



Thomas Francis Bridges

July 21, 1945 - February 14, 2021

Thomas Francis Bridges, 75, of Taylors, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Sunday, February 14th, 2021 at Greer Memorial Hospital.

Born in Greenville, SC, he was the son of the late John Thomas and Mary Agnes Suttles Bridges. He was the Vice President of Harodite Industry in Travelers Rest and was a faithful member of City View Baptist Church in Greenville.

Surviving are his wife of fifty-three years, Mary Ann McAvoy Bridges; two sons: Barry Thomas Bridges (Sonya) and John David Bridges (Cheyanne); a brother Wayne Bridges (Sherry); three sisters: Shirley Hicks (Doug), Sandra Bowen and Mary Masters (Keith); and two loving grandchildren: Zach and Tyler Bridges.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 19th, 2021, at The Howze Mortuary.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 19th, 2021 in The Howze Mortuary Chapel. The service will be Live-Streamed at www.facebook.com/thehowzemortuary beginning at 1:50 p.m. Burial will follow in Greenville Memorial Gardens.

The family has requested anyone who attends the visitation or the service, please wear a mask and follow CDC guidelines.

Memorials may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation 230 East Ohio St. Suite 500 Chicago, IL 60611

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com

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The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of the arrangements. (864)

834-8051

Cemetery Details

Greenville Memorial Gardens

7784 Augusta Road
Piedmont, SC 29687

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary, Inc.
6714 State Park Road
P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC 29690
(864) 834-8051
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<https://www.thehowzemortuary.com/>

Service

FEB 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall



“ TOMMY IM deeply saddened to hear of passing YOUR WERE GREAT MAN IM' ZIGGY THE POLISH MAN IT BROKE MY HEART YOUR PASSING LAST NIGHT I I SAW YOU IN MY DREAM IN OLD STAFLEX HAROTEX YOU WERE THE ASKING ME TO GO BACK TO WORK I SAD NO TOMMY I CAN'T YOU SPIRIT TOLD ME TO CHECK OBITUARY AND I CHECK INTERNET MY HEART IS BROKEN MAY GOD LORD TAKES YOU TO HEAVEN REST IN PEACE MY DEER MANAGER I PRAY FOR YOUR SOUL , MAY YOUR FAMILY BE BLESS BY GOD GOOD BYE TOMMY'



ZYGMUNT HAMERSKI (ZIGGY) THE GUY FROM POLAND

Adam Novak - September 09, 2021 at 12:37 PM

KP

“ I had the opportunity to work with Tommy as he ordered Non-Wovens from our company. He was always extremely polite and very pleasant to work with over the years of working with him. I just found out today that he passed away back in February and was shocked to hear this tragic news. Continued prayers for Tommy's family as I'm sure this was a difficult time for his family.

Tommy will be greatly missed!!

Keith Phillips - Suominen Non-Wovens

Keith Phillips - May 10, 2021 at 03:55 PM

RK

“ We had the privilege of working with Tommy for over twenty years. He was kind, helpful and always interested in how we were doing. A request for an order always resulted in a discussion of many things related to everything but the order. We exchanged many many grandchildren stories. He was always a gentleman!

We were deeply saddened to hear of his passing, and would like his family to know how fond we were of him and how sorry we are for their loss.

*Robert Kidder and John Oliveria
New England Shirt Co*

Robert Kidder - March 04, 2021 at 02:35 PM

BM

“ What a wonderfully precious, sweet, sweet man. Thank you for allowing me to care for "Tommy". It was a joy to come to work and see his smiling face. We had become "buddies" and it was always such a pleasure to talk with him. He will not be forgotten as one of my favorites!!

Becky Moody - February 22, 2021 at 05:00 AM

CB

“ To the Bridges family,
Hard to put into words the kind of person
Tommy was? He was so knowledgeable in his
field at Harodite and everyone that dealt with
him I'm sure knew it. He could tell you
everything you needed to know off the top of his head. I always
enjoyed talking with him on the phone although it was only for 5 or
10 minutes at a time throughout the years. I had such high respect
for him. He always spoke so highly of his family and especially his
grandchildren. He was an angel on earth and will be an angel in
heaven.



He will be greatly missed.

Cindy Geist / Gitman Bros - February 20, 2021 at 08:49 AM



“ God has blessed me so much to have worked by Tommy's side and
to call him a friend, what a kind and humble man, love and miss
you, may God continue to bless Tommy's family, friends, and all
who knew him.

