



Flaviano Thomas Lelii

July 16, 1946 - September 25, 2025

Flaviano “Tom” Lelii, age 79, of Gradyville, PA, and formerly of West Philadelphia, passed away peacefully on September 25, 2025.

Born in Abruzzi, Italy, Tom was the son of the late Orlando and Norina Lelii. He grew up in West Philadelphia and was a proud graduate of Our Lady of Angels and St. Thomas More High School.

A hardworking man with a deep passion for the outdoors, Tom owned and operated Tom Lelii Landscaping, serving clients throughout the Main Line for many years. Known for his strong work ethic and skilled craftsmanship, he even built his own home—a testament to his dedication and determination. Tom had a vibrant personality and many passions. He was a lifelong fan of Philadelphia sports, enjoyed horses, riding his Harley-Davidson, and most of all his 57’ Chevy. Tom loved to travel, a former bodybuilder he competed in various competitions and trained regularly at Atilis Gym during his summers in Wildwood. He also shared his love of sports as a football coach for St. Donato in West Philadelphia.

Above all, Tom was a devoted family man. His greatest joy came from being surrounded by his loved ones. He especially cherished time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Tom was preceded in death by his beloved granddaughter, Jenna Marie Jackson, and his brother Mario Lelii.

He is survived by his loving wife Joann (Sava) Lelii, and his devoted children: Kim (Matt) Varava, Deanna Lelii, and Dawn Marie (Wayne) Jackson. He was a proud grandfather to Sophia Desko, Nick Varava, Lucas Varava, Laura Rippert, Sarah Jackson, and Christina Jackson. Cherished great-grandfather to Christopher, Ava, Savannah, Joey, Scarlett, and Cillian.

Tom is also survived by his siblings: Clara Lelii, Roseann (Dave) Morrison, Norina Lelii, John (Connie) Lelii, Joseph (Kim) Lelii, and Victor (Wu) Lelii, his sister-in-law Beth Lelii, and many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Tom's legacy of love, strength, and dedication will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Visitation: Thursday, 10:30 AM at Saints Simon and Jude Church, 8 Cavanaugh Ct, West Chester, PA 19382

Funeral Mass: Thursday, 11:30 AM at Saints Simon and Jude Church

Interment: Holy Cross Cemetery, Yeadon, PA

In Lieu of flowers donations can be made in Tom's memory thru the CHOP foundation at give2.chop.edu

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

Saints Simon and Jude
8 Cavanaugh Ct
West Chester, PA 19382

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Tribute Wall

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“ Norina, Clara & Andrew planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Flaviano Thomas Lelii.

Norina, Clara & Andrew - October 02, 2025 at 09:10 AM

BP

“ Bettina P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Flaviano Thomas Lelii.

Bettina P. - October 02, 2025 at 01:26 AM

JL

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mark always loved visiting with you all and Desti loved the horses. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Lelii family

Jann Carminati Lesh - September 30, 2025 at 05:22 PM

FF

“ From the Perletta family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Flaviano Thomas Lelii.



From the Perletta family - September 30, 2025 at 04:33 PM

VL

“ Victor and John Lelii planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Flaviano Thomas Lelii.

Victor and John Lelii - September 29, 2025 at 06:04 PM

VL

“ Victor and John Lelii purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Flaviano Thomas Lelii.



Victor and John Lelii - September 29, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Flaviano Thomas Lelii.



September 29, 2025 at 03:14 PM

SB

“ To the Lelii family. I'm very sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you. Sandy Burchter



Sandy Burchter - September 29, 2025 at 12:49 PM

DM

“ *Kim and Deanna, I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. So many hugs to you and the entire family!!*

Dena McGarry - September 29, 2025 at 11:15 AM