



Thomas R Haines

November 15, 1944 - October 6, 2019

Thomas R. Haines, also known as Gus, of New Lisbon, Pemberton Township, passed away on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at his home. He was 74.

Born in Mount Holly, Gus was a lifelong Pemberton resident. He was a graduate of Pemberton High School Class of 1962. He was graduated from Rutgers University in 1966 and was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He received a Master's Degree in Environmental Education from Glassboro State College. Gus taught 7th and 8th grade Science, coached basketball and football, and was a Curriculum Supervisor at Pemberton Township Schools from 1966 to 2000. He was a Blueberry Grower on the family blueberry farm from 1969-present. He enjoyed to travel, especially with Joe Laufer's group.

He was a member of the Burlington County Board of Agriculture, the New Jersey Farm Bureau, and the Garden State Gun Club.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law Tim & Traci Haines of Pemberton Township; 3 grandsons: Thomas, Steven, and Jonathan Haines; 2 sisters: Connie Emmons & Ruth Ann Brower; his caregiver and friend Cobby as well as many friends.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday at 11:00am at the Pemberton United Methodist Church, Hanover St., Pemberton. Burial will follow in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Pemberton Boro. Friends may visit with the family on Thursday evening from 6-8 pm at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mount Holly. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Gus' memory may be made to either the Pemberton United Methodist Church or the American Stroke Association.

Cemetery

Odd Fellows Cemetery (Original)

Egbert Street
Pemberton, NJ,

Events

OCT **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Perinchief Chapels

438 High St., Mount Holly, NJ, US, 08060

OCT **Service** 11:00AM

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Pemberton's First United Methodist Church

45 Hanover St., Pemberton, NJ, US

Comments



“ So sorry Connie & the entire Haines Family for your loss of Tommy, as I remember him, growing up in the Boro!



Ellen Armshire Moss - October 14, 2019 at 08:33 AM



“ Our sympathies go out to all the friends and family. He was one of my father's closest friends from childhood. I heard the best stories of them when they were young. I know he will be missed. Best, Stephanie Collins Reed and family

Stephanie Reed - October 11, 2019 at 08:13 PM



“ I miss him so very much. He was my sister's 8th grade teacher the year you were born Tim and she said he was so proud of you and happy to be a dad. She said all the girls had a crush on him in 8th grade because not only was he handsome but had a wonderful sense of humor.

He is always the one one that hired my other sister for her first teaching job in Basic Skills. He was a wonderful mentor to her and saw to it she went back to school to get her degree in Elementary Education. She had majored in Home Economics. She always wondered what he saw in her to hired for for Basic Skills.

And then he came to the Board of Ag and it was my turn. I could see exactly why he was so loved. He would come early and always ask about my family, even my sister that he taught. Tim, I don't know how long ago that was by as I said it was the year you were born but he remembered her. We would always sit and talk for 15 to 20 minutes before the others arrived and I looked forward to that time with him. He had a way of making everyone he encountered to feel important and special. He would always joke with me when I asked him if he would do something that my sisters had coached me for payback to the years he got to tell them what to do. He never declined.

He would talk about you, Tim and Traci and how proud he was of you and all you accomplished. But OH MY, he was proud of his grandchildren, His face would light up when you asked about his family.

I truly miss him and I am so happy to have gotten to know him and the family that brought him so much joy. Thank you all for sharing him with us.

Sandra Trossbach - October 11, 2019 at 05:16 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My fondest memory of him is when he drove us out to the blueberry fields. I worked with him at PTHS for many years but, I think he was much more comfortable in his jeans than in his suits. When we came to pick berries he had such a serene smile, it said to me that he was happiest in the fields.

Petra Farmer - October 10, 2019 at 09:52 PM



“ My memories of Tom was working with him as a Supervisor for Curriculum Dept. He was a real gentleman and just a very nice person inside and out. We had laughs to in Curriculum. Many. It was a great group of staff working together. He will always be remembered in my heart as a sweet guy. So sorry for your loss. Karen Cox



Karen Cox - October 10, 2019 at 05:14 PM



“ When Tom was about 23 he hired the local New Lisbon kids to work on his Blueberry Farm. There was year around work for us whenever we wanted it. Some people called him Gus but to the Goodman, Raups, Dicus, and Doyle families, he was mostly "The Bear". He was ten years older than most of us but he related to us very well. He set the example and we followed. He had a rye sense of humor and willing to do things that even as teens we thought a bit extreme. I met him as the farmer on the next farm over that would periodically "raid our farm." Basically that consisted of a bunch of teen boys getting in the back of at pickup jumping out at the rotten/green berry pile and making a big mess, throwing berries on the opposing farmer's crew, who would return the favor. Raids were typically done at noon so that all forces would be available. It was a great worker retention program. Even at 15, I could not believe this guy! He knew how to live.

