



# Thomas H Mehling

October 7, 2022

Thomas H. Mehling , On Oct. 7, 2022 age 84 of Moorestown, NJ. Thomas had worked for Lockheed Martin in Moorestown for 37years. After his official retirement he consulted for another 24 years. He worked on the Aegis Combat System since its inception. He was a graduate of the University of Louisville where he received both his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering (61) and Masters of Electrical Engineering (62), He went on to graduate from the University of Pennsylvania, receiving his Masters in Operational Research (69). Thomas will be remembered by his family, friends and coworkers as a God Guy. Tom loved trains and traveled across the USA and Canada by train. He also had both HO and O Gauge trains layouts in his basement.

Brother of John (Jeanne) Mehling. Uncle of Hans, Stephan, Theresa and Jennifer. Also survived by many cousins and extended family in the Kentucky and Indiana area. Mass of Christian burial 10:30 am Thursday, Oct. 13th at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 42W. Main St, Moorestown, NJ. Viewing Thursday am from 9- 10 am at the Lewis Funeral Home, 78 E. Main St. Moorestown, NJ. Interment Sacred Heart Cemetery, Hainesport, NJ. In lieu of any other expression of sympathy contributions may be made to ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ,501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) or the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306. [www.t2t.org](http://www.t2t.org) .

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

Hainesport, NJ

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT 13. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Lewis Funeral Home  
78 E Main St  
Moorestown, NJ 08057  
(856) 235-0009  
lewisfh@msn.com  
<https://www.lewisfuneralhomemoorestown.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 13. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel  
42 West Main Street  
Moorestown, NJ 08057  
(856) 235-0181  
<http://www.olgcnj.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas H Mehling*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Thomas H Mehling*

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

GN

*John, sorry to find out about Tom's demise. Many neighborhood memories. Would love to hear from you. My email is gnowery@bellsouth.net. This has been a long time.  
Sincerely Georgia Mae Heim Nowery*

**georgia nowery** - May 06, 2023 at 05:06 PM

SM

“ *Tom as best man at brother John's wedding.  
Denise, Jeanne, John, Tom*



**Stephan Mehling** - October 11, 2022 at 08:58 PM

SM

“ *Photos from work at RCA, c. 1978*



**Stephan Mehling** - October 11, 2022 at 08:56 PM

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“ *Tom at 4 months*



**Stephan Mehling** - October 11, 2022 at 08:55 PM

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ML - October 11, 2022 at 05:47 PM

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ML - October 11, 2022 at 05:40 PM

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ML - October 11, 2022 at 04:18 PM

CM

“ *Uncle Tom had a wonderful smile that crinkled his face and you could tell he was truly happy at family gatherings. Listening to him tell stories about growing up in Kentucky, the work he did as an engineer, and his train adventures was fascinating. One time, we went up to Strasburg to ride “the train to Paradise” with him and then went to the Pennsylvania Railroad Museum. I did not need to read any of the information plaques because Uncle Tom knew it all and was the best tour guide. He loved model trains and his basement train set up is the result of that passion combined with many hours of meticulous work. Uncle Tom was also a fantastic cook and Thanksgiving dinner at his house was amazing with the best stuffing I have ever tasted in my life. My daughters, his great nieces, adored him and I am grateful he got to meet my son, his great nephew. He was an extremely kind man who loved his family and he is dearly missed.*

Courtney Mehling - October 11, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ I'll always remember the stories Tom told to his much younger coworkers. Such as the one about the ASPEP strike of 1958 when he was a Co-Op, or the time he stopped in Diego Garcia on his way out to 5th Fleet in the 1980s. Tom's wealth of knowledge and experience was appreciated by all who knew him. I often ran into Tom at Sunday mass at OLGC but I don't recall ever having a conversation about religion or spirituality with him. I think Tom lived as Saint Francis of Assisi wrote, "Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words.”

Will Webekind - October 11, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ Tom was such a good and kind person. He was so nice and always treated me well. No matter what questions I had or how many times he had to explain how something worked he was always patient and understanding. He really cared about everyone and the work we did. He will truly be missed!

Christie Tuttle - October 10, 2022 at 11:56 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Stephan Mehling - October 10, 2022 at 08:14 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Young Yoon - October 10, 2022 at 02:01 PM

IO

“ *There was no truer gentleman than Tom. I remember many conversations about derby culture. I used to go to the derby every year, and leading up the event and after, he would share Louisville stories and I would bring some new ones back. He was the most patient man and the kindest soul. He will be missed. God Bless.*

Irene O. - October 10, 2022 at 01:52 PM

ML

“ *Tom was a good, decent Christian man, with no bad bone in his body. He was an amazing person if you ever got to know him. A few years back, my family with 3 young kids went over to his house to see his trains down in his basement...Tom was big on trains and had a great setup, but he said he hadn't ran them in a while....but I didn't care, just wanted him to show his wonderful hobby he loved once upon a time...anyway, Tom took us down in his basement, blew away some dust, threw some switches, and presto, the trains were up and running....my kids loved it, and he was so proud. Tom will be dearly missed but not forgotten. Love ya Tom...God Bless. - Mike L.*

