Sorry for your loss, Sending my sincere sympathy.

Maria Mercedes Saá  
Quito, Ecuador

Mary Binghay - December 24, 2020 at 10:31 PM

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“ Dear Mary , Susan, Aileen , Thomas and Liam,

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Leilani Binghay Del Vecchio

Mary Binghay - December 24, 2020 at 10:27 PM

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“ Dear Mary , Susan , Aileen ,Thomas and Liam,

Our deepest condolences. We will keep you in our prayers.

From the Torres Family  
Carmen and Sons

Mary Binghay - December 24, 2020 at 10:24 PM

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“ Dear Mary, Susan, Aileen ,Thomas and Liam,

We are sorry for your loss.Tom was such a special Granda for Liam.  
Thank you for sharing these family pictures.

Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers,  
Dr. Ben, Caroline and Paul Binghay

Mary Binghay - December 24, 2020 at 10:06 PM

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**Mary Loren** - December 23, 2020 at 08:19 AM



“ Thanks for sharing these memories, pictures are our treasures,! God Bless

**Marilyn Gonyea** - January 02 at 03:20 PM