



## William Thomas Kendall

July 20, 1938 - May 29, 2020

William T. Kendall, 81, passed away peacefully on May 29, 2020, at his home in Matthews, N.C. "Tom" is survived by his loving wife, Patricia (Pat) Kendall, of Matthews; son Scott Kendall and wife, Karen, of Marietta, Ga.; son Michael Kendall and wife, Ann, of Charlotte; and son Richard Kendall and wife, Kimberly, of Seattle. Tom has seven beautiful grandchildren – Will, Erin, Bradley, Ryan, Kristin, Emily and Drew. Tom is preceded in death by his parents, William and Lucile Kendall of Louisville, Ky., sister Roberta and brother Jimmy.

Tom never met anyone he didn't consider a friend, and his kind, generous approach to life will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him. He could always be found spending time with family, fly-fishing at a local stream, or playing golf with friends. Tom and Pat lived for more than 20 years in Roswell, Ga., and were active members of Northminster Presbyterian Church. They married in 1961 before Tom graduated from Vanderbilt University. He then enlisted in the USMC Reserve, highlighted by his boot camp experience at Parris Island, S.C., where he learned to live by the core values of courage, honor and commitment. Tom enjoyed a successful career in retailing, including 25 years in store-management at Sears Roebuck, in Wilmington, N.C., where he and Pat raised their family, spending many days boating, swimming and fishing at the beach.

The Kendall family is grateful to the staff and management at Plantation Estates in Matthews that cared for him during his illness. A private family celebration of life is being planned for later this year. The family is in the care of Heritage Funeral Home Charlotte. Online condolences may be made at [www.heritagecares.com](http://www.heritagecares.com).

# Comments

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“ Hello Pat, This is Richard and Shirley Schulz, voices from the old Sears days. We were so sad to hear about Tom's passing. Tom and I were often a team, and he was always laid back and had a great ability to handle customers, even unhappy ones. I talked with Claude Ayers last night and he and I went down memory lane sharing stories. One of my favorite remembrances was a road trip to an Atlanta Falcons football game with Tom, David Davis and me. We stopped in Columbia ,S.C.to catch a South Carolina Gamecocks game , and we scalped tickets, but one problem , they ended up being in the middle of the band section. Needless to say the rest of the trip we could not hear each other. But we laugh the whole trip. Shame on me for not staying in touch all these years. Reading the comments, it sounds like Tom was still a great friend to many and was well loved. If you get a chance, please give me a call , we live in Summerville, S.C , 201 Loch Lomond St. 29483 phone number,828-216-0904. Sincerely,  
Richard Schulz

Richard Schulz - August 02, 2020 at 04:12 PM

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“ Pat, We are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I hope the boys and families are with you. I do not have a mailing address for you but would love to hear from you when you have a chance and feel like it. We can be reached at 630 CAROLINA BAY DRIVE, apt. 226 Wilmington 28403 Phone (910) 769-0287, We send our love and best wishes to all of you. Fletcher and Janis

Fletcher and Janis R Norris - June 06, 2020 at 12:37 PM

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“ My best to Pat and the family of this wonderful man and friend. He and I played golf together at Roswell CC and at Rivermont GC, and shared Marine Corps memories ( he a Marine, me a Hospital Corpsman caring for Marines), and I am better for having him as a friend. He will be missed greatly. David "Doc" Hammer

David L. Hammer MD MPH - June 06, 2020 at 08:32 AM

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“ To Tom's Family and Friends - I live at Plantation Estates and for the last 2 or 3 years 'Tom-Tom' was a member of our billiards group. Whenever he could make it Tom would show up, shoot pool and entertain everyone. We would fuss and laugh, contemplate and solve, while solving the world's problems at the same time. Tom will be sorely missed by not only me but the members of our group. Deepest sympathies go to his family and friends. Rest In Peace Tom. Sincerely,  
Marion Ratliff - Plantation Estates - Matthews, NC

Marion Ratliff - June 05, 2020 at 04:40 PM

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“ Pat and family,

We are saddened to hear of Tom's passing. Memories of some fun times shared with both of you while you were in the Roswell area are treasured. May these memories from you lives together bring you peace. May he Rest In Peace !

Jim and Joanne Shields

Jim Shields - June 05, 2020 at 11:48 AM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of William Thomas Kendall.



June 05, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about my buddy!! He and Pat and I became friends at Northminster Pres in Roswell. I can still hear 'Bozardt' loudly with a smile in his voice! I could always count on him at Habitat Golf tournaments, Mission Trip and Christmas Silent Auctions - I've even got a painting!!  
Pat, You are in my thoughts and prayers! Love you!! Sherri

Sherri Bozardt - June 03, 2020 at 12:43 AM

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“ Pat and family, Tom became a good friend after ya'll moved into PE. We talked and laughed each day he came in the Clubhouse. He had a beautiful baritone voice, when I think of the song "Sixteen tons", I will always hear him singing. He was a talented man that painted some beautiful pictures. I loved him and miss him, and I will always have the precious memories! Thank you for sharing him and I'm grateful that God allowed our paths to cross. I pray for God to give all of you peace and comfort in the days ahead. God bless each of you!  
Love, Teresa York, PE Clubhouse Mgr.

**Teresa York** - June 02, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ To Mr Kendall's Family.  
I've truly been blessed knowing your Tom and my heart is filled with special moments shared with him this past year. I visit & care for a dear friend at Plantation Estates daily. After moving my friend to Assisted living I was enlightened when I met Mr Kendall. Everyday we spoke, he'd share his hobbies of Golf, painting, boating and joys with his family. I in turn shared my passions of Dragonboat racing & painting with him. He quizzed & challenged me. Every time he saw me he asked about my races & medals and wanted details of every race. His conversations & hugs were so meaningful to me I will miss him dearly. Please know what a joy he was in my life and I am so grateful to have learned so much from him.

My deepest thoughts & prayers. Janet Ligon

**Janet Ligon** - June 05, 2020 at 11:55 PM