



Mr Thomas James Carroll

October 31, 1927 - February 28, 2023

Our Dear Father, Thomas James Carroll, age 95, peacefully left this world on February 28, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. He will be sadly missed and will always hold a place in our hearts.

Thomas Carroll was born in Philadelphia Pa. on October 31, 1927. He was a graduate of West Catholic High School and earned his college degree at Temple University. Coach Carroll mentored and impacted hundreds of students and athletes during his 38 years of service in public education. He began his career at Southern Fulton High School, teaching and coaching track and basketball. His happiest years were spent at Chambersburg Area School District where he was a teacher, athletic director and head football coach to his beloved Trojans. In 1971, he was nominated as the Head Coach for the Pa Big 33 East football team. Coach Carroll was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 2009. After retiring, Tom and Shirley enjoyed many years in Florida and traveling the world. In 2007, he married Ora Mae Avellino and they enjoyed 15 happy years together, residing in both NJ and Florida. He shared his life with many dogs, including his faithful Boxers, Schnauzers and a King Charles Spaniel. Tom was predeceased by his loving wife, Shirley Margaret Carroll, his beloved parents, Marie and Joseph as well as his brother Joe. He is survived by his loving, devoted wife, Ora Mae; son, Michael, daughter in law, Roxanne, daughter, Kelly, son in law Sal, daughter Kris, daughter in law Kelly, stepdaughter Lauren and husband Andy and nephew,

Joe. He is lovingly remembered by his grandchildren: Kevin, Emma, (Chris) Daniel (Nicole) and Brittany; sweet great granddaughters: Taylor and Harper. In Lieu of flowers, Toms' family asks that you make donations to Chambersburg Area School District Foundation. (<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/casdf/>) We would love you to come and honor his life on March 10, 2023 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 320 Philadelphia Ave Chambersburg for an 11: 00 a.m. Mass. Visitation will be at the church from 10-11,prior to the Mass.

Cemetery Details

Parklawns Memorial Gardens & Mausoleum

3218 Philadelphia Ave
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
320 Philadelphia Ave
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Mass

MAR 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ Tom Carroll was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, a talented and inspiring athlete and coach, and a true Irish Catholic gentleman. I, along with my sister Helen, was honored to be his cousin and to know and love him through the lens of the heart of our Dad, his beloved "Uncle Gene." My sister Helen and I also knew "up close and personal" how proud Dad was of "Tommy" and he passed that pride on to us. Dad ignited Tommy's athletic career when he taught him how to throw and catch a ball at Grandmom Sweeney's house. I remember too how excited both men were when Uncle Gene surprised him, arriving at the PA Big 33 East football game many years ago. Helen and I are praying for his wonderful wife and children and all of his family as they grieve for such a beautiful soul. May "Tommy" rest in the eternal joy and peace of heaven and "May God hold him in the hollow of His hand." Love, Sister Mary Anne Sweeney IHM

Sister Mary Anne Sweeney - March 07, 2023 at 09:31 AM

DK

“ My three years in high school would not have been complete, if not for the presence of Coach Carroll. As football and track coach, he was a role model for all of us. The life lessons we came away with from the athletic fields could never have been learned in a classroom. Many times during my journey through life, I would think how would he have handled this situation. This past summer we had a wonderful conversation that brought back many memories which I will never forget. My sincere sympathies to his wife and family. He was a great man, mentor, coach and friend. Mr. Carroll will always be remembered!
Don Kerr (CASHS class of '65)

Don Kerr - March 06, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ I worked for Mr. Carroll as a high school office assistant when he was the athletic director, and I had great fondness for him. I loved his mischievous green eyes. When he laughed, he'd slap me on the back so hard, it would knock me off my feet. He had such a soft heart inside his tough exterior.

Carolyn Clouser - March 05, 2023 at 08:17 PM

FT

“ We had the privilege of knowing Tom and Ora Mae for the last 15 years. Tom was fun to be with and we so enjoyed their company. Our heart felt wishes go to Ora Mae and to Tom's family. Floss and Frank Turton

Florence Turton - March 04, 2023 at 04:01 PM

TF

“ thomas our freind we thank you for the short time we new you i will miss the many wed. evenings for super at our best eating places in naples thanks again tim and di from canada

TIM FAYANT - March 04, 2023 at 02:32 PM

SN

“ Deepest sympathy to the Carroll family. Tom was loved and respected in Chambersburg by so many. Good memories coming from the Nye family and lots of love for the Carrolls. Bless Tom and all of you.

Snorky Nye - March 04, 2023 at 09:33 AM

JC

“ I had the privilege of being an assistant coach during Tom's final season as the head Trojan football coach. My first scouting trip was with Tom at Delone. I anticipated that our conversation would be about football. Instead we mainly talked about our families. It was evident that Tom was very proud of his family. What I really appreciated was that Tom took a sincere interest in me and my family that lasted during our friendship. During my son's years at CASHS he sometimes assisted in the athletic department when Tom was the athletic director. Tom was a very positive influence in my son's life just as he was in the lives of hundreds (thousands?) of athletes and students. Tom was the epitome of a dedicated teacher and coach as well as a dedicated caring husband and father and friend. I was blessed to have known Tom and to have him as my friend. I will always fondly remember him. My deepest sympathy to the Carroll family. May God be with you.

