



## Thomas Neil Curtis

December 10, 1949 - September 23, 2025

Thomas Neil "Turts/Turtle" Curtis passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025, at a medical facility in Winnabow, NC, in the loving company of his daughters, Charlotte and Jessica Curtis.

He was born December 10th, 1949 in Conneaut, Ohio. After graduating from Columbus College of Art and Design in Columbus, Ohio, he moved to Hartland, Vermont, where he met his soulmate, Christina Morrow-Curtis. Together, they raised two daughters. A talented artist, Thomas held many vocations over the years, many of which allowed his creative, fun, and zany spirit to influence his work. These included crafting hand carved signs, various sculpture, masonry, graphic design, and restaurant management. A talented athlete, once running a mile in under 5 minutes, he greatly enjoyed the outdoors. He was a long distance runner whose completion of the Boston Marathon was one of his proudest achievements, and often rode with a rowdy bunch of VT Mountain Bikers. Later in life, he moved to Myrtle Beach, SC to be closer to his daughters. In Myrtle Beach, he was active in the Celebrate Recovery Program and Journey Church, where he was known for his culinary talents, ushering on Sundays, hugging/welcoming all, and exuberant dancing. He enjoyed taking his Labrador to the beach, and his many outings with his youngest daughter Jessica, who shared her beloved "Turts" with the community through social media, leading him to become a recognizable figure in the area. After a diagnosis of Dementia, and subsequently Parkinson's, he moved in with his eldest daughter, Charlotte Curtis, of Wilmington, NC. She

lovingly provided his full time care for the last 4 years of his life.

In addition to his daughters, Thomas is survived by his niece, Pamela Austin, her husband Jon, great nieces Megan, Hannah, Grace, Faith, Hope, Kennedy, Shelby; nephew Michael Black, and great nephews Adam and Ron. Their yearly visits were one of his greatest joys. He is also survived by his two son "in laws", Joseph Muniz, of Myrtle Beach, SC, and Ian Smythe, of Wilmington, NC, who both lovingly contributed to his care, and his best friend of over fifty years, Alan Cameron of Natick, MA, and his wife Samantha. "Grand-Dogs" Dutch, Skye, Pluto, Snooki, and Daisy will miss his cuddles and loyal companionship.

He is predeceased by his wife of 25 years, Christina Morrow-Curtis, parents R. and A. Curtis, and siblings Ronald, Cherie, and Debbie.

A Celebration of Life will be planned in Myrtle Beach, SC, with date forthcoming. Charlotte and Jessica ask that friends and family consider a donation to Christian Recovery Center, in Shalotte, NC via [www.crcirecovery.org](http://www.crcirecovery.org), or Alcoholics Anonymous, via [aa.org/aa-contributions](http://aa.org/aa-contributions) in his memory. If you or someone you love has a problem with drinking, our family encourages you to reach out to your local AA or AI Anon Chapter. Download the "Meeting Guide" App to find a meeting near you.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ My family and I are saddened by the news of Tom's (affectionately known as Turtle) passing. I know the last years of his life were particularly difficult. Jesse and Charlotte were wonderful and caring daughters to him. I hope he has finally found some peace. RIP Turts.

Marc Milowsky - October 03, 2025 at 11:58 AM

TK

“ Thomas was the kindest man with the biggest heart. He helped me daily with my mother when she was sick. He visited her every day and made sure to take out her trash when he left. He took the best care of Skye when she couldnt. I never had to worry about her when I couldnt be there. After she passed I knew the only person I would trust Skye with was him. He loved her and she loved him. It broke my heart to see him slipping into dementia. He was very loved by everyone in the apartment complex. I was sad to see him go but I knew he was going to be well taken care of by Charlotte. He will definitely be missed.

Terri Kato - October 02, 2025 at 12:52 PM

VK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Jess. May your memories give you strength during this difficult time.

Veronica Knowles - October 01, 2025 at 07:27 PM

DL

“ A beautiful tribute to a father who helped create 2 beautiful daughters. My sincere condolences to all the families and friends.

Debi liddy - October 01, 2025 at 12:25 PM

DC

“ Glad I had a chance to know him. and can see why he will be missed,

Don Champagne - October 01, 2025 at 09:23 AM

MA

“ Dear sweet, charlotte and family, my sincerest condolences for the loss of your most wonderful and loving father. I'm keeping you and your family in my prayers. 🙏🏻

Marti - September 30, 2025 at 10:52 PM

LE

“ Jessica, prayers for you and your family. Much love to all. May you remember all the good memories. Hugs, Linda Faye

Linda Eleuteri - September 30, 2025 at 10:07 PM

SK

“ Jessica and Charlotte my truest and deepest condolences to you both with the passing of Turts or Dad as I often called him when we would all get together. He truly was one of a kind. I will forever hold our trip to the zoo as one of my fondest memories and his genuine concern for Liam in everything he did that day.

Shannon Kerwin - September 30, 2025 at 09:33 PM

NF

“ What a sweet man your Dad was! May he rest in peace forever....with your beautiful Mom. May you both carry their love forward. xoxox

Nancy and Rob Foote - September 30, 2025 at 09:29 PM