



## Mr. Thomas E. Tibbott

August 9, 1942 - December 27, 2018

Passed away at home, following a brief illness, on Thursday, December 27, 2018, Thomas E. Tibbott, age 76, of Franklin Park. Tom is survived by his wife of 48 yrs., Jane (Montgomery) Tibbott and many loving family members; preceded in death by parents Russell and Helen Tibbott and brothers Jack, Bob, and Bill. Following his graduation from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Tom served in the Peace Corps. in the Philippines from 1965-1967. He was a dedicated educator with a career that spanned 45 yrs. beginning as a 6th grade teacher at Peebles Elementary in the North Allegheny School District. Tom spent the next 41 yrs. in the South Butler County Schools where he was hired as the youngest principal and retired as the oldest principal, an accomplishment he was most proud of. Tom began each and every school day with the following message, "The choices you make today shape your world tomorrow." Friends received Wednesday, January 2, 2019, 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. at Simons Funeral Home, Inc., 7720 Perry Hwy. where funeral service will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Make a Wish Foundation, 707 Grant St. #3700, Pgh., PA 15219, Good Samaritan Hospice, % Concordia Lutheran Ministries, 134 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023, or to a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## **Mt. Nebo Church Cemetery**

1828 Roosevelt Road  
Sewickley, PA 15143

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ My deepest condolences to the family for this tremendous loss. May the words found at Isaiah 26:19 bring you comfort in knowing that you will one day see Thomas again.

*Isaiah 26:19 "Your dead will live. My corpses will rise up. Awake and shout joyfully, You residents in the dust! For your dew is as the dew of the morning, And the earth will let those powerless in death come to life"*

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**Suzy M** - January 28, 2019 at 11:53 PM

JS

“ Mr. Tibbott was my husband's principal when it was Saxonburg Elementary as then he became our son's at the Intermediate level. He always smiled and was devoted to education. His daily saying will always be remembered!

*Jennifer Simpson*

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**Jennifer Simpson** - January 03, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas E. Tibbott.



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January 02, 2019 at 10:01 AM

DH

“ Rest In Peace Tom! You were a true education example for all you were around. Dad will be glad to see you!

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**doug herceg** - January 02, 2019 at 07:09 AM

SH

“ Mr. Tibbott hired me to teach fifth grade 19 years ago, and he was a wonderful principal who loved his teachers. I still have all the books he had given us over the years, and I have the deepest respect for him. I will always remember him for his beautiful cursive handwriting, his hats, his love for books, and the captivating stories he told. He supported his teachers and instilled a quote that to this day hangs in my classroom . . . The choices you make today, shape your world tomorrow. I will never forget the man who had such a strong influence in my life as a teacher. Mr. Tibbott will be missed.

*Susan Hall*

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**Susan Hall** - January 01, 2019 at 10:25 PM

PF

“ Although I was only "the lunch lady" and a janitor he always took time to chat and ask how things were going. Just a gracious man

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**Pam Fullerton** - December 31, 2018 at 10:47 PM

TB

*What a great man, I'll miss his Saturday visits. We talked about everything under the sun. Tom always treated me as a friend*

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**Thomas Bunn** - January 01, 2019 at 09:49 PM

 Mike  
Ivanusic

“ *Mr. Tibbott was truly a saint. He always offered some scholarly advice when you most needed it. He supported what you did in the classroom and put his trust in you to do your best. He will missed by many.*

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**Mike Ivanusic** - December 31, 2018 at 07:11 PM

SH

“ *Mr. Tibbott was the principal who hired me, and I am forever grateful to him. Throughout the years he was my administrator, he was a true leader who not only supported, but trusted, his staff. He was beyond generous to us, hosting holiday and end of year get togethers. Many of his quotes stick with me today. He will be sorely missed by many!*

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**Shannon** - December 31, 2018 at 06:10 PM

JW

“ *I am so sorry to hear this. It was such a joy to work with this man. Always a smile on his face and always very friendly but stern if the need arose. I went from being a secretary at the district to the purchasing manager There were some who did not support me in this position but he did, right from day one! I will miss you.*

*Julie Wylie*

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**Julie Wylie** - December 30, 2018 at 04:56 PM

KE

“ I was fortunate to have Mr. Tibbot as my principal for most of my career at South Butler. He was very supportive of our Physical Education program and always had my back if a problem arose. I was able to do my job with confidence with his support.  
Rest in peace my boss.  
Ken Elliott

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**Kenneth Elliott** - December 29, 2018 at 09:32 PM

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I am very thankful to Mr. Tibbott for hiring me 25 years ago. It changed the course of my life in so many ways. He was the ultimate professional. He saw both sides of situations and always made fair decisions. He liked to show his appreciation to his staff by hosting holiday party's or luncheons at his own expense. He will be greatly missed.

Steve Hunka

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**steve hunka** - December 30, 2018 at 12:33 PM

JP

“ *Mr. Tibbott was my principal several times throughout our careers. Every time he had to visit my room, he cringed at my clutter--but he never said a word. He was a teachers' principal: he believed in and trusted us to do our jobs and always supported us. Once when Jackie Lesney was principal of Winfield and Mr. Tibbott was principal of Penn, we had a contest to see which school could recycle the most phone books. If Penn won, Jackie had to cook dinner for them. If Winfield won, we got to mess up Mr. Tibbott's hair. (A Penn parent found a warehouse of old phone books so they won.) My deepest sympathy on your great loss. Mr. Tibbott affected so many of us---teachers, students, and parents. He has been greatly missed since his retirement and will continue to be missed by all of us who worked with him.*

*Jackie Pfeiffer*

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**JACQUELINE PFEIFFER** - December 29, 2018 at 04:31 PM