Mike Lutz - October 10, 2022 at 09:55 AM

MB

“ *1 file added to the album Tom*



Mark Barbustiak - October 09, 2022 at 09:15 PM

SM

“ *At the wedding of his nephew. October, 2019.*



Stephan Mehling - October 09, 2022 at 04:56 PM

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**Stephan Mehling** - October 09, 2022 at 04:50 PM

JT

*Tom was a great man and an awesome mentor, he always made time to say hello and share stories with us, Tom came to an afternoon Phillies game some years ago and I introduced him to my father and he was so kind and spent some time speaking to my dad and myself and we shared some special moments and old Phillies stories. Tom you have always been there for me through my career and putting your eyes to any issue you always found answer with work and in life. Thank you Love Ya I know you will be looking down on us RIP and God Bless you and your family.*

**Jess Torres** - October 10, 2022 at 11:10 AM

CH

*Tom was the first person my father introduced me to at RCA back in 1981. He told me to put my finger around Tom's belt loop and follow him where ever he went. I tried my best, but Tom was a hard man to keep up with. He will be sorely missed; a finer man never walked the earth.*

*Charlie Hand*

**Charles Alan Hand** - October 11, 2022 at 09:13 AM

TA

*A kind and super smart guy, I will remember Mr. Mehling as a SPY radar legend. Always a pleasure to talk with him on the history and workings of the equipment and control code that he was instrumental in developing.*

**Tim Armentrout** - October 12, 2022 at 05:31 AM

MG

*Tom is one of the original LM fathers of Aegis. All the programs I have worked on since my career started back in 1998 was built off of the work he and his coworkers did in the early days. I didn't have the pleasure to work with Tom until the last 5-7 years or so; but anytime I was in a meeting with him, or at a CSEDS test shot with him; he would take time to explain the 'why' behind the way things were done and the way things worked. He shared his incredible insight and past experiences supporting the Navy and Aegis to all of us who had the opportunity to work with him. He was one of the kindest people I have ever met in my life and we will all miss him tremendously. My condolences to all his friends, family, and coworkers on this tremendous loss.*

**M. Galloway** - October 12, 2022 at 02:00 PM

TC

*Tom was beautiful, kind, and always a gentleman. A legend! He will be missed greatly.*

**Trish Clark** - October 13, 2022 at 09:24 AM

**KB**

*Tom was such a tremendous friend and mentor to all of us! His was a great blessing to me and I thank God for him!*

**Keshan Brown** - October 14, 2022 at 10:32 AM

**CP**

*Tom was a wonderful person and truly brilliant. As one of his co-workers once said, he carried AEGIS on his shoulders. I was privileged to spend time with him on his company visits to Pascagoula. I always loved to see him and benefited greatly from his knowledge and experience. He never seemed to mind how many questions I asked or how stupid they might have been and would always patiently explain everything in great detail. This good and gentle man was definitely one of a kind. Rest in peace, Tom.*

*Chris Plendl*

**Chris Plendl** - October 17, 2022 at 12:22 PM

**HP**

*In the mid 1970s I was given the task of writing an Aegis primer to help motivate a reluctant U.S. Congress to authorize a new hull for the Aegis Combat System, then in its infancy. I had four weeks and five technical writers to get this done. Whenever challenged beyond my capabilities I always prayed. It was clear that encountering Tom Mehling was an answer to my prayer. What a guy! I was and am so grateful to Tom for his kindness and generosity toward me. He not only gave up his lunch hours but spent time with me after work and ended up sharing all the information needed to complete my task. Under pressure from Navy brass, congress relented, and the Ticonderoga class of cruisers was approved. Thanks to the efforts of Tom Mehling (and countless others working very hard) there are still 87 AEGIS cruisers and destroyers in operation in the U.S. Navy fleet today.*

*Horst Plendl*

**HORST PLENDL** - October 18, 2022 at 11:42 AM

**HP**

*One other thing about Tom. He really earned the nickname of "Mr. Aegis". Throughout his career, the Navy would extend every effort and spare no expense to get him to a ship in need of his expertise. The navy would fly Tom from New Jersey to a naval air base in a remote country close to the ship with the ailing Aegis system. From that base they would transport Tom in a Navy fighter jet, onto the deck of an aircraft carrier, stopping with gut wrenching deceleration as it hit the arresting cables. Then he would be transferred into a helicopter and landed on the destroyer, pitching and yawing on the water so that he could get the system underway again. Tom was truly a unique technical wizard.*

**Horst Plendl** - November 13, 2022 at 03:52 PM