



Thomas James Barkas

May 20, 1963 - November 5, 2005

Thomas James Barkas of Alpharetta, GA passed away on Saturday, November 5, 2005. Born on May 20, 1963 in Pittsburgh, PA he lived most of his life in the metro Atlanta area. A graduate of Walton High School, he went on to graduate with perfect attendance from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. He then returned to Atlanta and apprenticed at Panos and Pauls, and 103 West restaurants. He later opened his own restaurants in Alpharetta called Gecko and Paradiso. He had a loyal customer following: once you ate his food, you couldn't wait to come back for more. He was a true culinary genius. His other passion was automobiles, especially the "muscle cars" of the 1960's. It was remarkable how he could tear a car down to its nuts and bolts, and then restore it to like-new condition. He owned perhaps the fastest SUV in the world, one that he modified to the point that he ran it in sanctioned drag races. He had an infectious and larger-than-life personality, and his spirit lives on in those who knew him. He is survived by his father, Thomas Barkas of Marietta; his wife Maritza Barkas; son, Thomas James Barkas, II of Alpharetta; and sister Denise Carrier of Marietta. Memorial donations may be made to the Autism Society of America, 7910 Woodmont Ave, Suite 300, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-3067. Memorial services will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2005 at 6PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, Roswell/Alpharetta 770-645-1414 www.northsidechapel.com.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 9. 6:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas James Barkas*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Tom,*

I'm sorry I didn't get to reunite with you while you were still with us. I'm saddened at the news of your passing.

I knew you in high school at Walton. I always looked up to you and respected you. You were always so inspired, energetic and filled with life!

I'll never forget your Gran Torino and that bumper you had on the front. It was a guard rail. An expression of your intensity!!

We will all miss you!!

To Denise and Mr Barkas, I'm sad for you and I pray that God will help you heal from from this tragic loss.

To Tom's family: I pray for you to be strong through this loss and that God will help you adjust to life without Tom. I send out my warmest support for healing.

Rick###imported-begin##Rick Pumphrey###imported-end##

November 09, 2005 at 05:06 PM



“ My heart is heavy with the sadness of this loss. A smile blooms on my face at the living memories. I wish that these memories will bring a smile, to you all, at this devastating time. Please know that I am thinking of all of you.##imported-begin##Lilo McLaulin Slewitzke##imported-end##

November 09, 2005 at 09:29 AM



“ May God be with you Tommy and Maritza You will be in our hearts and prayers.##imported-begin##George and Trudy Hamilton##imported-end##

November 08, 2005 at 06:16 PM



“ Denise - please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time. The Blume Family##imported-begin##Lisa Blume##imported-end##

November 08, 2005 at 03:45 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Barkas family in this time of great sorrow for you all##imported-begin##Thomas Tarpey##imported-end##

November 08, 2005 at 03:28 PM



“ Denise,

Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Katie##imported-begin##Katie Brewer##imported-end##

November 08, 2005 at 10:20 AM



“ *What a wonderfulll tribute!*

Denise -- You, your Dad, Ken, Chase and Max are so much in our thoughts. And in our prayers which count for more....

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Susan Allumbaugh##imported-begin##Susan Allumbaugh##imported-end##

November 08, 2005 at 12:46 AM