



Thomas W. Beard

May 5, 1953 - July 7, 2025

Thomas "Tom" William Beard, 72, passed away on Monday, July 7, 2025, in Chambersburg, PA.

He was born on May 5, 1953, in Chambersburg, PA, to the late George and Mary (Corwell) Beard. Tom spent his early life in Pond Bank, PA, during which time he developed his love of music.

He graduated from Chambersburg Area Senior High School in 1971. Tom was a guitarist in several local bands over the years, meeting lifelong friends whom he loved and respected. He retired from JC Penny after working for many years as a supervisor. Tom loved the San Francisco 49ers, Philadelphia Phillies and watching classic movies but his greatest love was music and his favorite bands were the Beatles and Steely Dan.

Tom is survived by two daughters, Karen (Ross) Laurie and Erika Beard; his stepdaughter, Jennifer Rowles; his stepson, Brian Porter; his sister, Linda (John) Mentzer; ten grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; a nephew, Shane Mentzer; niece, Carla Winesickle; and numerous cousins.

In addition to his loving parent, Tom was predeceased by his ex-wife and mother of his children, Sandra (Norwood) Beard.

A funeral service for Tom will be held on Friday, July 18, 2025 at Sellers Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. with a time of visitation one hour prior to the service with Rev. Carl McKee officiating. Interment will follow the service at Parklawns Memorial Gardens.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.sellersfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Parklawns Memorial Gardens & Mausoleum

3218 Philadelphia Ave
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sellers Funeral Home
297 Philadelphia Avenue
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Funeral Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I performed 'live' with Tom in Gulliver, a very good cover band circa, 1971. Tom could play, sing and moreover, WRITE. He was blessed with an incredible 'ear', something many people would die for. He loved McCartney, Fagen (SD) and Chicago. He loved horns and (major 7th chords - Esoteric - for musicians only). He wrote a beautiful song called, 'The Princess' many years ago. I begged him to come to my studio to record it but, as with many great pieces of art, they somehow get lost, and never see the light of day. I love and will miss Tom. R.I.P. Brother.

Szady - July 14, 2025 at 04:20 PM

EB

Eddie Burke I, too, was a former bandmate of Tom in Gulliver. Everything Steve Szady mentions here about Tom is spot on! He will always be remembered for his love of music & contributions to our band when a member of it. RIP, Tom!

Eddie Burke - July 22, 2025 at 01:06 AM

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“ Our condolences to Linda and John during this time. We are so very sorry for your loss. Definitely will miss seeing Tom visit around here!

Chuck & Billee Steigleman - July 14, 2025 at 03:53 PM

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“ May Tommie REST in Eternal PEACE and Happiness! All in All he was a Good Man!

Donnie Shaffer - July 13, 2025 at 05:03 PM