



## Thomas "Tommy" J. Szmuc Jr.

October 26, 1946 - April 29, 2021

Thomas "Tommy" J. Szmuc Jr., age 74, of North Versailles, passed away on Thursday, April 29, 2021. He was born October 26, 1946 in Mon City, a son of the late Thomas Sr. and Sara Szmuc. He was a long time member of the Linway United Presbyterian Church in North Versailles. He was a proud Army veteran that served in Vietnam, and then went onto a long career as a truck driver hauling hazardous materials before retiring. He was a member of the Teamsters, American Legion and AmVets. He enjoyed gambling with Marlene, Wayne and Linda every chance he got. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sisters Patty Harding and Carol Miller. He is survived by his loving wife of over 54 years Sandi J. Szmuc; daughter Tracey Szmuc of North Versailles; brother Bill (Arlene) Szmuc of North Versailles; sister Sandy (George) Cutson of North Versailles; his loyal companion dogs Dottie and Ginger who never left his side; and his fur grandbaby Minnie Pearl. Friends and Family will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Forgie-Snyder Funeral Home, 1032 Broadway, East McKeesport, 412-823-8083. Everyone will gather at the funeral home at 11 a.m. Monday for a funeral service with Rev. Eric Dennis officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at Grandview Cemetery in North Versailles. Memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org). For online condolences please visit [www.snyderfuneralservices.com](http://www.snyderfuneralservices.com).

# Cemetery

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**Grandview Cemetery**  
1301 Lincoln Highway  
North Versailles, PA, 15137

# Events

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**MAY 2 Visitation 02:00PM - 04:00PM**  

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Forgie Snyder Funeral Home  
1032 Broadway Ave, East McKeesport, PA, US, 15035

**MAY 2 Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM**  

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**MAY 3 Service 11:00AM - 11:45AM**  

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# Comments

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“ Remembering all the great times with our families. Rest with God Mr. Szmuc.

**Patty Morgan-Marks** - May 01 at 09:35 PM

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- “ Some of the memories that have come flooding back as I mourn Tommy's passing:
- How he would always without fail bring me a new Matchbox car every time he came to pick up Sandi for a date in his pink and black '56 Ford.
  - Going to hundreds of stock car races at Heidelberg, he and Sandi would always take me along even though I embarrassed them sometimes with my overzealous booing of Herb Scott. That was in the first car he had when he came home from Vietnam, a black '65 Ford Galaxie 500 outfitted with his favorite chrome reverse wheels and baby moons.
  - Helping me fix up my first car, a '65 Barracuda, I can still see us doing bodywork on it in his garage.
  - More trips to Heidelberg in his next car, a gold '69 428 Fairlane Cobra with a 4-speed.

I can remember him scaring the pants off of me the first time he took me for a ride in it.

- Trips to PID to see the funny cars and pro stocks and on occasion watching Tommy race his Cobra.
- Snowmobiling at Seven Springs
- Meticulously cleaning every last grain of that 'goddamn sand' off his feet before he'd get in his car at Daytona Beach as the high tide inched perilously close to trapping us in the soft sand.
- Going to dirt races at Grove City and Butler when we were at the cottage.
- Honoring me by serving as my Best Man.
- Road trips to NASCAR races at Michigan, Pocono, Daytona and Richmond.
- Going to the Dirt Track World Series races in October in Pennsboro West Virginia and freezing our butts off.
- How he hated to have his picture taken.
- How furious he would get when we were playing Mil Bournes and I would put stop cards on him.

Tommy was more than a brother-in-law to me. He was my friend, mentor, racing buddy, confidant and a second father to me. As you can tell by my memories he instilled his love of cars and racing in me. He helped mould me into a hard working, honest man I became and for that I am forever grateful.

RIP Tommy.

Wayne

Wayne Todd - May 01 at 09:05 PM

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“ At ease uncle Tommy. Lay down your pack, loosen your boots, and rest. You've earned it brother!

Tommy was more than an uncle, he was also my military brother. He knew that I understood that we "Carry The Load," and that many people never see or know about the things in our pack. We carry those who served with us as we drift into sleep, we hear their voices, we see their faces, we smell the smells, we hear the sounds clearly, we feel the damp and hot, and we relive that time so far away from home. I'll forever be thankful that Tommy spoke to me as a brother, not just a nephew, as the years passed by and our service bond grew stronger.

May you rest in eternal peace and may the Love of God shine upon you.

Eric Paulikonis - April 30 at 02:50 PM