



Thomas "Tom" Rindfuss

November 11, 2001 - August 23, 2021

Thomas M. Rindfuss, 19, of Pittsfield, and recently Amherst, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, August 23, 2021. Born in Stamford, CT, on November 11, 2001, he was the son of Michael and Julia Leedham Rindfuss. Tom (as he preferred to be called) graduated from Pittsfield High School and was a student at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Tom worked at Guido's Fresh Marketplace and Ski Butternut as a part time ski instructor. Among many things, Tom was passionate about music especially playing guitar and piano. He was a voracious reader and enjoyed creative writing, discussing politics, body surfing at the beach, skiing and playing highly competitive ping pong with friends and family. In high school he was a member of the cross country, tennis and wrestling teams, jazz band and National Honor Society. More recently he was collecting vintage metal rock concert T-shirts. In his earlier years, he was active in the Pittsfield Boy Scouts Troop 8 along with the youth lacrosse, tennis and wrestling programs. Family and friends would agree that Tom possessed a great sense of humor, quick wit and genuine compassion for those individuals in society who cannot defend themselves.

Tom dearly loved his black lab dog Onix (named after a Pokemon character) and putting the hottest tabasco sauce on everything he enjoyed eating. Tom's sweetness, hearty laughter, sparkling blue eyes and beautiful spirit brought tremendous joy to his families' lives every day. No words can adequately describe how much he will be missed.

Besides his parents, Tom is survived by his brother, Patrick Rindfuss, paternal grandparents James and Patricia Rindfuss, many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Thomas and Dolores Leedham.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Thomas M. Rindfuss will be private. Public calling hours will be Wednesday, September 1, 2021 from 4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 220 East Street, Pittsfield MA 01201. To best ensure everybody's health, due to the recent rise in Covid cases, all who attend these services are required to wear face masks. If desired, donations in Tom's memory can be made to the Berkshire Humane Society or MASSPIRG in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 220 East St, Pittsfield MA 01201. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Family Funeral Home - Pittsfield

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Tribute Wall



“ Jules, I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart, thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief.

Mike Schement - September 11, 2021 at 10:36 PM



“ Jules I am so sorry for your loss. My heart, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during your time of grief. -With Love, Mike (Schement)

Mike Schement - September 11, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ Alice Vardner lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Rindfuss



Alice Vardner - September 06, 2021 at 07:16 PM



“ At events/cookouts/get togethers with friends/etc, Thomas was one of the only people close to my age. When my brother would hangout with all his friends that are his age, I was usually by myself. While everyone was always nice to me, I often felt too old to hangout with the boys and too young to talk with the adults. However, I always felt comfortable with Thomas. He was always so sweet and I enjoyed being around him. He was like my partner at those events so I didn't feel left out or out of place. It made me feel like I wasn't alone. It was really nice to have someone to talk to and hangout with. I will cherish those memories, I am really going to miss him

Olivia Douhan - September 04, 2021 at 11:00 PM

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Olivia Douhan - September 04, 2021 at 04:29 PM

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Zachary Bradshaw - September 03, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ My son Matthew was a great friend of Tom's. They went to Italy together, were on the PHS tennis team & the cross country running team and they graduated high school together. Tom was so polite & always friendly. Wishing your family prayers & peace in the upcoming year.



North Keller - September 02, 2021 at 07:28 PM

TA

“ Dear Rindfuss Family,

I taught Tom during his 9th grade year at PHS. I would like to share with you that Thomas was always very friendly, very kind, and very gentle. These things I know you already know, but I wanted to reiterate what a kind student he was. I can picture him walking into class, asking me questions, and talking to his peers. I am so very sorry to hear this news. My sincerest condolences, Tristanne Chalmers Adamczyk

Tristanne Chalmers Adamczyk - September 01, 2021 at 06:17 PM

TF

“ The Hunter Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rindfuss.