Jim Charlton

Jim Charlton - March 03, 2023 at 11:01 AM

BW

“ I was truly fortunate to have played football and run track for Coach Carroll, to have worked under him as an assistant football coach, to have had him as a true mentor and to have had him as a treasured life long friend. He had a profound and positive impact on me as he did for hundreds of others in his role of a teacher, coach and role model. He made those around him better people. His legacy will live on through his wonderful children, grand children and wife. He will be missed but never forgotten.
Burt Waite (#61)

Burt Waite - March 03, 2023 at 10:40 AM

JB

I didn't know coach Carroll but I served with his son Tom in the Army. Based upon the outstanding individual Tom is I know his father must have been a great and proud American, father, husband, friend, coach, and mentor. The family is in my prayers as you go through this challenging time take solace in a life well lived. Jack Brown

Jack Brown - March 04, 2023 at 11:09 AM

TC

Thank you Jack....always a Brother 03

Thomas Carroll - March 04, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ *What a great man. He was my coach in the mid 1970's. I moved away from Chambersburg for college and the military. I came back to Chambersburg in 1995 and attending a Trojan football game and as Tom came up the stairs, he saw me reached out his hand and said hello Jimmy Albrecht. He was a great coach and an even better human being. God bless him and his family.*

Jim Albrecht - March 03, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“*May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*”

This traditional Irish blessing that Tom frequently quoted and shared with our family has truly inspired me to reach for my goals, and to live my life to the fullest in every possible way.

As I reflect upon all of the invaluable advice, intellectual mentoring, and motivating words offered to me by my beloved Stepfather, Mr. Thomas J. Carroll, this sincere guidance has always resonated with me in the 15+ years I had getting to know this incredible man.

Each time I took on a new endeavor, Coach Tom was there with me every step of the way. Whether I was riding from Philly to the Jersey Shore in a bike ride for cancer research or MS, or coordinating an important project or fundraiser for work, he really did have my back. If I started to lose a bit of steam or got discouraged along the way, I'd channel his fortitude to cross the finish line, and thanks to Tom, I achieved and even surpassed so many of my aspirations.

Throughout that decade and a half we had together, he was not only a cheerleader for me, but a true champion for my husband, Andy, and ultimately, my Mom, Mrs. Mae Carroll.

Along the journey, we frequently embraced the memories of our departed loved ones including his late wife, Shirley, and my papa, Judge Bernie. Through it all, we did just that. We celebrated the precious lives of those who passed, and I'll always cherish those moments and conversations.

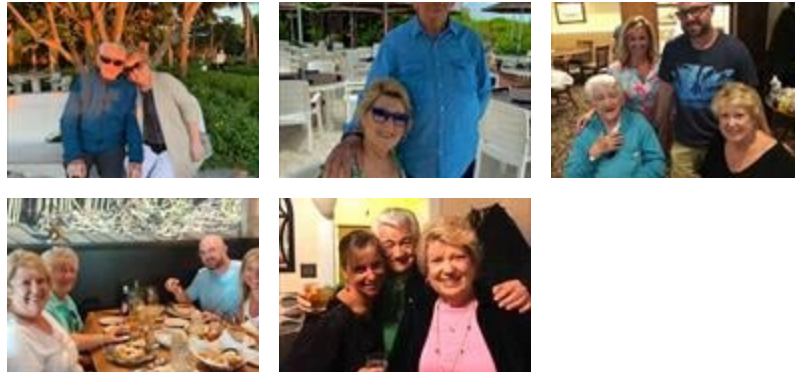
The love, the respect, and the care that he provided for my Mama, for his three beautiful children and their families, his former athletes, friends, and neighbors was a true blessing, and we will be forever grateful, in the days, weeks, and years to come.

As we say our final goodbyes and lay him to rest to join Shirley, we take comfort in knowing his heart was so big he will continue to watch over all of us for eternity.

So, Coach, we're raising a toast to you, with your Irish Jameson in hand, knowing you are in peace now and that your legacy will live on forever in our hearts, our minds, and our souls.

Now, I have a little favor to ask, let's root together for a stellar March Madness run (send me good bracket picks please), Phils' season (we got this in 2024 I hope?), and please, can our Birds get the golden prize this go around (never, ever do I say the SB word, but?)

*And with that, we won't "Worry about nuttin,'" as you always said, and we'll continue to live our lives to the fullest just like you did!
Cheers, Salud, and Sláinte!*



Lauren Turton - March 03, 2023 at 08:31 AM

AC

“ Michael, Kelly, and The Carroll Families;

Please accept our deepest and heartfelt condolences in the passing of your Dad. I don't have to tell you all, about what kind of person your Dad was. To me, he was one of the most humblest and respected men I ever met. Coach Carroll was a kind and gracious man who was DEDICATED to the job of Teaching and Coaching and Caring for the thousands of students and players in his care. I am so happy that he was able to live such a long life and be able to share his Love with you all. He was ALWAYS so proud of you; His Kids. I will miss TOMMY TROJAN!!!



Arthur Carter

Arthur Carter - March 03, 2023 at 07:31 AM