



Thomas Ray Fudala

November 12, 1941 - January 5, 2025

Thomas “Tommy” Ray Fudala, filled rooms with the cheerful melodies of his accordion for many decades before taking his final bow on January 5, 2025, in Richmond, Virginia. His passing at age 83 silenced a musical legacy that began in West Point, Virginia.

Born on Nov 12, 1941, to Andrew and Mary Fudala, Tom’s passion for music emerged early in his childhood in West Point. His dream of pursuing music manifested notably through his mastery of the accordion, which became his signature instrument and brought joy to countless listeners.

Tom later served his country honorably in the United States Army, a chapter of his life that instilled discipline and a deep sense of duty.

Tom’s greatest source of pride was raising his two sons, Gary and Greg with his first wife, Linda. Later in life, he fell in love with Louise Hosfield Cooke, a friend from high school, and they married in 2015. She was a gentle and kind soul who loved to teach and brought immeasurable joy to all those around her.

His generous spirit shone through his ongoing support of St. Jude Children’s Hospital, where he not only made regular donations but also sponsored a child, exemplifying his commitment to helping others.

He is survived by his children, Gary (Lisa) and Greg (Kay); grandchildren Janine Birnbaum, Matthew Fudala, Kedrick Fudala, Camden Fudala, and Kaavya Fudala; and his siblings, Roger and Robin. Shortly after Tom's passing, Louise also passed away.

Tom and Louise's family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m, Sunday, January 26, 2025 at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th St., West Point, VA, with a joint funeral service beginning at 2 p.m. Please note, there will be no procession to the cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Tom's memory will live on through the music he shared, his dedication to family, and his enduring generosity. His friends, along with many others, will remember him for the songs he played and the cheer he brought to their lives.

Services for Mr. & Mrs. Fudala may be viewed with the following link: <https://vimeo.com/1051327129/441258bbeb?ts=0&share=copy>

Previous Events

Receive Friends

JAN 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Funeral Service

JAN 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GF

“ RIP Cuz Tom, I will forever remember you playing the “ Blue Skirt Waltz” for Faye and I. You and your wife were joined by my brother Kenneth G. Fudala, your cousin, last Thursday the January 16th. May y’all have a joyful reunion, Jerry and Faye Fudala

Gersld Fudala - January 22, 2025 at 07:36 PM



“ To the Extended Fudala Family, in particular Robin and Roger. I am so very sorry you've lost your brother. Growing up next door to Mary and Andy's family home, I have warm memories of our families gathering so often for holidays, birthdays and other festive occasions with our neighbors on Magnolia Drive. Whether a 4th of July backyard Picnic, with steamed crabs and watermelon, or other celebrations, there always seemed to be accordion music and some dancing!! Tom shared his talent and love for music for years, traveling to entertain so many people. As my sister Martha mentioned below, Tom was very kind in often visiting our Mom, Virginia Ryczak, both in her home in West Point and later at The Virginian, her Asst. Living facility here in Fairfax. We send you all our sincere and deepest sympathy. We know that Tom and Louise are at peace, and probably dancing the Polka with family in heaven! Maryann and Bill Casterline



Maryann Casterline - January 18, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ *Maryann Casterline lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ray Fudala*



Maryann Casterline - January 18, 2025 at 12:07 PM

VB

“ *To Roger, Richard and the entire Fudala and Hosfield families. We are so sorry to hear of the passing of two such wonderful people as Tommy and Louise. I remember growing up with both of them. I remember so well, Tommy playing polkas at church functions. I later played in our little Rock and Roll band, “The Rock-a-Tones”, which Tommy started. I was so happy when I heard that Tommy and Louise had gotten married. I knew that was truly the union of two wonderful people. They will both be greatly missed. I am so glad that I was fortunate enough to have known and grown up with them both. May God bless both families.*

Vic and Sharon Britton

vic and Sharon Britton - January 17, 2025 at 11:33 AM

DF

“ *Tommy's band played at my wedding and he played at my parents 50th Anniversary party. All the Fudalas and Sliwas are dancing the polka in heaven. Rest in peace cousin.*

Donna Fudala - January 16, 2025 at 05:28 PM

EL

“ Our sincere sympathy to all of Tommy’s family. May the love of Christ surround you as you go through this difficult time. Edward & Carol Lubno

Edward & Carol Lubno - January 16, 2025 at 02:29 PM

NS

“ Nancy Vaughan Scott lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ray Fudala



Nancy Vaughan Scott - January 16, 2025 at 10:28 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - January 16, 2025 at 07:01 AM

RC

“ R.T. Croswell And Donna Croswell lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ray Fudala



R.T. Croswell and Donna Croswell - January 16, 2025 at 06:16 AM

MW

“ *Martha Whiteley lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ray Fudala*



Martha Whiteley - January 15, 2025 at 07:50 PM

MW

*Dear extended Fudala family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Tom had long left our neighborhood on Magnolia Drive by the time I entered this world in 1962 but I do remember occasions when he visited West Point and entertained many with his gifted accordion playing. He was very kind and attentive to my mother after my father passed away and I appreciated his visits with her whenever he was in town.
May God grant eternal rest and peace unto Tom.*

Martha Whiteley - January 15, 2025 at 07:55 PM

MT

“ *Mike Tokarz lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ray Fudala*



mike tokarz - January 15, 2025 at 04:24 PM

JR

“ *John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ray Fudala*



john and vickie roane - January 15, 2025 at 03:03 PM

JB

“ *Prayers for a Soul of the Lord!!!*

Jerry Blanchard - January 15, 2025 at 12:30 PM