



Mr. Thomas S. Dovi

February 16, 1951 - January 24, 2026

Thomas S. Dovi, 74, returned to his heavenly home to walk with Jesus on January 24th, 2026, nearly three years after the love of his life made her journey to Heaven. His family will cherish the wonderful memories made through the years, as we all patiently wait to walk together again in God's Kingdom. We know that Thomas and Diana are dancing happily in Heaven, together again.

Thomas was born on February 16th, 1951, in Cortland, NY. A 1970 graduate of Cortland High School, Thomas married his high school sweetheart, Diana Catalano, in 1972. Together they walked in faith, devoted to each other, raising three children. Thomas was an owner and the Service Manager at Dovi Motors all his life, and even in his retirement he continued to help in any way he could at the dealership. Thomas was an amazing woodworker, creating priceless hand-made treasures for friends and family in his home workshop. He also used his craftsmanship skills to build homes for his family.

Thomas was predeceased by his beloved wife, Diana, his parents, Anthony Sr. and Mary Ellen (Vormwald) Dovi, his father and mother-in-law, James and Linda Catalano, and his brother Joseph. Thomas leaves behind his immediate and large extended family. He will be deeply missed by his three children, Thomas, Joyel (Mark) Ecker, and Jenna (George) Chalsen; his grandchildren, who were his pride and joy, Mark T., Leah, Jack, Blake, and Richard. Thomas

also leaves behind his sister and brothers, Patricia, Anthony Jr., Philip, Charles, and David, many nieces and nephews, and many dear friends.

Calling hours will be Friday, January 30th, from 4:00pm – 7:00pm, at St Anthony's Church on Pomeroy St. A Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, January 31st, 2026, 10:00am, at St. Anthony's Church, in Cortland. Interment will immediately follow at St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a donation in Thomas' memory are asked to consider the Cortland Pregnancy Center, 4 Church St., Cortland, NY, contact at 607-753-3909, or Country Acres Animal Shelter via their website www.countryacresanimalshelter.org .

Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y. www.riccardifuneralhome.com

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” -Proverbs 3:5-6

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Tom was a dear and precious friend! He loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Tom faithfully served Jesus, and walked closely with Him moment by moment, day by day, and continually encouraged those he touched to fix their hope on Him! Tom cherished his beloved wife Diane, his children, grandchildren, family and friends. He will be greatly missed! We rejoice with Tom knowing that he is truly in the most wonderful place in the universe! I'm certain Tom heard these words from Jesus that we all long to hear, "well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord." God bless you my friend, soon we will all be together for eternity!

John Lafian - February 03 at 09:00 AM

FH

“ I met Tom about 57 years ago when my family and I came from Italy. I didn't know anyone, so my cousins became my closest friends, I practically lived at Stewart Ave. I remember him and Diane as high school sweethearts, they made the most beautiful couple, and that magic continued throughout their life. ❤️ Tom is always been kind, considerate, one of the nicest men I ever met. He sold me my first car, a Mercury Comet, light blue with dark blue leather interior, such a good looking car I wish I still had it. When I was diagnosed with cancer him and Diane were so supportive even though they were going through their own fight they found the time to reach out, sent encouraging thoughts and prayers. Their strength and faith has been inspirational to me. I shed tears of sorrow, but I know that his soul is happy reunited with the love of his life May God bless him, and this family, and may our Good Lord send his angels to comfort you during this difficult time. With much love. Fran Higgins.

Francesca Higgins - January 30 at 12:40 PM

JH

“ *Jon & Nicole Hiller purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Thomas S. Dovi.*



Jon & Nicole Hiller - January 30 at 11:28 AM

BJ

“ *Brittany, Chris, Micah & Gianna Johnson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Thomas S. Dovi.*



Brittany, Chris, Micah & Gianna Johnson - January 30 at 11:19 AM

BJ

“ *Brittany, Chris, Micah & Gianna Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Thomas S. Dovi.*

Brittany, Chris, Micah & Gianna Johnson - January 30 at 11:19 AM

MF

“ *McNerney Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Thomas S. Dovi.*

McNerney Family - January 30 at 08:12 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas S. Dovi.*



January 30 at 08:12 AM



“ *We are so blessed to call Tom and Diane friends. We met in 1982. As a young couple, we lived next door to them and had the opportunity to become close and share so many memories. They were there in fun times, they are Danielle, godparents. They both were a living example of a great marriage and loving parents. Although we moved several times, we never lost touch and kept our friendship going. We miss them but know they are together and we will see them again. We love you and will remember you always!
Ernie and Astrid and daughters Arlington, Texas*

Ernie - January 29 at 11:58 AM



“ *Tom, Joyel, Jenna---We are so sorry for your loss. Your Dad missed your Mom so much, and we are hoping that you can take some comfort knowing that they are together now. We firmly believe that they are! He was so proud of all of you and his "Grands". You will be in our prayers. May he and your mom rest in peace. With love, Kevin, Sheila, Zack (Annie), Nathan (Nicole) and Maggie (Kenny)*



The Kevin Ossit Family - January 29 at 11:55 AM