

# TOM'S JUMBO DONUTS ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Tom Milianes of Beverly, MA, the soft-spoken and kind-hearted creator of Tom's Jumbo Donuts has announced his retirement bringing to a close one of Fryeburg Fair's most popular food options.

At 67 years old, Tom's wife, Deborah, a geriatric nurse practitioner, along with family and friends strongly suggested that he call it quits. The 17-hour days that his incredibly successful donut business required were wearing him out. He says, "Friends were commenting on my exhausted appearance. They all thought I was going to work myself to death. So it's just time. It's backbreaking work and I've been doing it since I was 16. I decided to go out while I'm still feeling good."



*Tom Milianes, owner of Tom's Jumbo Donuts, at Fryeburg Fair*

Tom continues to work as a Pastry Chef with Central Bakery in Peabody, MA, where he manages their pastry line. The business specializes in Portuguese breads and is a major supplier to supermarkets. "I've never made a donut at Central Bakery. They make donuts, but that's not my area." Tom works part-time at Central Bakery and "whatever time it takes to get the job done" during the busy holidays.

Tom's Jumbo Donuts will be hugely missed at Fryeburg Fair having served their donuts to fairgoers for the last 28 years. "The key to a great donut is to serve a hot one," Tom says. "It's been a long, great run and I've never had a bad customer. The best time of every day was having 150 people for breakfast and they all stayed around our area and were happy and smiling. I'm really going to miss them all."



Tom's one concession to his donut-loving customers - he will come out of retirement for 2 1/2 days a year to work from his customized Tom's Jumbo Donut building at Deerfield Fair in NH.

Fryeburg Fair's Dean Baker, Superintendent of the Independent Midway vendors, says

"Tom's Jumbo Donuts were outstanding and Tom was a pleasure to work with. People would stand in a very long line for his donuts. - they were that good. Tom and his donuts will be hugely missed!"



*John Blunda from WCSH enjoying a Tom's Jumbo Donut at Fryeburg Fair*

Written by: Rachel Andrews Damon, rdamon@roadrunner.com