



Thomas Frederick Daley

October 17, 1953 - January 31, 2015

Thomas Frederick Daley passed away on January 31, 2015, at the age of 61. He is survived by his wife, the love of his life, Margaret Mary Daley, his two daughters Bernadette Daley and Monique Daley; his mom Winifred Joan Daley; his brother Stephen Daley and his wife Donna; his twin sister Therese Budd and her husband Lee; his brother Joe Daley and his wife Debbie; his sister Maryann Azzato and her husband Bud; his sister Christine Ternosky and her husband Mark; his sister Rosie Daley; his brother Anthony Daley and his wife Maria; his brother John Daley and his wife Nancy; his sister Kathleen "Tootsie" O'Neill and her husband Tom; his brother Matthew Daley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tom's father Fred Daley, his brother Paul Daley, and his sister Bernadette Daley predeceased him.

A native of New Jersey, Tom served as a licensed attorney in Louisiana for 36 years and as a judge for 18 years, serving on both the 40th Judicial District Court and the Louisiana 5th Circuit Court of Appeal. He finished his legal career as the District Attorney for St. John the Baptist Parish. Tom worked hard at every job and was always ready and willing to help anyone in need. Tom was a dedicated public servant, a man of great faith, and a selfless husband, father and friend.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 529 W. 5th St., LaPlace on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A private burial will

be held at a later date. Arrangements by Millet-Guidry Funeral Home.
In lieu of flowers, mass cards for Tom are very much appreciated and can be
obtained from any Catholic parish.
To view or sign the online guest book, please visit www.milletguidry.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
529 W. 5th St.
LaPlace, LA 70068

Mass

FEB 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Frederick Daley*

October 05, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to the entire Daley family, in both LA and NJ. So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Memories of his goodness will hopefully soften your sorrow.*
Beth (Pickering) Carter

Beth - February 16, 2015 at 12:24 PM



“ *I am so deeply saddened to learn of Judge Daley's passing. I worked for him as a law student at the 5th Circuit, and he has had such a tremendous and lasting influence on me. He was a wonderful mentor and someone that I looked up to, and will always be the gold standard by which all other prosecutors and judges are measured. There quite simply not enough words to describe what a fantastic person he was, and I am sending my thoughts and prayers to his family. He will never be forgotten.*

Shanthala Critz - February 14, 2015 at 11:31 AM

MM

“ During the last few days of my tenure as Chief Administrative Officer for St. John the Baptist Parish, Tom and I spent a couple of hours together over lunch. I admired Tom for his dedication, integrity, and honesty. He shared some advice with me that I will always remember. He was dedicated to his work and the community and I very much enjoyed working with him. My condolences to his entire family. We have an angel watching over us all from above.

Peace and Blessings,

Marie Brown Mercadel

Marie Brown Mercadel - February 10, 2015 at 01:55 AM

CT

“ I have been friends with Tom since High School. We have not seen much of each other over the past 40 years, perhaps a half dozen times and I haven't seen his wife Maggie since High School. However, Tom was always one of the good guys and a guy I knew that I could always count on. I know Maggie and their daughters will miss him as will all of his siblings and particularly his Mom. I felt privileged to know him and to call him a friend. I will miss his smile, his wit and his incite into people. It has taken me a while to work up the strength to write something about Tom. Somehow his death has affected me a great deal, maybe because we were very close at one time. Anyway, my profound sympathy to all of the member of his family and his other friends, because we have all lost a good human being.

Chris Town

Chris Town - February 08, 2015 at 03:32 PM

DA

“ So very sorry for your loss. Praying for you all today as you honor the life of such an incredible man. God bless you all and I pray that His loving arms will carry you through the days ahead as well. Love, Debi Adams

Debi Adams - February 05, 2015 at 11:15 AM

PA

“ Condolences to the Daley family from, Sr. Pastor Laurie Taylor-Adams and the Voice of Truth Church Family of Laplace, La. 2925 New Highway 51 Suite A May the Peace of God richly rule your hearts.



