



## Mr Thomas "Tommy" John Rubbone

December 13, 1954 - January 29, 2025

Thomas ("Tommy") John Rubbone

Cherished Son of the late Dr. Mario Rubbone and Lily May Rubbone nee Hayes; Loving Brother of Joseph (the late Angela) Rubbone, the late James Rubbone, Ann (the late Richard) Shermer, and Robert (Dorothy) Rubbone. Loving Uncle of many Nieces and Nephews, and Cherished Friend of many.

Thomas hailed from New York and was proud of his New York upbringing. He grew up spending his summers at Camp Marist in New Hampshire and at old Yankees Stadium watching his beloved Yankees. Tom ventured to Regis College in Colorado where he received his undergraduate degree. His studies led him to Dekalb where he attended Northern Illinois University Law School and received his Juris Doctor in 1980. Upon passing the Illinois Bar, Tom would call Chicago home for the remainder of his personal and professional life.

Tom took pride in the practice of law and was a fond colleague and mentor. Tom was devoted to his passion for law and left a lasting impression on all who knew him. Tom was a mainstay in the halls of the courthouse, where his sartorial style was always impeccable. Stories in memory of Tom often share the same sentiment illustrating Tom's booming personality, unique vernacular, captivating presence, and his desire to give everyone "a beatin".

Tom was not only a practicing attorney for many years, but also the former Director of Administrative Hearings at the Illinois Secretary of State, a member of the Justinian Society for Italian American Attorneys, and a Board Member for the Italian American Political Coalition. But most importantly, Tom was a fierce protector of those he cared about, and a man modern society seemingly no longer produces.

Visitation Thursday, February 6, from 3-8pm at Carbonara Funeral Home 1515 N 25th Ave Melrose Park. Funeral Service Friday, 8am at Carbonara Funeral Home then proceeding in procession to St. Isaac Jogues Church at 306 W 4th St, Hinsdale, IL 60521 for 10am mass. Interment Private.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Carbonara Funeral Home  
1515 N 25th Ave  
Melrose Park, IL 60160  
(708) 343-6161  
<https://carbonarafuneraldirectors.com/>

# Tribute Wall

TJ

“ Life is full of small circles. It was in the circles of Marquette University and the Illinois Secretary of State where I would meet Rubonne the bull who would serve as my boss, my mentor and friend for more than a decade. He will be remembered for his legal acumen, his bearing/presence, his compassion, his sense of humor, his "swag," his gratuitous boxing lessons and his constant challenge to make me the best version of myself. To the Rubbone family, I would like to extend my deepest condolences and welcome Tom into the eternal embrace of loved ones who paved the way for him. You done good!

Tony C. Jones, Esq.

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**Tony C. Jones** - February 06, 2025 at 08:18 PM

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“ He went from being an unknown quantity during his time as my boss to someone I could count on and trust no matter what was going on. He will be missed.

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**Ricky** - February 06, 2025 at 07:02 PM

PL

“ Tommy,  
We will miss you immensely. I will no longer have anyone tell me that I'm getting a beating. Rest in peace my dear friend and may God take you under his wing.  
To the Rubbone family, Tommy was like a brother to me. He was the best man at my wedding and as part of our laws-school group he was part of our extended family. He will be greatly missed.  
My deepest condolences on your loss.  
Luciano Panici

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**Panici Luciano** - February 06, 2025 at 10:20 AM

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“ Nicki & Bob Fioretti purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Mr Thomas "Tommy" John Rubbone.



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**Nicki & Bob Fioretti** - February 05, 2025 at 08:24 AM

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“ The Panici Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Mr Thomas "Tommy" John Rubbone.



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**The Panici Family** - January 31, 2025 at 08:39 PM

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“ The Panici Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Thomas "Tommy" John Rubbone.

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**The Panici Family** - January 31, 2025 at 08:39 PM

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“ The Columbus family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr Thomas "Tommy" John Rubbone.



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**The Columbus family** - January 31, 2025 at 05:20 PM

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**The Columbus family** - January 31, 2025 at 05:20 PM