



## Thomas E. "Tom" Swider

September 2, 1954 - August 15, 2021

Thomas E. "Tom" Swider age 66, of Brunswick, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at Metro-Health Medical Center, Cleveland. He was born September 2, 1954 in Wheeling, WV.

Tom was a Willowick Firefighter from 1979 until retirement in 2005. He also worked as a Communications Specialist, dispatching, and coordinating for Metro Life Flight from 1986 until retirement in 2010. In his early years, he worked at Fisher Fazio's as a meat cutter and was a 1972 graduate of St. Joseph High School in Cleveland.

Tom enjoyed the outdoors, hiking, fishing, traveling, cooking, and most of all his grandchildren.

Seventeen years ago, Tom gave the gift of a better life to his cousin by donating a kidney to her; he continued that gift in death with organ, eye, and tissue donations to others.

Tom is survived by his mother Delores C. (Cencula) Swider; siblings: Pat Pagnard, Jeff Swider, Greg (Janet) Swider, Carol (Robert) Nozling, Mary Gawor and Mike (Leah) Swider; numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews; former wife: Renate Swider; stepchildren: Louis (Gina) Feijoo and Sonia (Phil) Gnall; grandchildren: Sarah, Louis Jr., Anthony,

Selena and Alexander; and furry friend: Walter.

Preceding Thomas in death are his father Edward H. Swider; brothers-in-law: Denny Pagnard and Bill Gawor.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 – 12:00 pm Saturday September 4, 2021 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 pm Saturday September 4, 2021 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Donate Life America through [donatelife.net](http://donatelife.net).

Please feel free to offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Where do I start. Tom was a great friend and fishing buddy. I worked with Tom From 1982 to 2003 when I retired from Willowick FD. When he was looking for a job I suggested he apply at Metro General at the time where I was a dispatcher for Metro Lifeflight. We got to work together for five years there before I left and got to be very close friends having a lot of the same interests, especially fishing. Some of the best times I remember was going up to the islands fishing for walleye and having great feasts. He was such an awesome family man with an infectious love for good food an always sharing what he had. Why do the ones we love so much, Leave us too soon. I guess I get to catch more fish now Tom. Thanks brother for everything. Love you bud!

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**Robert Fisk** - September 01, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas E. "Tom" Swider.



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August 31, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ Just recently had the pleasure of getting to know Tom. What a sweet, intelligent and fun man. He has left a very big hole in our lives here at Horseshoe Cove. We will miss him.

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**Susan Anderson** - August 21, 2021 at 07:22 AM

JB

“ *Many great memories of Tom down in Florida. Such a kind man with the best dog in the world(Walter)May he Rest In Peace My condolences to his family as well.*

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**Joanne Beals** - August 20, 2021 at 12:44 AM

BH

“ *Condolences to all of the Swider family. Very sad to hear of Tom's passing. I new Tom as a fellow firefighter in Willowick, many fond memories. Tom will be missed.*

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**Bruce Habat** - August 19, 2021 at 10:18 PM



“ *Tom was a great man with a big heart. Gone too soon and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.*

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**Paul Cencula** - August 19, 2021 at 09:49 PM

CM

“ *Tom was one of the BEST family guys! I can't remember a family event that he was not at. He always came with the biggest smile and the best hugs. He will be truly missed and will continue to bless others through his organ donations. I am so blessed and thankful to call him my cousin! Big hugs, much love, and many prayers to the family. The Mann family loves you all so much!*

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**Christine Mann** - August 19, 2021 at 07:54 PM

PH

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Tom several years ago when I visited a friend in Bradenton, FL. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My sincerest condolences to the family.*

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**Pat Harmon** - August 19, 2021 at 06:18 PM