I began pruning for him, usually with a gang of friends. I was hesitant because he was known to expect a lot from his workers. We called him The Bear. He always worked with us, no exceptions. Pruning is hard work. We worked full days with only lunch breaks. We talked all day, sharing everything. Tom knew more of life that we did so we always asked for advise. We all became life long friends. We were always

respected and always welcome. In many ways he modeled us, made us better.

One day we were pruning near the road and a friend our age Robin Haines stopped. He watched us work then told us we were not pruning correctly. The Bear gave him shears and gloves and asked him to show us how to do it. Robin worked long and hard instructing us, The Bear would ask him a point or two to keep him working. When we got to the thorn patches that we all hated, he asked Robin to show us how to deal with them and Robin did one patch after the next. At this point everyone but Robin saw that "The Bear was teaching Robin. He asked Robin to show us how to pull sapling which had to be removed roots and all. Robin vigorously attacked each one but had to skip many as he could not pop them out. I never saw The Bear fail to pop a sampling out although when the ground was hard frozen they could resist him for a short time. That day The bear popped all the saplings out that Robin could not pull and thanked him for the lesson. We were much amused at how The Bear handled the situation and how much work Robin did. It was easy to work hard for Tom. He made it fun and loved us all.

The Bear loved Basket Ball and so did we. We played hundred of nights. The bear was an exceptional rebounder, not tall but if he got a hand on a ball it was his. Before we could drive he would take us bowling, out for pizza or fried chicken, all the things teen boys want to do. We were very blessed to know this man. He was our friend and second father.

John Goodman

John Goodman - October 10, 2019 at 02:24 PM



“ You have had those wonderful memories for a long time! Thank you for sharing.

Carole Biddle - October 11, 2019 at 05:59 PM



“ So sorry to hear this Mr. Haines was a great man. Thoughts and Prayers are with his family

Aredella Bush - October 10, 2019 at 10:46 AM



“ So long to hear of Mr Haines passing. He was my 8th grade teacher @ Newcomb, had the privilege of being in his first class as an 8th grade teacher,
Melinda Lucas Klitz

Melinda Lucas Klitz - October 09, 2019 at 05:57 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas R Haines.



October 09, 2019 at 05:03 PM



“ So much history and generations of friendship with the Haines family. Too soon Gus. Rest in peace my friend. You will be missed. My deepest sympathy to Tim, Connie, Ruth Ann and all extended family.



Vickie Bush - October 09, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ Rest In Peace Mr. Haines. You were a great teacher/coach and an even better man, one of the greats in my life. Thank you for the many years of friendship, nothing but respect and love for you. You will be missed! My condolences to the family. God Bless!

Ed Smith - October 09, 2019 at 12:20 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Thomas R Haines.



October 09, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ Tom was one of my supervisors when I taught in Pemberton. I always thought that he must have been a fine teacher since he was a really encouraging supervisor. I was sorry to read of his passing! Your family will be in my prayers!

Melissa Maver - October 09, 2019 at 09:23 AM



“ Gus was a great coworker ! He will be missed! My condolences to his family.

Susanna Pannone - October 09, 2019 at 08:28 AM



“ Gus was a wonderful person and co-worker. May your memories of him give you comfort at this difficult time. Charlene Delanoy

Charlene Carnvale Delanoy - October 09, 2019 at 08:15 AM



“ I worked for Gus on Sheep Pen Hill Rd., sorting and packing blueberries when I was barely a teenager. What a great boss and human being. I'm so sorry he's gone and wish all in the family peace and light.

Diane Fanucci

Diane Fanucci - October 09, 2019 at 07:04 AM



“ Jody Willitts lit a candle in memory of Thomas R Haines



Jody Willitts - October 09, 2019 at 12:04 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas R Haines.