The Hunter Family - September 01, 2021 at 11:18 AM

MB

“ To Mike, Julia, Patrick and family - Tom was such a nice young man. Our son George thought very highly of him and enjoyed their time together on the PHS cross country team and jazz band. We are all thinking of you during this very difficult time and sending prayers and hugs. Tom will be greatly missed.
Our deepest condolences -
Melissa, John and George Bissell

Melissa Bissell - September 01, 2021 at 10:19 AM

DR

“ Lots of wonderful memories of Tom over the course of our visits. Thanksgiving, the competitive board games, Cancun, and the Hamburg run were all enjoyed. It was great to have Tom at the graduation party this past summer. We will miss you Tom. Aunt Nancy, Uncle Don, Nate and Danny

Don Rindfuss - August 31, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ 89 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - August 31, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rindfuss.



August 31, 2021 at 01:46 PM

JR

“ *It's not often you come across a young man with such a variety of interests and talents, his parents did a wonderful job exposing him to a variety of activities from music (piano & guitar) to sports like tennis and skiing, to his love of reading. He was encouraged to pursue all these things to make him the well rounded young man he became. He was a great son, a wonderful big brother, and a great nephew and grandson for his relatives, who all loved and cared for him. Tom will certainly be missed by all!*

Joe Rindfuss - August 31, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ . *purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rindfuss.*



. - August 31, 2021 at 08:07 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rindfuss.*



August 31, 2021 at 07:51 AM

LB

“ To the Entire Rindfuss Family,
Our hearts are breaking for you. We remember Tom from CYC
lacrosse- such a sweet, TALL, kind boy. May your memories help
you through this incredibly impossible time. With love and prayers,
Louise and Kyle Brogan

Louise Brogan - August 30, 2021 at 05:31 PM



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



August 30, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Thomas "Tom" Rindfuss.



August 30, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of Thomas "Tom" Rindfuss.



August 30, 2021 at 05:09 AM



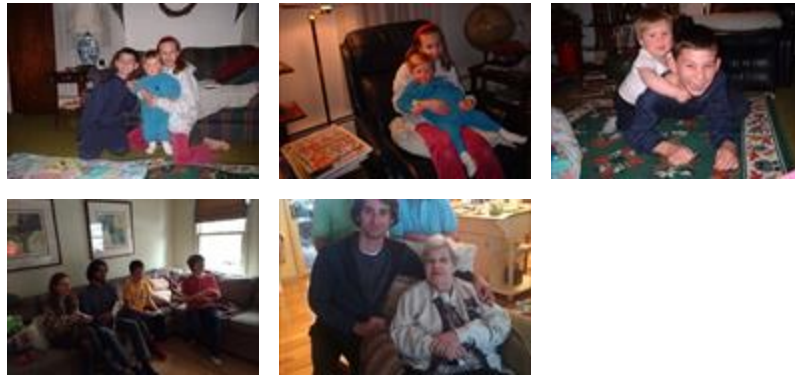
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rindfuss.*



August 29, 2021 at 09:11 PM



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Mary Vardner - August 29, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rindfuss.*



August 29, 2021 at 02:52 PM

CK

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Carolyn King - August 29, 2021 at 07:10 AM

LO

“ Julia, Mike, and Patrick,
Words can not express how deeply sorry we are. Tom was such a lovely and talented young man. I remember him in my drawing class but more so as one of my son's dearest friends. Luke and Tom shared a fun and quirky humor and a love of heavy metal music. Please know we are all praying and holding your family in light and love.

Sincerely, Lisa, Ed, Luke and Julia Ostellino-Moran



Lisa Ostellino - August 28, 2021 at 03:32 PM

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Nancy Rindfuss - August 28, 2021 at 02:19 PM

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Nancy Rindfuss - August 28, 2021 at 02:15 PM



“ Tom,

You brought laughter, goofiness, and love to your entire friend group. Thank you for a thousand good memories and deep conversations. You will NEVER be forgotten. We love you so much, man.

*Fly high, Tommy Gun <3
Ethan*



Ethan Magner - August 28, 2021 at 01:53 PM

BR

“ *An early memory of Tom is playing soccer in the backyard in Stamford with him as a toddler, falling over the ball as much as kicking it, happy and enthusiastic. Last month in Jamesville he was similarly happy, confident and chatty, joking that with his goatee he looked like a skinny Colonel Sanders... I will miss him, will always think of him, and will remember him as that boy and young man.*
- Uncle BillR

Bill Rindfuss - August 28, 2021 at 12:43 PM

PR

“ We have so many memories of our Tom. One that made everyone happy is when he ran with his cousins in the big Hamburg 4 person race and they won it. He was always so loving to us and we'll always love him.