Pastor Laurie T. Adams - February 05, 2015 at 10:35 AM

JM

“ As Mrs. Margaret and Mr. Tom were dancing (as they did so well) at our wedding in 2012, I remember thinking, "Wow!! After all these years, they are still so in love!!". It's that love that will continue to be an example for Bernie, Monique, and everyone who knew Mr. Tom!! Cherish your precious family memories and talk about them often. All our love to the Daley family! - Todd, Jilliane, & Henderson McCardle

Jilliane McCardle - February 05, 2015 at 09:51 AM

JC

“ Tom, you were a very special classmate At Wildwood Catholic. Your family was awesome xo. Had not seen you since we graduated in 1971...but heard you were doing well. Proud to had known you. Love Jeanne Maurer Clement

Jeanne Maurer Clement - February 05, 2015 at 08:37 AM

JK

“ I remember Tom from the days he was a student at Loyola Law School. I also remember him fondly as a loyal alumnus of this school. we will miss him at Loyola and I know that he will be missed in St. John Parish!

Jim Klebba

Jim Klebba - February 04, 2015 at 04:42 PM

HH

“ Many of you knew Tom personally, but I met him professionally shortly after his election as District Attorney. Tom had a fine legal mind and was a most Honorable Gentleman. Also a consummate and honest professional, not just on the bench but as the District Attorney of a community he loved well. He honored me by asking that I serve the citizens of St. John the Baptist Parish as a Special Assistant, and he was a great boss as well.

He will be missed.

HUGO HOLLAND

Hugo Holland - February 04, 2015 at 11:26 AM

MS

“ On behalf of the Simenc's, we extend our most sincere condolences to the Daley family - I only knew Tom through his brother Anthony. It is evident that both share their devotion to family and faith and it is in these times that both offer the solace needed during this time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you! - The Simenc Family

Mick Simenc - February 04, 2015 at 08:31 AM

WR

“ My wife, Phyllis, and I were the first couple married by Tom after his election as a judge. He recently reminded me of that fact and we take much pleasure in this. I also had several opportunities to take his counsel in my attempt at attending L.S.U. Law School post medicine when he was an adjunct professor there. Again , It was a much valued and thoughtful, personal approach.

I am struck by his devotion to a community not of his birth. We were privileged to have had him choose to not only live here, but to make this community his and to devote himself so unselfishly to its betterment.

So very few can match his measure.

Missed not only by his family, but also by "his" community.

Wayne and Phyllis Robichaux

wayne robichaux - February 03, 2015 at 09:07 PM

BD

“ Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow. May your memories help comfort you!

Bonnie Dinvaut - February 03, 2015 at 12:53 PM

CB

“ *My deepest sympathy goes to Tom's family. I had the good pleasure of working with him through the LA District Attorneys Assoc. He was always very dedicated to his work and a true gentleman. He had a great understanding of the law and could focus on the task at hand better than anyone else. He will be missed. Charles Ballay, District Attorney of Plaquemines Parish*

Charles Ballay - February 03, 2015 at 11:21 AM

TS

“ *You were a great attorney, judge and a overall great person. You will be sadly missed by all. Take you're rest Mr. Daley.*



Tonia Schnyder - February 03, 2015 at 10:29 AM

RG

“ *Randal Gaines lit a candle in memory of Thomas Frederick Daley*



Randal Gaines - February 03, 2015 at 10:10 AM

LJ

“ *May the Daley family find comfort in the memories we hold so close to our hearts.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The Marks Family

Luce Marks, Jr. - February 03, 2015 at 09:55 AM

JE

“ *i look at that bench every day*

jerry - February 03, 2015 at 06:04 AM

JP

“ *Always a smile and a pleasant word to share;
Tom Daley will be missed by his family and
extended friends. May the Daley family
receive comfort to help with their healing
process. Judy Pinter*



Judy Pinter - February 02, 2015 at 10:57 PM

JE

“ Oh my... I didn't know. My condolences to the entire family – we are sad even as we celebrate a remarkable life well spent. Tom and I went to law school together. Quite specifically, we met on the very first day of registration. We two, and the third, Ms. Leslie Fields, spent the day, and week, together – NYC, South Shore, NJ, and Philly - new souls, adventurers, discovering an older, soulful city. It was hot, crazy hot, and we grew to love that too. In synchronicity, Tom & I, our last law school project, getting a job, was also done together. Somehow we scored the use of an IBM Selectric ?, a memory typewriter. Together, we composed tens and tens of letters, with resume, to the East Coast, New Orleans, and the Pacific Northwest. So we shared some dreams and proof-reading duties. Later, we cringed at the cruel irony that his cover letter spelled the word competent wrongly. In time, what fun we had laughing, without reservation, at that little curveball. Suffice to say, neither of us forgot spelling of that word. Tom had an infectious laugh. And good vibration.