Dale Fulgham - February 20, 2021 at 12:13 AM

CL

“ Tommy was the best neighbor. We are going to miss the waves, the chats at the end of the driveway, and seeing him on that old red mower(of course in his hat, gloves, and khakis) It's hard to look out the window and know he's not right across the street anymore. We can't even imagine how much you will all miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
With Sympathy,
Casey & Courtney



Casey Lusk - February 19, 2021 at 11:00 AM

MK

“ Tommy was one of the nicest most honest and humble men I had ever worked with or knew in my lifetime. He will be sorely missed, rest in peace my friend.

Mitchell Knee - February 19, 2021 at 10:22 AM

MM

“ We are saddened by the loss of Tommy. There are not many in the world that can be called a "gentleman" but Tommy was one. He treated everyone with respect and would always go above and beyond to get us the things we needed to make our products. The world was a better place with Tommy in it. I am sure Heaven will be even better with Tommy being there. You are in our prayers. May God bless and comfort Tommy's family.



Mark Maloney - February 19, 2021 at 09:59 AM

AU

“ *All of us at Nationwide Uniform. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Thomas Francis Bridges.*



All of us at Nationwide Uniform. - February 19, 2021 at 09:46 AM

LG

“ To Mary Ann, Barry & John, I was so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. My years at Harotex were ones I remember dearly. Everyone loved Tommy and I was one of those. He was such a kind person, a very good boss, and truly a joy to be around every day.

On my first day of work at Harotex, I was informed, by another gal named Linda, that there were already 2 other Linda's there so we could certainly not have a 3rd Linda--so "you must go by another name". "What's your nickname?" (uh, no). "Ok, your middle name?" (uh, ok) which is why I became Linda Jean to everyone at Harotex. To everyone but Tommy. Tommy called me LeeAnn. He said I looked like a LeeAnn. So, for all the years I worked there, I was always LeeAnn to Tommy. It still makes me smile with genuine affection for him.

MaryAnn, I am grateful for knowing Tommy, for knowing you, and being a part of your family. I am sure your boys are wonderful young men now and I can bet they have a lot of the same attributes and kind qualities of their dad.

I am so sorry for this great loss in your lives. I hope the memories that are shared with you today by many friends help with the sorrow you feel. You are loved.

With sincere condolences,
Linda Jean (LeeAnn) Barnshock Galantowicz

Linda Galantowicz - February 18, 2021 at 10:59 PM

CB

“ We would like to send our deepest condolences to the Bridges family. We will miss Tommy's warm smile and heartfelt greetings. He was a wonderful person to work with, always treating us with respect and kindness. Our thoughts are with you in this difficult time. Carrie Bovender & Gloria Barbee, Grand Forest, Inc.

Carrie Bovender - February 18, 2021 at 10:08 PM

AS

“ Ann Satterfield lit a candle in memory of Thomas Francis Bridges



Ann satterfield - February 18, 2021 at 05:14 PM

AS

“ Dear Mary Ann, Barry, John and the grandsons, we are so very sorry for your loss. We feel that we have also lost a family member. Bill has known Tommy since high school and all the years we both worked with him. Ours prayers are with all of you. He was a very kind person and all who knew him will really miss him. Tommy and Danny can catch up on their time at Harodite now. God Bless. Bill and Ann Satterfield

Ann satterfield - February 18, 2021 at 05:13 PM

TF

“ The Grand Forest Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Francis Bridges.



The Grand Forest Family - February 18, 2021 at 04:26 PM

JT

“ Tommy made this world a better place. Our thoughts and prayers to the family.

Jay and Donna Tinkoff

Jay Tinkoff - February 18, 2021 at 03:18 PM

CA

“ Custom Analytics purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Thomas Francis Bridges.



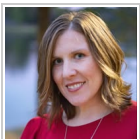
Custom Analytics - February 18, 2021 at 01:13 PM

MF

“ Dear Bridges Family. I only knew Tommy through Harodite but he made me feel like his friend. Tommy was a gentle and caring person and I will miss him. May God comfort this family.

