



Thomas Joseph O'Connell, Jr.

January 29, 1946 - June 8, 2022

O'Connell, Thomas J., Jr. age 76, of Plymouth, passed away on June 8, 2022. Survived by daughter Deborah O'Connell (Michael Klas); grandchildren, Casey Klas (Alyssa McCoy), Riley Klas, Ian Klas; sisters, Donna Pettinelli, Karen O'Connell; niece and nephews, John (Lindsay), Angela (Mark), Stephen; many friends and extended family. Tom is a native of Boston, MA. He graduated in 1964 from Quincy, MA High School. Following High School he enlisted in the US Army and served in Vietnam. Upon return from Vietnam he attended Northeastern University and graduated with a Bachelors degree. He spent his career as a Communication Specialist with the US Army. He was an avid Boston Sports fan, as well as a history buff. He enjoyed golf, travel and was a lover of the arts. Tom enjoyed an active social calendar with many friends from around the world. He supported two teams: The Red Sox and whoever beat the Yankees. He was dearly loved and will be missed. Visitation 9:30-11:30am Thursday June 16th at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th St., Edina, followed by a formal funeral procession to Ft. Snelling National Cemetery for a 12:30 Graveside Service. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred to Wounded Warriors of Minnesota. washburn-mcreavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Graveside Service

JUN 16. 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

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7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall

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“ I just heard minutes ago that Tom had passed. I am heartbroken.

I met Tom about 25 years ago at the Army Personnel Command in St. Louis. Tom and I partnered on a number of projects there. We became friends and stayed friends after Tom retired from the Army.

My wife and I would reconnect with Tom and some of his wonderful St. Louis friends whenever Tom would pass through town on his golf vacations to Florida.

Tom was warm, loyal, hysterically funny, sarcastic, endearing, and loved by all. For some reason, I mistakenly thought Tom would always be around. My wife and I will miss him a lot.

To Tom's grandsons: Your grandfather loved each of you very much. He was incredibly proud of you. He showed me many pictures of you and spoke of you often.

Steve Manley, St. Louis, MO, June 17, 2022

Steve Manley - June 17, 2022 at 01:23 PM

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“ Tom was my next-door neighbor in Plymouth for many years. He was always ready to lend a hand to help or make a wisecrack. He loved our community gatherings, my holiday parties, biking, golfing & going to concerts. He was definitely a "character" & I'll miss him!

Carolyn Susor - June 14, 2022 at 03:05 PM