One final memory: September, 1975. Bruce Springsteen was about to be discovered by the nation but of course Tom already knew him well. Within the month, The Boss would be on the cover of Time magazine. I was at that N.O. concert and remember looking toward the front side, and there, atop a black speaker system as big as a house trailer, was my new friend Tom, shirt off and swinging to the sounds of the Jersey shore.

In that first semester, I believe we both shared a modified meal plan, even though we lived off campus. On the line, his song was always the same: “on the way to Cape May, I fell in love with you ...”

John J. Talay, Esq. - February 02, 2015 at 09:43 PM

DD

“ *My thoughts and prayers to Tom Daley' s family.*



Donna Duhe - February 02, 2015 at 08:56 PM

DD

“ *Donna Duhe lit a candle in memory of Thomas Frederick Daley*



Donna Duhe - February 02, 2015 at 08:54 PM

JH

“ *Wishing The Daley family our thoughts and prayers....Heaven's gain is the loss of so many. May God welcome you into his loving arms, Tom.*
Janice and Bubby Haydel

Janice Haydel - February 02, 2015 at 08:26 PM

AS

“ *Our prayers are with Margaret and family. We will miss him. He was a wonderful caring man.*

Alisha and Todd Clement Sr. - February 02, 2015 at 08:18 PM

HH

“ Dearest Margaret, Bernadette & Monique, words cannot even begin to express our sorrow for your immense loss. Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers. Heidi & Tim Hogan

Heidi Hogan - February 02, 2015 at 08:03 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear this news of Tom,s death. Our prayers go out to the family. May he RIP.

The Sperlings

Johnny Sperling - February 02, 2015 at 07:05 PM

 Chris Workmon

“ I'm sure, like all that were his friend, finding one memory to stand out in the lifetime of memories is indeed difficult to pick. He will be at my side or behind me when I need a push in the right direction, in many faces where and when ever there is great music being played, good food to be enjoyed or a lively yet structured debate. Or just two friends watching a great sunset in the backyard discussing the Universe of possibilities for the conditions of our human community. Run to your hearts content Brother, our love goes with you.
Chris

Chris Workmon - February 02, 2015 at 05:59 PM

SR

Heart Felt condolences to the Daley family. Tom was one of a kind and taught me a lot about the law. He was a quality person of high repute and wisdom. He was very kind to me and a tribute to the legal profession. He will be missed by many. Stew Randall

Stewart P. Randall - February 02, 2015 at 11:59 PM

KT

Margaret, Just wanted to let you know how sorry I am. Please know you and your girls are in my thoughts and prayers. I only saw Tom a few times but he was always there with that infectious smile. Even his eyes smiled at you.

Kit Troxler - February 03, 2015 at 07:38 AM

BW

Tom was a prince of a man. I am blessed to have known him. I will keep him and your family in my prayers.
Barbara Malik Weller

Barbara Malik Weller - February 03, 2015 at 09:56 AM

MC

St. John The Baptist Parish has lost a great man. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and many friends.

Marie Cambre & Chuck Ursa Garyville La.

Marie Cambre - February 04, 2015 at 12:43 PM

'L

We are so sorry for your loss. We have lost a great friend and neighbor. Will miss him sitting on the bench with friends and always smiling . He is at peace now.
Charlie and 'Jake' Lyford

'jake' lyford - February 04, 2015 at 03:31 PM

SB

Dear Margaret,

I am sorry to hear of Tom's death. I will keep you and your daughters in my prayers. May happy memories soften your sorrow and bring you some measure of comfort and peace.

Sue Lion Burke WCHS "70

Suzanne Lion Burke - February 05, 2015 at 01:54 PM