



## Thomas E. Moore

October 14, 1942 - April 28, 2025

Sanibel Island, FL - Thomas E. Moore, age 82, of Sanibel Island, FL - a dedicated family man, cherished friend, and respected business leader passed away on April 28, 2025. For those who knew and loved him, it feels like being adrift at sea without a captain. Moving forward without his wise counsel is hard to imagine. Tom lived his life consciously, always guided by a strong moral compass and a thoughtfully considered plan. A diagnosis of Pancreatic Cancer in March of 2024 was inconsistent with his plan. As a lifelong fitness enthusiast, Tom had been walking the beach for miles every day and he was still a formidable presence on the pickleball court. He loved his life, and he was not ready to go. He faced this last challenge, nonetheless, with dignity and strength and he was surrounded by the unwavering support of his loving family and friends.

Tom was born in Detroit, Michigan on October 14, 1942. He developed his leadership skills at a young age as he was the eldest of eight siblings in his close-knit family. He knew he was a role model for his brothers and sisters, and he made his life decisions carefully and practically, always mindful of the example he was setting.

Tom attended the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, graduating in 1960. He chose to continue his education at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio - a decision that would prove life-changing in more than one way. Tom

was intelligent and good with numbers and at JCU he discovered an aptitude for Finance. This eventually led him to attain an MBA from the University of Detroit and launch a successful career as an investment professional and entrepreneur, co-founding Moore, Juran & Company in 1972. In addition to meeting lifelong friends during his college years, he was also introduced to Kitty DeLong on a blind date. Kitty would become the love of his life.

Tom and Kitty were married on May 28, 1966. They were a match made in heaven. Throughout their life together, Kitty helped Tom to become more fun when he became too serious, and Tom helped Kitty to become more serious when she became too fun. Kitty is the oldest of six children. Tom, therefore, inherited an additional sibling group and another set of parents. Tom and the DeLong family had a deep mutual love and appreciation for each other.

Just weeks after their wedding, Tom left to serve as a first lieutenant in Vietnam, writing a letter to Kitty every day. When Tom returned a year later, they moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota where Tom's family had relocated. Once settled, they began creating their version of the 'good life', which included welcoming four children to their family.

With his striking appearance and quiet, serious demeanor, he sometimes came across as intimidating to those who didn't know him. It only took a personal interaction with Tom to discover his kindness and his humor and his willingness to use his gifts and skills to be helpful whenever the opportunity to do so presented itself. He was a master of life balance. He worked hard and he played hard. It could have been said that patience was the one quality that Tom lacked - until his beloved Kitty developed Alzheimer's disease. He became Kitty's devoted caregiver, exhibiting the patience of a Saint. Tom stood by Kitty 'in sickness and in health' and although Kitty's illness was heartbreaking for him, he showed us all what unconditional love looks like.

While Tom had a few meticulously planned trips in his lifetime to adventurous destinations with his cherished friends and siblings, his ideal travel involved moving between his two favorite worlds; the life he and Kitty created on Sanibel Island and the one they created on Round Lake near Brainerd. Tom was the most content when these cozy homes, beautifully decorated by Kitty, were full to capacity with his favorite people - their children and grandchildren, siblings, nieces and nephews, and longtime friends. He especially appreciated when the weather cooperated because this made Kitty happy! It was the simple things Tom cherished the most; His family gathered around the table, a meat and potatoes dinner which he washed down with an ice-cold Michelob Ultra, a double sunset cruise, and the playful competitive banter of his brothers during a game of acquire. It is in these places where his presence will be felt. It is in these places where we will miss him the most. It is in these places where his legacy will continue on.

Tom is predeceased by his mother, Maureen, his father, Stan, his brother, Art, his granddaughter, Sophia, Kitty's parents, Jack and Mary Alice DeLong, and Kitty's sister, Tina DeLong. He is survived by his beloved wife, Kitty, their children, Sara(Eric), Bridget(Greg), Mark(Christy) Tommy(Brittany) his grandchildren, Jack, Ellie, William, Olivia, Chloe, Griffin, Ava, Mason, Charlotte, Nell, his siblings, Ann (Leo Crowley), Bill (Jordi), Rob (Patty), Kathy (Jane Simon), John(Lourdes), Mike(Maureen), sister in law, Jo, bonus siblings, Mark(Susie), Billy(Ruth), Jeff (Mary Kay), Mary Ellen (Ray), many nieces and nephews, his Ferry Landing community and many cherished friends.

Please join us to pay tribute to our beloved Tom and to celebrate his life.

Location: Edina Country Club, 5100 Wooddale Avenue, Edina MN 55424

Date/Time: Saturday, May 10, Ceremony at 4PM, followed by reception

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Moore.*



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