Pat Rindfuss - August 28, 2021 at 10:17 AM

LL

“ The Lewis family—Tom, Lisa, Szofia and Calvin—are with you in your unbearable grief. Please know that your Pittsfield community is here for your family. Tom was a special person, so smart and funny. Calvin especially appreciated his amazing collection of vintage metal tshirts. He told us about them! We are so very sorry for your loss.

Lisa Lewis - August 28, 2021 at 09:57 AM

AR

“ We always looked forward to and loved the times we spent together as a family. We will miss Tom very much but will always keep him in our hearts ❤️



Ann Rindfuss - August 28, 2021 at 09:00 AM

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Joe Rindfuss - August 28, 2021 at 08:53 AM

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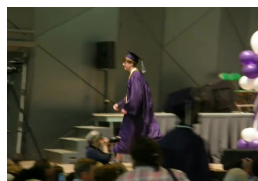
“ Aunt Alice Uncle Jim Mary &,Jonathan purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rindfuss.



Aunt Alice Uncle Jim Mary &,Jonathan - August 27, 2021 at 08:16 PM

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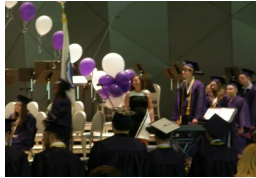
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EM

“ Sending love and respect to the Rindfuss family , I remember seeing Tom at my house while he was visiting with my son . Such a kind , cool young man . I also remember his love for music Keeping everyone in my prayers and thoughts . Ed Moran

Edward J Moran - August 27, 2021 at 04:46 PM

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AV

“ Thomas Rindfuss - Memories

Thomas, our sweet golden boy. Your life was filled with promise but cut too short. Words can scarcely express our deep sadness and loss. You will be forever remembered in our hearts as our blond-haired Golden Boy with the dazzling blue eyes and wonderful smile. You were always special to us for your good nature, generosity of spirit, sense of humor and quick wit. We loved the way you joyfully read literature and Greek Mythology. You had musical talent as well and we enjoyed listening to you play the guitar and piano on family occasions. I remember how nicely you played the piano for Grandma Leedham at the Assisted Living Center. Your kindness meant so much to her at that time. She loved you dearly.

It was your simple and selflessly sweet kind nature that made you especially endearing to us and all who knew you.

I remember you as a beautiful baby with bright eyes and big apple cheeks. You grew up to be a rambunctious and lively toddler and child. I remember family visits and many wonderful times together going to the beach and lake, doing Easter Egg hunts, celebrating birthdays, Holidays and playing with your cousins Mary and Jon.

Fast forward and you were a tall handsome young man with so many personal gifts and attributes. During High School you took a trip to Italy and was an Advanced Placement scholar, track runner and tennis player and ski instructor. We were all so proud of you when you received your High School diploma.

We expected to continue to watch you grow into the exceptional person you were destined to be. Unfortunately, time ran out and this was not God's plan.

Although your life was short, you left a powerful impact on our lives. Your kind, unassuming, and generous spirit has affected us all in a positive way.

You will be forever remembered in our hearts as our sweet Golden Boy.

Your Loving Family Aunt Alice, Uncle Jim and cousins Mary -Jon

Alice Vardner - August 27, 2021 at 03:06 PM

LF

“ We don't know how to properly express our sorrow to you, Julia, Mike and Patrick. We keenly feel the loss Tom and will miss him dearly.

We loved having him here with the "boys" and his big smile is what we remember most. That and the charge cords, sweatshirts and towels that he always left behind. Oh, and that he always ate the healthiest food..... salads and fruit when everyone else was getting candy, and fast food.

Our love and prayers go out to you. Dear Tom will be in our hearts always.

Andy, Lisa, Collin and Sydney Frinks

Lisa Frinks - August 27, 2021 at 02:26 PM

 Julia
Leedham
Rindfuss

Thank you. He loved hanging out at your house. ❤️🙏

Julia Leedham Rindfuss - September 26, 2021 at 02:11 PM