



I heard the sad news of the passing of my dear friend Tom on Monday morning. I've known Senator Tom Kennedy for over 30 years as a fellow advocate and crusader for disability rights. He and I first worked together in the early 80's on the Independence Associates' Board of Directors. When he became a State Representative, he helped me understand the inner workings of the State House. He taught me that progress is like sausage - the results were usually good but you don't want to know all the steps it took to get there. Tom never sought the limelight. He was the consummate individual working behind the scenes to educate, inform and agitate for disability rights for all. We shared many great and many difficult times together. He will be sorely missed as an advocate, as an outstanding legislator, and as a friend.

Wake

When:

Sunday, July 5, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday, July 6, 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Where:

Russell Pica Funeral Home

165 Belmont Street

Brockton

Funeral

When:

Tuesday, July 7, 11 a.m.

Where:



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[The Brockton Enterprise](#) has more information on Senator Kennedy's life in an obituary. "The best way to remember Tom, his good works and his well-lived life would be in a moment of reflection or act of kindness."

Thank you,

Paul Spooner,
Executive Director

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