Mary Lou Fowler

mary Fowler - February 18, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ Dear Bridges family, we are deeply saddened to hear of Tommy's passing. We truly loved being his neighbor! His smile was always contagious. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Odene & Colleen Pringle (6 Crowndale Ct)



Colleen Pringle - February 17, 2021 at 08:48 PM

WT

“ *Barry I am so very sorry for your loss. Sending prayer of Gods comfort and strength to you and your family.*

wanda thompson - February 17, 2021 at 08:39 PM

PS

“ *We will all miss Tommy's kindness and generosity. Our prayers are with you all.*

Pam and K.C. Spengeman - February 17, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas Francis Bridges.*



February 17, 2021 at 04:48 PM

AA

“ *Tommy will be missed by all who knew him. He was one of a kind and we were lucky to have him in our lives.*

Our hearts are with you all.

Aaron Albert - February 17, 2021 at 03:12 PM

DP

“ Dear Bridges family....We were neighbors on Delray Circle across the street from you and your dear mother. We sure missed you when you all moved to Taylors. We think of you often when we are outside sitting on the porch set we bought from you when you moved. We loved you all dearly and are so saddened to hear of Tommy's passing - should say his home going. This world is no longer the Christians home - we could be leaving any day now. He will be there waiting. Love you precious family.

Don & Charlene Patterson - February 17, 2021 at 02:15 PM

JC

“ Jennifer Crain lit a candle in memory of Thomas Francis Bridges



Jennifer Crain - February 17, 2021 at 01:35 PM

JC

“ To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Tommy was definitely one of a kind. The best boss anyone could ask for. He called me every year just to check up on us. You all are in my thoughts and prayers - Jennifer M Crain

Jennifer Crain - February 17, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas Francis Bridges.



February 17, 2021 at 11:23 AM

ES

“ *Marry Ann , I'm so sorry for your loss !
Elena (New York)*

Elena Simion - February 17, 2021 at 11:14 AM

SW

“ *Shirley, Sandy, Mary, and Wayne purchased the
Enchanted Cottage for the family of Thomas
Francis Bridges.*



Shirley, Sandy, Mary, and Wayne - February 17, 2021 at 11:12 AM

GC

“ *Mary Ann, Barry and John: I'm so sorry for your loss. Tommy was
one of a kind. I went to work at Harotex for the summer and stayed
11 years. I have a lot of good memories with your family, from
parking at your house and walking to Barry's football game to
watching John & Wesley play soccer. May God hold you close in the
days and weeks ahead.
Much love,
Gloria Cook*

Gloria Cook - February 16, 2021 at 11:17 PM

LY

“ *I am very sorry for y'all's loss! You are all in my thoughts and
prayers!! Love, Lisa Yarbrough(co worker with Sonya)*

Lisa Yarbrough - February 16, 2021 at 07:35 PM

EG

“ *What wonderful man and a fantastic neighbor. Barbara and I will surely miss our dear friend but the Lord wanted him home with him. We prayed and prayed for his recovery and I just have this void in my heart without my friend.*

Elton Gay - February 16, 2021 at 06:12 PM

AG

“ *I will miss you Tommy, and will always miss your disposition and help*
Antonio Gómez

Antonio Gómez - February 16, 2021 at 05:36 PM

TD

“ *Terry Dowers lit a candle in memory of*
Thomas Francis Bridges



Terry Dowers - February 16, 2021 at 04:51 PM

SS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you . Tommy was a good man and one I respected. I enjoyed knowing him and working with him for years. He will be missed. Shirley Seigle*

Shirley Seigle - February 16, 2021 at 04:39 PM

JL

“ *We will miss Tommy dearly but Heaven has gained a great man!*
Jim Lipscomb

James E Lipscomb - February 16, 2021 at 03:18 PM

TD

A great man

Terry Dowers - February 16, 2021 at 04:49 PM

LS

“ *You will be truly missed... fly high with the angels...
Lily Souza (Sunshine)*

Lily Souza - February 16, 2021 at 03:05 PM

LS

“ *Lily Souza lit a candle in memory of Thomas
Francis Bridges*



Lily Souza - February 16, 2021 at 02:53 PM

HM

“ *Dear Mary Ann and Family,
Tommy's character was one of a follower of Christ. It has always
been an honor to have known him for over 40 years and to call him
my friend. I will miss him tremendously. What a wonderful man he
was and memories of him will never be forgotten. Tommy loved
Jesus and he loved you, Mary Ann, and his family above all.
Tommy would want you to be leaning on Jesus for your strength
during this time. I'll be praying for your family now and during the
days to come.
In love,
Hamp*

Hamp Meadows - February 16, 2021 at 02:50 PM

AF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God’s presence be felt and strengthen you for the day’s ahead. Allen and Faye Fulgham (Dale’s parents).*

allen and faye fulgham - February 16, 2021 at 02:36 PM