



## Thomas M. Kloza

November 24, 2022

Thomas M. Kloza, 65, of Johnston, passed away on November 24, 2022. He was the son of the late Stanley and Elda Kloza. He is survived by his brother David Kloza of Scituate, his aunt Angie Kloza and several cousins. Thomas was the owner and operator of the Ocean State Gym in Johnston for over 40 years. He was an avid sports fan of the Patriots, Bruins and other sports as well. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday December 3rd at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, Danielson Pike, Scituate. Burial is private. Calling hours Friday from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Winfield & Sons Funeral Home, 571 West Greenville Road, Scituate. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory  
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)  
Scituate, RI 02857  
(401) 647-5421

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Church  
144 Danielson Pike  
Scituate, RI 02857

# Tribute Wall

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“ Tommy you r the best, i will miss you so much, i started lifting at 13 in my basement and my friend and i joined ocean state i was 14, Tommy was still in his 20s, he was 29, in 1986 we asked him how much for a workout he said " \$4 boys " lol and we joined, those were the best times of my life, best guy ever, he let me slide on membership when i didn't have money and was always in a good mood, i worked out there for 10 years Tommy taught us alot we got big and strong, every wanted tom for a lift or spot lol, and i moved to Florida, i remember so many good times and characters, like mr magoo, crazy jim would come in and so many others, we would be there at 430 am and hear tommys tires screeching around corner as he came down morgan mill road at 430 lol, he loved us and we all loved Tommy, he was like the Joe Weider of Rhode Island, Tommy u will be missed, this was devastating news to find out, i love u my brother, miss u and ur at the new ocean state in heaven and playing hockey, u r the best tom, rest in peace

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**Peter Gregelevich** - October 01, 2023 at 08:32 AM



“ Thank you for being a friend for so long.. love the swede I know you playing hockey in heaven brother..

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**Eric Nord** - December 19, 2022 at 05:47 PM

MM

“ Back in the summer of 1996 I decided I needed to learn how to workout in order to make the varsity basketball team. My mom took me to OSG and we met Tommy and she signed me up for six months.

Thereafter, I would ride my mountain bike from the other side of Johnston to the gym where Tommy would show me basic movements with free weights and machines. He even let me workout with him for the first three weeks or so!

From that point on I would drift in and out of the gym over the years. However, every time I went in the gym Tommy would speak to me like I never left and the conversations were genuine and real!

The friendships I have made through the OSG sanctuary are precious. Tommy your impact on so many lives will reverberate through generations to come. You have done God's work here in Earth and I'm confident you are spotting the best lifters and beginners up there in Heaven.

RIP Tommy

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**Michael Monahan** - December 07, 2022 at 10:54 AM

SP

“ You turned no one away! You always had a good thing to say! You and your gym are the reason I get up every morning and work out. You will be terribly missed my friend!!! Rest in peace Tommy!

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**scott philbin** - December 05, 2022 at 06:56 AM

TP

“ Tommy, I will never forgot your beautiful smile and heart of gold. You always so kind to everyone. The Scotti Family will forever bless your soul and love you. You entered eternal heaven and rest on the same day our beloved father did, November 24th. I hope Jimmy Scotti welcomed you in heaven with a trowel; remember those days with Vito and Louie. We love you and will never forget you. David, we are hear for you and you are loved! God Bless your soul Tommy Kloza!

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**Therese Marie Picard** - December 03, 2022 at 02:31 PM

CM

“ Tommy,

*You leave us all with a full heart...*

*"I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness; no he shall possess the light of life." (John 8:12).*

Love,

Cheryl

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**c macedonio** - December 03, 2022 at 11:11 AM

TZ

“ Tara Zanni lit a candle in memory of Thomas M. Kloza



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**Tara Zanni** - December 03, 2022 at 08:21 AM

MB

“ *Michael Bergeron lit a candle in memory of Thomas M. Kloza*



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**michael bergeron** - December 02, 2022 at 10:51 PM

JC

“ *John And Gayle Carnevale. lit a candle in memory of Thomas M. Kloza*



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**John and Gayle Carnevale.** - December 02, 2022 at 08:37 PM

BC

“ *Benny & Faith Cordero lit a candle in memory of Thomas M. Kloza*



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**Benny & Faith Cordero** - December 02, 2022 at 05:31 PM

SC

“ *STEPHEN CAPRIOLI lit a candle in memory of Thomas M. Kloza*



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**STEPHEN CAPRIOLI** - December 02, 2022 at 02:54 PM

RW

“ *Most certainly a shock and hard to believe. Thank you, Tom. From the first time I set foot in Ocean State in 2001, until the last time I was there in September, it was always a pleasure because of your friendly kind nature. Old school Johnston all the way. Godspeed my friend, Ray Ward.*

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**Ray Ward** - December 02, 2022 at 02:25 PM

SP

“ *1 file added to the album Photos & Videos*



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**Steve Peltier** - December 02, 2022 at 09:40 AM

TP

*Awesome picture; that million dollar smile! What a loss!*

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**Therese Marie Picard** - December 03, 2022 at 02:34 PM

SC

“ *Steve C lit a candle in memory of Thomas M. Kloza*



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**Steve C** - December 01, 2022 at 10:18 PM

KE

“ Tommy was a rare beautiful kind and unique soul. His ripples will be felt for a very long time.

*Captain*

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**Ken** - December 01, 2022 at 11:18 AM

BH

“ Brenda H lit a candle in memory of Thomas M. Kloza



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**Brenda H** - December 01, 2022 at 08:12 AM

MP

“ Tom was a super guy with a heart of gold. He was always in a good mood. He knew how to produce champions. Tommy was Ocean State.

