



## Thaddeus A. "Ted" Tolpa

July 4, 1952 - May 3, 2025

Thaddeus A. "Ted" Tolpa, 72, of Springfield, VA, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2025.

Born in Ilion, New York, Ted was raised in Mohawk and graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a degree in Photographic Science. After marrying his college sweetheart, he moved to Northern Virginia, where he built a remarkable 38-year career with the Federal Government. Ted earned numerous awards and achieved Senior Intelligence Service status in recognition of his many significant contributions.

Ted was a lifelong Catholic, a devoted husband, and a proud father, never missing an opportunity to support his children, including coaching their sports teams and attending their orchestra concerts with camcorder in tow. Ted enjoyed gardening, creating an extensive vegetable and flower garden in the family's yard. An avid Washington Capitals fan, Ted followed the team since 1975 when he and his wife arrived in the DC area.

Ted is survived by his beloved wife, Deborah "Deb"; his children, Theresa "Teri" and Christopher "Chris"; his daughter-in-law, Catherine; and his granddaughters, Arlene "Arli" and Amelia "Millie". He also leaves behind his sisters, Maryann Young and Peggy Zinsmeister. Ted was preceded in death by his parents, Thaddeus J. "Ted" and Charlotte Tolpa.

He will truly be missed by many.

Visitation

Thursday, May 15 | 4:00-8:00 PM

Jefferson Funeral Chapel

5755 Castlewellan Dr, Alexandria, VA 22315

Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, May 16 | 11:00 AM

St. Raymond of Penafort Catholic Church

8750 Pohick Road, Springfield, VA 22153

Interment will follow at Fairfax Memorial Park, Fairfax, VA

Reception at 1:30pm on Friday, May 16th at St. Raymond of Penafort Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites memorial contributions to:

- Catholic Diocese of Arlington [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org)
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington [www.cdda.net/donate](http://www.cdda.net/donate)

Please share condolences and memories at [www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com](http://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairfax Memorial Park

9900 BRADDOCK ROAD  
FAIRFAX, VA 22032

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Dr  
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516  
(703) 971-7400

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church  
8750 Pohick Rd  
Springfield, VA 22153-2107  
(703) 440-0535

## Graveside Service

MAY 16. 12:30 PM (ET)

Fairfax Memorial Park  
9900 BRADDOCK ROAD  
FAIRFAX, VA 22032

## Reception

MAY **16**. 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church  
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Springfield, VA 22153-2107  
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# Tribute Wall

AH

“ Andrew And Susan Heisey lit a candle in memory of Thaddeus A. "Ted" Tolpa



Andrew and Susan Heisey - May 16, 2025 at 07:56 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thaddeus A. "Ted" Tolpa.



May 12, 2025 at 01:26 PM

RB

“ Ted was a very energetic, intelligent, and dedicated person. I knew him well in High School. He served our country well.

Robert Burdick - May 12, 2025 at 01:22 PM

AF

“ And Families. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thaddeus A. Tolpa.

And Families. - May 07, 2025 at 12:03 PM

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“ *And Families. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Thaddeus A. "Ted" Tolpa.*



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**And Families.** - May 07, 2025 at 12:03 PM