



# Thomas R. Altieri

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## **Thomas R. Altieri**

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**T**homas Altieri, 79, of Ashford, CT, passed away unexpectedly at his home Saturday, December 30, 2023. He was the son of the late Thomas and Eunice (Helin) Altieri. Born in Meriden, CT, Tom proudly served as a Meriden USPS letter carrier for 38 years making many friends along the way. One of Tom's first passions in life was weight lifting. He started out at an early age and continued throughout his entire life. He was a member of the Meriden YMCA barbell club. This physical attribute gave him the mental fortitude to greet life's tribulations with a smile. Tom was a lover of animals and nature. As a dogsled enthusiast, he possessed the hearts of more than 20 Huskies during his time as a musher. He and his wife spent many hours running their team and visiting local schools doing demonstrations. Tom's love for his family, friends and dogs knew no bounds. He loved to laugh and could often be found on the phone playing a practical joke on some lucky recipient. Tom's home was his pride and joy where he built a Vietnam war memorial, dog sled museum, weight lifting room and a workshop. He was very handy with tools and loved building things, always thinking ahead to his next project. Tom was fascinated with the metaphysical possibilities of life after death. He saw the end of his life incarnate as a new and exciting chapter. It is one he met head on with no fear but rather the courage of a sailor who sets off into the vast unknown. Tom leaves behind his loving wife Joanne (Bordonaro) of 58 years and daughter Jeannine Altieri; brother David Altieri; many nieces and nephews, including Derek (Tammy), Daren (Danielle), Nathan, Sarah, Cody, and Dakota Altieri; sister-in-law Andrea Bordonaro (Theresa Wanat); and many, many friends. He was predeceased by a brother Richard. As we celebrate his life we recall the lessons to be learned from his existence: live with compassion, integrity, honesty, tolerance and acceptance of whatever may come. Tom was one of a kind and shall be greatly missed! A memorial luncheon at his home is planned for late January, date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations



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in Tom's name can be made to the Ashford Volunteer Fire Department, 46 Westford Rd., Ashford, CT 06278, or your local humane society. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: [www.introvignefuneralhome.com](http://www.introvignefuneralhome.com)



## Tribute Wall

**Thomas R. Altieri**



**Chris** posted:

We're so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He and Joanne were wonderful neighbors. I can remember a story Dan Kane did on their sled dogs as they ran up our shared driveway. I think one of his first school demonstrations was for our son's 4th grade class. He was always pleasant and very gifted. We will keep his family in our prayers. Chris & Vickie Reiser

February 1 at 6:33 PM



**Candace Bouchard** posted:

Tom was one of the kindest and most admirable men I had ever met. I feel upset that I did not visit him this year to see his dog sledding museum. I met Tom through his dogs when I rescued Siberian Huskies. We first met after he agreed to adopt a female Siberian who desperately needed a home. He just went to the shelter and brought her home. He also told me I should call him if I ever came across a puppy. When I finally called him with news of a puppy, he hesitated initially. Then Joanne called out from the background, saying they wanted the puppy to ignore Tom and bring him to their home! They fell in love with Cody, just like all their other dogs. I always wished I had gotten into the sport myself after seeing him work with his dogs and hearing his stories. On one visit, Tom and Joanne took their team out for a run at Natchaug State Forest, and he let me take them out for a run - it was an unforgettable experience. Tom had a great sense of humor, and whenever you called him, he would make you question whether you had dialed the correct number, always ending in laughter. I miss talking to him, asking for advice, listening to his stories - and receiving their Christmas cards every year with pictures of his team—my prayers to you, Joanne, for your loss.

January 10 at 11:11 PM



**Teresa Ritchie** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



January 10 at 11:31 AM



**Teresa Ritchie** January 10 at 11:33 AM

Thoughts and prayers to Tom's family.



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DM

**Dan Mercuri** posted:

Tom was a good friend, good neighbor, and good co-worker. He was one of the first people that befriended me when I moved to Meriden. He was always there to help if I had a project at home and always willing to give a demonstration for the Scouts with his dogsled team the epitome of a nice giving thoughtful person he will be missed.

January 7 at 11:39 AM

RL

**Ron Lepak** posted:

To Mrs altieri and family so sorry for your loss i worked with tom at the post office he was a great guy he had a good sense of humor he will be missed

January 6 at 8:39 AM

VG

**Veronica Gavagni** posted:

To Mrs Altieri and family, please accept our sincerest condolences on the passing of Tom. Both my husband and I worked with him at the Meriden post Office, he was a great person, he and I had many conversations about things in life, he helped me by just being a friend. May he rest in the peace.  
Veronica and Mark Gavagni

January 6 at 4:35 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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