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**Mike Pezzullo** - November 30, 2022 at 07:37 PM

MC

“ There was simply no one like Tommy. There are not many people who have had the positive impact on multiple generations of lifters and New Englanders than Tommy did. RIP Tommy, you will be truly missed.

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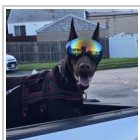
**Mike Cnaan** - November 30, 2022 at 06:37 PM

AB

“ *Al Baccari lit a candle in memory of Thomas M. Kloza*



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**Al Baccari** - November 30, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *Of the 22 years I trained there Tommy was my friend and confident for so many trials and tribulations I faced. He was always a source of advise and positive reinforcement. He was also my friend and life won't be the same without him.*

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**Keith Trombley** - November 30, 2022 at 04:16 PM

MI

*Kloza family were loving old souls. Elda so much energy and welcomed all onto Klozas field. Many fond memories of Tommy are with all in the Johnston community .Our sincere condolences.Mitson family.*

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**Mitsons** - December 01, 2022 at 02:11 PM

RL

“ *Robin Antonelli Leonti lit a candle in memory of Thomas M. Kloza*



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**Robin Antonelli Leonti** - November 30, 2022 at 04:07 PM

JJ

“ I met Tommy the first year the Gym opened up he taught me how to work out with the Gym equipment. I made All State in football way Back in 1982 a year after joining His gym. He was such a Awesome Friend he let me take his white Trans Am car to my senior Prom. Still a great memory From a great Man. Rest in piece

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**james jacavone** - November 30, 2022 at 04:00 PM

AS

“ Tommy was a great guy. I Met him when i was 16 years old at the gym. He Always went out of his way to be nice to me, help me on my workouts, pointers e.c.t. Ive know him 22 years he was always a gentleman. He will be missed. They dont make guys like Tommy no more, he was cut from a different cloth. RIP Buddy.  
Anthony

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**Anthony M Sivo** - November 30, 2022 at 02:10 PM

CA

“ Very shocked and saddened to hear about Tommy's sudden death. As a member of Ocean State Gym from 1986-2002, I have vivid memories of my time in the gym and they all revolve around Tommy, or TK as I used to call him. Even after life changes took me away from the gym, I'd stop in from time to time to say hello and Tommy treated me as if I'd never left and he'd seen me yesterday. He was a salt of the earth kind of guy and the culture he created at Ocean State was unique and of another era. It will never be duplicated and the same can be said of Tommy. RIP my friend. Chris Aleixo

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**Chris Aleixo** - November 30, 2022 at 01:30 PM

RM

*Tommy was a class act, he ran a great gym and I enjoyed working out there and boxing when he had the ring set up many years ago. Thank you Tommy for providing a great friendly atmosphere where me and my friends could gather and workout. My sincere condolences to the family. RIP buddy!*

*Ralph Melucci*

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**Ralph C Melucci** - December 01, 2022 at 02:54 PM

FC

*I have many fond memories. Growing up and living next-door to Tommy, David , Stanley, and Elda. They were wonderful, neighbors and friends to my parents. Tommy always greeted me with a smile and a kind word. He was a simple man who dedicated his life in service to others. He will be missed. God bless your soul Tommy. You died on the same day my daddy died, 11/24, and all the Scotti family loves you..*

*Fran Colucci*

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**Fran Colucci** - December 03, 2022 at 11:59 PM

MG

*For decades, Tommy and OSG became synonymous, an open sanctuary, welcoming anyone, regardless of personal situations.*

*Like Keith Trombley said, Tommy was a genuine friend, trusted confidant, and always available with advice, generosity, whatever necessary to help a member of the OSG family.*

*OSG was a home for many of us and it was Tommy's kindness, hospitality, sense of humor, and enthusiasm that filled the air and created that special feeling of safety and security and being accepted despite any of our own weaknesses and idiosyncrasies.*

*Tommy and OSG have literally saved lives and prevented many a suicide through that special spirit and special manner.*

*Words are not enough and can't really explain the trusted atmosphere and personal friendships when members of OSG confided with Tommy.*

*The loss is devastating and his absence leaves a monumental gap, a hole that can't be filled, a void like outer space and pictures and memories are all we have left to remind ourselves of how precious Tommy Kloza was as a human being.*

*Tommy was there for me, more than I can explain on this web page. Tommy accepted me and my troubles, tears, and tribulations, and found energy to support me and many others the same way.*

*I owe Tommy debts of gratitude that could never be repaid. So do many others for sure!*

*Tommy, I'm sorry for the bad times, and eternally grateful for all the good times and your amazing friendship. I've always shouted your name out loud, during random moments and adrenaline rushes, just letting out the happiness of being part of OSG and knowing you.*

*I shout your name with tears today. Goodbye Tommy, my friend and brother, always loved you and will NEVER forget you!*

*" Ocean State Gym, if you can't do it here, you just can't do it! "*

*---Mario---*

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**Mario Juliano Grande-Balletta** - December 05, 2022 at 11:41 AM

AF

*The Kloza family were my neighbors on Elmdale Avenue. Tommy was a great kid! I was older but Tommy was good friends with my Sister Ursula, I remember having a pick up game of basketball with Tommy, David and the guys on the street! Tommy was always a great athlete!.D and a respectful person. David I am so sorry for your loss..A wonderful person taken to person.*

*Freddy Frenze*

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**alfred Frenze** - December 05, 2022 at 08:27 PM

ST

*RIP in Tommy*

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**Steve** - December 07, 2022 at 03:16 PM