



## Thomas J. McCluskey

May 8, 2022

Thomas James McCluskey of Fort Collins CO, died peacefully on Sunday, May 8, 2022 at the age of 95.

Tom was born on September 5, 1926 in County Monaghan, Ireland on the shores of Emy Lough and was the second of six children. He worked the family farm until making his way to America. He met his beloved wife Sheila at a dance in NYC and focused their family life around the Irish communities of NY and NJ starting in the early '60s. Tom and Sheila devoted their lives to raising their seven children, ensuring they had access to opportunities, while instilling a love of Irish culture at home.

He had a gift for turning a phrase and cracking a joke out of the side of his mouth that delighted his kids. After the long COVID lockdown, never losing his sense of humor, he took a long sip of his first Guinness, put down the glass, and declared the "long thirst is over". He opened his home and heart to extended Irish relatives with an everyone welcome spirit. Tom nurtured a strong bond with those in Emyvale through many trips back home and weekly Sunday calls. After raising their children, he and Sheila traveled to Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Maine, California, Colorado, Michigan, and Florida, visiting friends and grandchildren. Family life was the center of his universe. Tom retired from Volvo of America but shortly returned to work in the Whiting School District. He made his final home in Fort Collins, CO.

Survivors include his children Geraldine, John (Linda), Pattie (Jim), Aiden, Eileen (John), Kathleen (Adam). He has 12 loving grandchildren. Also surviving are siblings Annie and John Joe (Rosemary). He is predeceased by his wife Sheila, son Cormic, as well as siblings Kathleen, Mary, and Rita; parents, John and Jane.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10am on Monday, May 16th, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish followed by a luncheon and 12:30pm burial at Grandview Cemetery. The family asks all guests to respect COVID precautions while traveling and attending services & gatherings.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ataxia Foundation of Ireland (AFI.ie) or FARA (cureFA.org).

Tom's family extends sincere thanks to the loving staff and care givers at Collinwood Assisted Living and Bristol Hospice for their care and support.

His service will be live streamed on Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Elizabeth-Ann-Seton-Catholic-Parish-in-Fort-Collins-CO-613861565303368>

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Cemetery

1900 West Mountain Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 16. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
5450 South Lemay Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80525  
[seas@seas-parish.org](mailto:seas@seas-parish.org)  
<http://seas-parish.org/>

## Interment

MAY 16. 12:30 PM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery  
1900 West Mountain Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas J. McCluskey*

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October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Our sincerest condolences on the loss of father. Your mother and father will always have a special place in my heart. May all the wonderful memories bring comfort and solace in the days ahead. Bob and Bonnie Van Bochove and the entire staff at the Clarion Hotel, Toms River, NJ.*

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**Bob Van Bochove** - May 13, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ *I visited Tommy in Fort Collins 3 months ago to say goodbye. What a memorable and deeply meaningful time with him, John, Aiden, Eileen and Jay, and . The last day of that visit I thanked him for raising such a great family and how the world is such a better place for having the McCluskeys here. He looked up at John and Aiden with a feeling of love and pride that will be remembered eternally. May his legacy continue to ripple out and benefit folks forever. Sending love, peace and gratitude to all the family and friends of this great man.*  
*Winston*

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**Winston** - May 11, 2022 at 03:25 PM

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*Thinking of you all , you all have the complete set of Guardian angles looking over you now 💙🕊️🙏  
Rest in Peace in your eternal home with your soulmate Sheila uncle Tommy xx*

*Marina*

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**marina mohan** - May 13, 2022 at 11:06 PM

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*Sincere and heartfelt condolences for the passing of a very good and kind person . Thank you for giving us the opportunity to participate in the service for Tommy.*

*Seamus Collette Sam and Alfie*

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**collette blake** - May 16, 2022 at 11:56 AM

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*Deepest sympathy to you all, we have great memories of Tommy and Sheila over the years and are very glad we have them. We got to watch the service a bit late but it was beautiful. Rest in Peace Tommy Helen and Dan Kelly and family*

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**Helen kelly** - May 16, 2022 at 03:59 PM