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Thomas James Nagle was born January 12, 1954 in Wilkes-Barre, PA., son of the late Margaret MacNeill Nagle and the late Chester Nagle, and brother of the late Chester Nagle, Jr. He passed at home on April 9, 2026 at the age of 72, surrounded by the love and support of his family, after battling metastatic appendiceal cancer for 19 months. He is survived by his wife Hollyn Lee Emerson-Svingos, son James Thomas Nagle and wife Deandrea Bell-Nagle, and son John Thomas Nagle; stepdaughter Christen Svingos Douglass and husband Brandon Loren Douglass; stepdaughter Cara June Ensor and husband Charles Raymond Ensor II; Arizona grandson Gabriel Thomas Nagle, Texas grandson James Thomas Nagle, Jr., Texas granddaughter Jada Nicole Nagle, and Maryland granddaughters Cadence Riley Ensor, Isabella Riley Douglass, and Alexandra Joy Douglass. He is also survived by his brother-in-law John Dale Emerson and wife Virginia R. Emerson, step-niece Katherine Mariah Emerson and husband Donald R. Gertz, and great step-niece Hadley Emerson Gertz; step-nephew James Peyton Emerson and wife Hilda Moreno Emerson; and brother-in-law Dwayne Reid Emerson.

After graduating from high school in Wilkes-Barre, PA, Tom attended college on a full scholarship for one year, before deciding to enlist in the Air Force.

After completing basic training in San Antonio, TX, Tom was stationed in Colorado, where he worked in the Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, an operations center for NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command.) He served four years in the U.S. Air Force, where he became a sergeant, working as an electronic communications and cryptographic equipment systems technician.

Following his four years in the Air Force, while working full-time for the government, Tom attended college part-time to complete his undergraduate degree through the G.I. bill. He eventually worked in the private sector for RCA in New Jersey, and later at AAI/Textron in Maryland, bidding on proposals and serving as a program manager of government defense contracts. While working full-time, Tom attended graduate school part-time, eventually earning his Master's Degree at Loyola University in Baltimore, Maryland. One of his proudest work achievements was working as a member of the Pioneer UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) team. The Pioneer UAV A/V 159 was inducted into the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC. on October 3, 2000.

Tom's biggest pleasure in later years was spending as much time as possible with his wife, friends, and family, especially with his six grandchildren. His favorite pastimes over the years were hiking, playing pinochle, attending musical theatre productions at Toby's Dinner Theatre, playing board games and spending time "down the ocean" with his grandchildren and friends, watching football games (especially Steelers vs. Ravens games), and going dancing with his wife and good friends while listening to their favorite live bands. Tom greatly enjoyed visiting family in Arizona, Texas, and Minnesota. He also enjoyed working with the church media team at St. John's Lutheran Church Sweet Air. Tom will be greatly missed by his family, friends and church family.

The family will receive friends and extended family at the Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc., 6500 York Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212 on Sunday, June 14, 2026 from 2:00 - 5:00 PM.

Tom's celebration of life memorial service will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at St John's Lutheran Church Of Sweet Air, 3911 Sweet Air Rd., Phoenix, Maryland at 11:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. John's Lutheran Church Of Sweet Air or to the American Cancer Society.

Upcoming Events

Receiving of Friends

JUN **14**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
6500 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
(410) 377-8300
general@mwfuneralhome.com

Memorial Service

JUN **15**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
3911 Sweet Air Rd
Phoenix, MD 21131
<http://www.stjohnssweetair.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Tom was my friend and work colleague at AAI Corp. [now Textron] in Cockeysville, MD. I will miss his calm, deliberate and level-headed demeanor.
But mostly I am grateful to Tom for his fellowship which he shared with me and his other friends when he gathered us all for dinners at local establishments in Hunt Valley long after most of us had moved on to other sources of employment. Rest in peace, my friend. Roy Voltmer

Roy Voltmer - May 06 at 03:06 PM

Thank you for sharing Roy

Christen Douglass - May 28 at 11:23 AM