October 08, 2019 at 09:51 PM



“ Tim, he was a good man that raised a good son. He touched so many people's lives in such a genuine way. The memories I have of him are few, but positive. I am so sorry for your loss.



Crystal Clement - October 08, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ Fred purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas R Haines.



Fred - October 08, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ Gus was a friend of my two older brothers and I got to know him when he was a teacher and later an administrator in Pemberton Township. He was a great person and will be greatly missed by many. Prayers for his family. RIP Gus.

Dot Hosey - October 08, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ Mr. Haines was my 8th grade teacher at Newcomb. He was very hard on me, (it was the best thing for me at the time). He made sure I did my work and participate in class. He wouldn't send me to the office when I was in trouble because he was able to handle me like a man/teacher was to a boy/student. He was a major positive influence in my life. He was one of the best teachers I can remember. Thank you Mr. Haines for your dedication and giving. May you rest in eternal peace.



Ernesto Jackson - October 08, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ Pemberton Twp. BOE purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Thomas R Haines.



Pemberton Twp. BOE - October 08, 2019 at 08:43 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear such sad news. Gus was a good man. He will be remembered with great fondness and missed by many.
Mary DiPietro

Mary DiPietro - October 08, 2019 at 08:27 PM



“ We send our deepest condolences to the Haines family. It was always enjoyable to be in Gus's company. We will always have fond memories of time spent together.

Ralph and Joyce Biscardi

Ralph and Joyce Biscardi - October 08, 2019 at 08:23 PM



“ I can't remember a time that I didn't know Gus. He was always more concerned about how I was, then himself. Good man. Will miss him.

Bob Fanucci - October 08, 2019 at 08:05 PM



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Billiejo Eppes
3 hours ago

Mr.Haines was such a nice n kind man . I am so sorry to hear of his passing . I knew him as a student of pemberton township back in the very early 80's but even more then that I have great memories of him in the blueberry days . My father was part of the EW Bowker blueberry/ cranberry business as well. As a young girl I always remember him as such a nice n funny person n a good friend to my dad as well. RIP Mr.Haines n my condolences to the family from the Eppes family



Billiejo Eppes - October 08, 2019 at 08:04 PM



“ Gus was an incredible educator and man. He helped to start what is the technology department today. He loved seeing the students in the school and even when we were having discussions about technology he would remind us that's it's all about the students. He was a great man.

Barbara Fallon - October 08, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ One of my favorite people. I loved talking local history with Gus. He was a positive influence to many in our community. I will keep Tim and family in my prayers.

Sherry Scull - October 08, 2019 at 08:12 PM



“ My grandson and I got to see Gus a few years back while visiting family. He took us around his blueberry patch and showed Scottie how to pick berries. Scottie had a newspaper clipping that showed Gus and his business, so Scottie asked him to autograph it for him. We still have it and Gus got a kick out of it. He will be missed and I remember him as a quiet giant in school. Always helping someone. Barbara Bernacki Benton

Barbara Bernacki Benton - October 08, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ Gus was such an amazing person. We were very lucky to have had so many adventures with him over the years-teaching together, skiing, blueberry picking, and sharing drinks many a night. You are loved Gus and will be missed.

Vicki and Kevin Dugan - October 08, 2019 at 05:45 PM



“ Gus was always a gentleman and caring individual. We shared many laughs together.He was one of a kind and will be truly missed by his educational community. Rest in peace kind soul.

Joan Blum - October 08, 2019 at 05:45 PM



“ A great teacher and even better mentor. So sorry to hear this update. May the Lord welcome Mr. Haines with open arms and give comfort in the hearts of family and friends. So many good memories of the farm and all that work in the fields. Rest In Peace.

Robert Horner - October 08, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas R Haines.



October 08, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ What can I say...Tom helped me create a bird observation sight outside my classroom on Ft. Dix by giving us a bluebird house on a pole from his blueberry farm. Because of this bird house, so many bluebirds came and nested over the years. Thank you, Tom.

Ruth Adrian - October 08, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ Had Tom for his 1st year of teaching 8th grade at Newcomb. Many years later we again met at Newcomb when I was assigned there. We couldn't stop talking & laughing about his very 1st year! No wonder he moved out of the classroom after our troublesome group! May he rest in peace.

Cynthia - October 08, 2019 at 06:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas R Haines.



October 08, 2019 at 01:57 PM