



Thomas McGwynn Moore

July 3, 1921 - November 23, 2019

Thomas McGwynn Moore, 98, of Matthews died November 23, 2019. Born July 3, 1921 to James and Bessie Moore, Tom grew up in Raleigh. After graduating from Hugh Morson High School as senior class president, Tom attended UNC-Chapel Hill and enlisted in the Naval ROTC. He was commissioned as an ensign and served during D-Day at Omaha Beach as captain of USS tank landing craft (LCT) 647 then in the Pacific on the LCT 810 and LST 372 where he achieved the rank of lieutenant (jg). To say he had fascinating stories was an understatement. Following an honorable discharge, Tom returned to UNC-CH, completed a BS in Commerce and embarked on his 37-year accounting career with Arthur Andersen & Co.

Tom worked for Arthur Andersen in Atlanta before opening the Charlotte office, where he served 16 years as managing partner. Needing an accomplished leader with excellent manners, he was asked to serve a 3-year appointment in Tokyo. Tom held key leadership positions in his church and the Charlotte community; he served as treasurer, president, and board member for a variety of organizations, including Junior Achievement, United Way, Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, Charlotte North Rotary, and the NC Association of CPAs. Retiring from Arthur Andersen in 1984, Tom's colleagues honored him for his fairness, professionalism and wisdom. He was a beloved leader whose colleagues continue to celebrate with him on his birthday each year.

Tom treasured family gatherings and trips throughout the world. He was a devoted caregiver, a champion for his children during their life challenges, an enthusiastic cheerleader at his grandchildren's graduations and many sporting events, and an active community volunteer through Myers Park United Methodist Church. Lively games of tennis and golf as a member of Myers Park Country Club were an integral part of his schedule and he thoroughly enjoyed introducing his grandchildren to his favorite sports and perhaps teaching them how to be gracious in defeat as well as victory.

Tom is survived by his daughters Lauren Nelson (Steve Hege), Lesley Lynch (Brian), and Libby Palmer (Tom); grandchildren, John Palmer (Michelle), Tim Palmer, Lyn Nelson,

Thomas Hege (Andrea Vogel); and great granddaughter, Maylin Palmer. Tom is preceded in death by Virginia, his second wife of 27 years; Phyllis, his first wife of 31 years; and his brothers James, Randall, Carey, and Horace.

Tom's family is deeply appreciative of the caregivers and residents at Plantation Estates who helped maintain his quality of life. Family and friends will miss Tom's sense of integrity, sharp mind, generous spirit, dry wit, and global perspective.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, in the chapel at Plantation Estates in Matthews. The family will receive friends after the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Employee Appreciation Fund, 733 Plantation Estates Drive, Matthews, 28105; or to Heart Math Tutoring, PO Box 30623, Charlotte NC, 28230; or to A Child's Place, 601 E 5th Street, Charlotte 28202.

Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington Chapel.

Events

DEC Celebration of life

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Plantation Estates Chapel
733 Plantation Estates Drive, Matthews, NC, US, 28105

Comments



“ Dear Lesley we are so sorry you have lost your wonderful Father. He lived a full & happy life. We always enjoyed being with him. He was so sweet. An exceptional man. We send our love to you & Brian.
Uncle Doodle & Aunt Peggy

Peggy Brown - November 30, 2019 at 09:51 PM



“ Lauren Lesley, and Family.

Please accept my deepest condolences.

Tom Hall
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Tom Hall - November 30, 2019 at 02:49 PM



“ I was very fortunate to have had Tom Moore in my professional life. Tom hired me at Arthur Andersen in 1972 and he spoke at my retirement party 41 years later in 2013. Not many people can say that! Tom invested in me and played a major role in my success in public accounting. I will always remember and appreciate the many teaching moments he had with me.

I am very sorry I will not be able to be with you December 3 as I will be in Florida assisting my soon to be 98 year old mother. Tom and I shared many stories in his later years about my Mom and Tom both being very sharp mentally late in life. Both with better memories than I have!

Tom will be missed.

Brad Gabosch

brad gabosch - November 30, 2019 at 08:28 AM



“ Tom and I met several years ago when he had to give up driving. I volunteered to drive him to a medical appointment and that led to one of the most rewarding friendships I ever had. We shared many leisurely meals at a variety of places ranging from a pizza shop to the dining room at Myers Park Country Club. Sometimes we shopped and sometimes we just drove around the countryside. Wherever we were there was always great conversation on an endless variety of topics. There is no greater treasure than a true friend and Tom was one of my greatest treasures. Rest in peace dear friend, you have earned it.

Bob Johnston

Bob Johnston - November 27, 2019 at 09:41 PM