



## Thomas Michael 'Gunny' Dunn

October 8, 1952 - October 7, 2020

Thomas Michael 'Gunny' Dunn, 67 of Spotswood, New Jersey passed away on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at his home.

Born Wednesday, October 8, 1952, in New York City, he was the son of the late James and May Dunn.

When Thomas was 6 the Dunn family would move to Old Bridge, NJ. Thomas would grow up in Old Bridge, and go on to graduate from Madison High School class of 71. A true patriot, Thomas would join the United States Marine Corps. He would serve honorably in the Corps for 7 years on active duty, and then for an additional 20 years in the Marine Corps Reserves. He was last stationed with the 6th Motor Transport Battalion in Red Bank, and retired as a Gunnery Sergeant. It was during his service that we would marry the love of his life, Annette Altvater. The couple would raise their own children in Old Bridge. They would eventually settle in Spotswood in 2009. Gunny as he was known, worked for Old Bridge Township and then worked as a purchasing agent for the Blackstone Company and also for Home Depot, before working for House of Paints. Gunny was an active member of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh in Old Bridge, where he organized and ran the Toys for Tots drives, he was also a member of the V.F.W., the Marine Corps League, and the American Legion. Gunny enjoyed completing crossword puzzles, word searches, and playing shuffleboard. He always liked watching western and

military movies, and watching his favorite sports teams, the NY Yankees, and NY Giants. Gunny had a great sense of humor and was quick with a good joke. What Gunny loved the most was his family, playing with his grandsons, and spending time with all those he loved. He will be missed by all those that were blessed to have him in their lives.

Thomas was predeceased by his parents, James and May Dunn, and by his brothers, Jimmy Dunn and Johnny Dunn.

Thomas is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Annette, by his loving daughters, Megan Bucior and her husband Edward, and Shannon Dunn and her longtime companion Kenny Shanley, by his cherished grandsons, Eddie and Tommy Bucior, by his caring siblings, William Dunn and Ginna DeLeo, by many loving nieces and nephews, and by his faithful dog Shala.

A celebration of Gunny's life will be held this Sunday between the hours of 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM, at the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, located at 15 Oak St. Old Bridge, NJ 08857. The gathering will be held at the outdoor pavilion.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com](http://www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **11**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh  
15 Oak St  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Michael 'Gunny' Dunn*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Michael 'Gunny' Dunn.*



October 11, 2020 at 06:53 AM



“ *Annette and Family - so very sorry for your lose. So glad I got the chance to meet the two of you through your Marine Corps family, and the many Marine Corps birthday balls I attended. Tommy - thank you for your sense of humor and all the laughs. Fly high to the Heavens my friend. Rest in peace.*

*Barbara Dawson*

**Barbara Dawson** - October 10, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ *Dear Shannon and Annette: I was a young teen when we met the Dunn family, the Dunn boys and sister. They were all handsome and fun, and I have only really nice memories of Tommy and you. I wish you peace in your heart, a short grief, and very long happy memories. Colette Conroy Monroe*

**Colette Conroy Monroe** - October 09, 2020 at 05:14 PM

SP

“ Dearest Shannon and Annette  
Please accept my sincerest sympathies and  
condolences for the loss of your beloved  
Thomas. May he rest in peace.  
Sandra and Richard



Sandra Pagli - October 09, 2020 at 08:38 AM

JK

“ Thank you for your service. RIP

John Kernochan - October 09, 2020 at 03:27 AM

TC

“ Served with Tom at 6th Motors and was in the Marine Corps League  
with him. Lots of memories from drill and doing Toys for Tots.  
Condolences to the Family he will be missed.

Tom Cox CW2 OKARNG

Thomas G Cox - October 08, 2020 at 09:21 PM

BJ

“ Billy & Mieko, Billy & JJ purchased the America t  
he Beautiful for the family of Thomas Michael  
'Gunny' Dunn.



Billy & Mieko, Billy & JJ - October 08, 2020 at 09:20 PM

JF

“Gunny will always be remembered by everyone down at the friendly sons. Our condolences to the family. We followed you guys on facebook since we moved and he really loved those little guys. Now he will watch over from up above.

*Walter and Joyce Farrell*

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**joyce farrell** - October 08, 2020 at 09:16 PM

WD

“Don't forget to say hello to the Marines guarding the "Pearly Gates"! Semper-Fi big bro and Happy Birthday in Heaven.....Brother Billy

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**William Dunn** - October 08, 2020 at 09:08 PM

KB

“Had the privilege of serving with Tom in the Marines for many years at 6th Motor Transport Battalion. A true patriot...was always front and center when things had to get done. He made a difference in his life - to our country, his community, friends & family. He will be missed. Semper Fi Gunny. Kevin Barth, CWO-5, USMCR (Ret)

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**Kevin Barth** - October 08, 2020 at 06:31 PM

DP

“Though I knew well, that he had many years of struggling health, I am still in disbelief. He has left quite the legacy. His patriotism, inner strength, and wicked, (or insert your own adjective), wit are among the many. Most of all, Tommy Dunn loved his family without measure. If blessed enough for him to call you a friend, we all felt it too. He will always have a place in our hearts. Here for support, Dunn family.

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**Deborah Purcell** - October 08, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ So very sorry to hear about Tommy's passing. Although I hadn't seen him in many years, I enjoyed talking sports and politics with I'm on Facebook the last few years. Deepest condolences from me and my family.  
*Richie Dwyer*

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**Richie Dwyer** - October 08, 2020 at 02:38 PM

TR

“ *Tina Regina lit a candle in memory of Thomas Michael 'Gunny' Dunn*



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**Tina Regina** - October 08, 2020 at 12:37 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy for this tremendous loss to the entire family. The lord has him and will help you through this difficult time. Many prayers to all of you. Trust in him. God bless!*  
*Tina Regina*

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**Tina Regina** - October 08, 2020 at 12:36 PM