



Thomas R. Dabbs Sr.

May 25, 1944 - July 19, 2025

Thomas R. Dabbs Sr, 81 of West Donegal Twp, Elizabethtown entered eternal rest at home surrounded by his loving family on Saturday July 19, 2025.

Born in Johnstown, Cambria County he was the son of the late James Levar and Anna Mary (McMullen) Dabbs.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years and love of his life, Carol A. (Lancaster).

His daughter, Suzanne C. Dabbs, and his son, Thomas R. Dabbs Jr.

(Shannon Reed), of Elizabethtown. Three grandchildren, Collin R. Shifflett (Emily), Shawn D. Dabbs and Gabriella M. Dabbs, and four great-grandsons, Sawyer, Ryder, Carter, and Hunter Shifflett all of Elizabethtown.

Also surviving is his older brother, James L. Dabbs (Vicki) of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland. His younger sister, Janis Ware (Mark) of Friedens, Somerset County and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Donald G. Dabbs Sr, and by his grandson, Thomas J. "Tommy" Dabbs.

Tom was a 1962 graduate of Shade High School in Central City, Pennsylvania. He was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force where he served from 1963 - 1967 at Otis Air Force Base, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pennsylvania as Air Police.

He attended the Electronic Computer Programming Institute where he completed IBM Data Processing and Computer Programming in 1968. Tom worked proudly at Capital Blue Cross for 36 years, he was the Manager of

Computer Operations at the Shared Services Center prior to his retirement in 2004.

An avid sports fan, and true to his western PA roots, he loved all things black and gold, cheering for the Pittsburgh Penguins, Pittsburgh Pirates and the Pittsburgh Steelers. He enjoyed spending time with his wife at Hollywood Casino, birthday trips to Shady Maple Smorgasbord and weekly lunches spent with his best friend of many years, Bill. Tom was also a frequent visitor to Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, as a veteran, attending memorial events was very important to him.

His greatest love of all was his family, from providing words of wisdom about life experience with his children to sharing his infamous "Popism's" with his grandchildren and great grandchildren, his dedication, honor, devotion, commitment and selflessness will be remembered always.

Tom was a member of St. Luke Episcopal Church in Mount Joy and a lifetime member of Conewago Rod & Gun Club in Elizabethtown.

A private service will be held at the convenience of the family. At Tom's request, interment will be at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Veteran's Administration online at https://www.cdceportal.va.gov/donate_online/

or to

Hospice & Community Care, P.O. Box 4125 Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 or online at www.HospiceCommunity.org/gift.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ R.I.P. Tom



Judy D Green - July 27, 2025 at 11:58 PM

TM

“ One of the first guys I had the pleasure of meeting my first day at CBC was Tom. He was always a great guy to talk with and get direction on who to contact for help. RIP Tom and God Bless.....
Tom M.

Tom M - July 24, 2025 at 04:58 PM

DA

“ Tommy hired me at CBC and had a wonderful way of challenging how individuals completed programming assignments. He would always ask “Why I used a certain approach?” I learned that he wasn’t questioning the approach as much as he wanted to make sure that it was a thought out approach. It made me a better programmer, because I knew Tommy was going to ask Why? And I better have thought it through. RIP

Dan - July 24, 2025 at 06:52 AM

CH

“ Tom was a very kind man and a great boss.
RIP Mr. Dabbs



Chris - July 23, 2025 at 09:52 PM

TR

“ Trudy lit a candle in memory of Thomas R.
Dabbs Sr.



Trudy - July 23, 2025 at 09:49 PM

TR

Tom was a great boss. As someone else mentioned, he would question how and/or why you did things. I don't believe it was to be negative, i believe it was to make you better at what you were doing. Once you became accustomed to him, he was easy to get along with and understand. He helped me grow both as a staff member and as a person.

Trudy - July 24, 2025 at 09:43 AM

JC

“ JoAnn Cross lit a candle in memory of
Thomas R. Dabbs Sr.



JoAnn Cross - July 23, 2025 at 09:15 AM

SU

“ 4 files added to the album Dad



Suzanne - July 22, 2025 at 09:17 PM

CA

“ Carol lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Dabbs Sr.



Carol - July 22, 2025 at 09:15 PM

SU

“ Suzanne lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Dabbs Sr.



Suzanne - July 22, 2025 at 10:06 AM

DO

“ *Donna lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Dabbs Sr.*



Donna - July 21, 2025 at 05:53 PM