



## Thaddeus R. Bialowas

October 16, 1939 - March 8, 2021

Tod's life began in Slavic Village, the son of a Polish immigrant and a World War I veteran, John, and his mother Helen. He was the youngest of 5 children. Tod graduated from South High School in 1958 where he lettered in basketball and was a champion wrestler at 102lbs, and was named the Stroll King. After high school, Tod enlisted in the Army from 1958 to 1961 and served as a Spec 4 Supply Specialist attached to the Engineer Corps while stationed in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Tod also traveled across Europe while playing basketball and Volleyball for the Army's All-Europe Teams.

Tod was married to his wife of 50 years, Darlene Brew, and worked as a Plant Manager and later as the President of Primex, Inc, a family owned machine shop. Later, Tod had jobs selling municipal equipment and as a part-time bartender at a few select watering holes.

Tod was always a sports enthusiast, played softball and participated in bowling leagues, and coached several sports teams for years while his children were growing up.

Tod will be remembered as a joke teller, and vocal military veteran with countless friends and endless stories that brought smiles to the faces of those that knew and loved him.

Tod is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Darlene, his daughter Tammy and his brothers Robert, Cas and Don. He is survived by his sons Anthony (Cindy), Todd (Cathy) and Tim (Stacey). Grandchildren Tony, Declan, Trey, Alex and Pearse, and by Tod's sister Donna.

As a lifelong animal lover, in lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution can be made to the Animal Protective League or ASPCA.

A gathering memorializing Tod's life will be held this summer.

# Comments

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“ Bialowas Family: I am very sorry for your loss. He definitely had a great influence over Tammy and the boys (Todd, Tony, Tim) and because of that all of you work very hard, play hard and stop at nothing to help out those in need or volunteer your time. I moved here fifteen years ago not knowing a soul but now I feel I have a family. Tod and Darlene treated me as one of their own - good and bad. When I wanted to have some humor or get more joke material I knew I could go find Tod. But when I said or did something Tod didn't like he let me know. Some of my favorite memories include taking care of his cat, Joe and I driving Pops home after Tim pulled the Irish Exit every weekend (well home was the second stop anyway) and having Tod & Ronnie visit me when I volunteered my time at Goodwill. He will be missed by many as fun loving man. Thanks for always sharing your wisdom, history and jokes. God Bless.

**Hammy** - March 12, 2021 at 05:56 PM

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“ First and foremost, I would like to thank all of my family and friends for the countless phone calls, texts, emails and face book condolences. To say my Pops was one of a kind is an understatement. My Dad was a genuine person when it came to relationships with others. He either loved you or had nothing to do with you and there was nothing in between. He was extremely loyal when it came family and friends. If anybody harmed his family or friends, they immediately became his mortal enemy. He was the ultimate “Good Time Charlie” and would give you the shirt off of his back. He brought joy to everyone around him and was always the life of the party. Growing up I remember my Dad being involved in a ton of things with family, friends, and the community. He coached all of us in different sports and wanted us to enjoy athletics as much as he always did. He even helped start the 1st Mini Mustangs Football league with a couple guys here in Strongsville back in the early 1970’s. I have so many good memories from playing in that league and still talk to so many of those guys now that we are grown up and have our own kids. I think that is what gave me the passion to help with youth sports since Trey was 5 years old. I was fortunate enough to even be part of the group that started the SFL Football League over 30 years later here in Strongsville. It was something my Dad and I always talked about and he enjoyed attending games every week. My Saturday morning routine was meeting my Pops at Mulligans with the other Coaches for breakfast and a lot of jokes and stories. He was always critiquing our coaching or game plans and offering guidance on the game. Then he would say “you do what you want, you’ll figure it out”. When we were younger, my Dad was never very big on compliments and praise when we did things. He always had the attitude of “act like you’ve been there”, meaning you do not need praise if you did it right because you did what you were supposed too do. But as he got older, and we were grown up and had kids I think his sense of pride in all of us grew and he became appreciative and complimentary. He even became an affectionate Dad and always hugged and kissed you when he saw you. Fortunately for me, I spent a lot of time with him the last 10 years of his life and enjoyed how proud he was of his family. He told countless stories to everybody he knew and always mentioned his kids and grandsons. You could see the pride in his face when he mentioned all of us. My son Trey loved his Grampy so much and spent as much time with him as he could. Dad always came to Trey’s games when he could. After every game he would tell Trey “way to go buddy, you left it all on the field”. Then he would tell me how proud he was of me and that I was such a good Dad. That is worth more than winning the lottery to me! God Bless you Pops, there is not a day that will go by that I don’t laugh and cry thinking of you...

**Tim Bialowas** - March 12, 2021 at 04:23 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Tod Bialowas Photos



**Tim Bialowas** - March 10, 2021 at 01:24 PM

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“ To Tim, Stacey, Trey and the entire Bialowas family~

We send our deepest condolences to you all. Please remember he will always be with you in spirit.

You will find yourself smiling when he sends you a sign you've been waiting for. You will find some comfort. Look up and smile...he is watching over you.

Sincerely~

Chris & Dusty Worcester

**Christine Worcester** - March 10, 2021 at 12:29 PM

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“ My Dad was an interesting guy, and they broke the mold when they made him. You never had to wonder what he was thinking, because he would certainly let you know. If he was your friend, he would give you the shirt off his back. Cross his sensibilities, and he'd let you know that too. What I remember most is the constant stream of stories he would tell that would make many folks laugh, sometimes until they cried, myself included. You always knew where he was, because he was usually the loudest guy in the room. He had nicknames for everybody, and a joke for everyone, even if he tended to repeat a few. He went out of his way to explain when we were growing up that what you did and how you did it was more important than what you said. His love of sports trickled down to my siblings and I, and I fully appreciate that playing sports helped me build skills for life outside of sports as well. My father wasn't perfect, and he never claimed to be. But he was always Tod. He was proud of his Polish heritage and his military service, something we had in common. He loved his family, and his friends (both old and new), some of which he had since childhood. He died peacefully after a long illness just a few hours after we had visited him, and going peacefully is what he would have wanted. He leaves behind a quiet void where his laughter used to be. But hopefully, some of what was good about him will carry on in all of us that knew and loved him. There will be a get together in his honor this summer, when those who choose to can be in the same space without worrying about the health risks we have been dealing with for the past year. But what he really wanted most is for us to have a chance to have a few drinks, swap some stories, laugh and smile while remembering him. And who wouldn't want that? We look forward to seeing you all then. See you on the other side Dad.

**Todd Bialowas** - March 09, 2021 at 12:27 AM



“ Sorry for your loss brother

**Brian Tomcany** - March 09, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ Thanks, Brian.

**Todd Bialowas** - March 10, 2021 at 12:01 AM



“ Those are such beautiful tributes. I'm so sorry for your loss.

**Gayle Turk** - March 10, 2021 at 09:23 AM



“ Thank you for your condolences.

**Todd Bialowas** - March 10, 2021 at 10:08 AM

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“ Grampy was one of the most straightforward and honest people I have ever met and it is one of the many of his traits that I will always cherish and never forget. His actions and words have given me such a confidence in the things I do in life and for that he will always be with me. I am more than happy that he went comfortably and is with all our other family members who have sadly already moved on. I will always take with me the things he has shared with me and taught. I love you grampy, I wish I could fully explain how much you meant to me and just get one more time with you. You'll always be with us though. Always.

-Love Trey

**Trey Bialowas** - March 08, 2021 at 08:39 PM