



Thomas Michael Babon

February 4, 1940 - November 24, 2025

Thomas Micheal Babon, age 85, a devoted husband, loving father, proud grandfather, and honored Vietnam veteran, passed away on Sunday, November 23, 2025. His life was defined by courage, loyalty, and a deep love for his country and for those he held closest to his heart.

Tom served his country with distinction in both the Navy and the Army as a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War. The discipline, strength, and resilience he carried from his years of service shaped the man he was throughout his life. That same dedication guided him long after his military career, influencing the values he lived by and the family he raised.

Tom was predeceased by his beloved wife of 35 years, Maureen, of Belfast, Ireland. Together they shared a life filled with love and adventure, dividing their years between Naples and Belfast.

A lifelong hard worker, Tom was steady, dependable, and committed to doing things the right way. He took great pride in his work and instilled the same strong work ethic in his sons. Through his example, he taught them responsibility, perseverance, and the importance of standing tall in the face of challenges.

As a father, Tom was supportive, patient and encouraging. As a grandfather,

he was warm and loving—always ready with a smile, a story, or a reassuring word. His grandchildren will forever remember his kindness, humor, and the special way he made each of them feel seen and loved.

Tom will be remembered for his integrity, generosity, and the strong presence he brought into every room. His legacy lives on in the values he passed down, the lives he touched, and the family he cherished so deeply.

He is survived by his sister Josephine, his brother Paul, and his children Tommy (Lise), Greg (Kathi), Eric (Dawn), Peter, and Aine. He was predeceased by his son John. Tom is also survived by his grandchildren Lia, Natalie, Eric, Danny, Jack, Declan, Hope, and Charlie, as well as many loving nieces and nephews who will carry his memory in their hearts forever.

A service to honor Tom's life and military service will be held at Shikany's Funeral Home in Bonita Springs at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, December 2, 2025. Family and friends are invited to gather, share memories, and celebrate the remarkable man he was.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 2. 4:30 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
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Tribute Wall

MB

“ My dear, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church brother, Tom. I will miss deeply, seeing and being with you daily. I loved being able to bring a smile to your face. It made my day! I'll miss the daily chats that we shared that made us both chuckle.
Little did I know, that that last day before I left for Jersey, would be our last.
I thank God for our friendship and that before I left church that day, I hugged you and said, "I love you my brother," and he responded to me, "I love you too my brother." God bless you Tom. He now has another angel!!! 🙏🙏🙏

Michael Basile - December 02, 2025 at 02:54 PM

XF

“ XOXO Your California Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas Michael Babon.



XOXO Your California Family - December 01, 2025 at 03:30 PM

XF

“ XOXO Your California Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Michael Babon.

XOXO Your California Family - December 01, 2025 at 03:30 PM

LF

“ Love, The Longaker Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Michael Babon.



Love, The Longaker Family - December 01, 2025 at 12:58 PM

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Love, The Longaker Family - December 01, 2025 at 12:58 PM

PB

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Tom. Along with my late wife Brenda, I have many fond memories of Tom's time in Belfast and Donegal and of our visit to Tom and Maureen in Florida. I especially enjoyed Thursday nights on the lazy boy with a beer watching TV football and Tom patiently explaining the rules. On more than one occasion I relied on Tom to get me home safely after a good night out! His enduring legacy will be his years of vital support for Maureen here in Belfast during her son John's growing up.
Tom was solid and reliable and a gentleman and will be sorely missed by all those who knew him.
On behalf of my family and all who knew him here in Belfast I send my deepest sympathy to Tom's children and relatives.
Peter Browne .

Peter Browne - December 01, 2025 at 09:07 AM

GF

“ Guerra’s Automotive Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Thomas Michael Babon.



Guerra’s Automotive Family - November 30, 2025 at 08:48 PM

DJ

“ Dan & Jennifer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Michael Babon.



Dan & Jennifer - November 30, 2025 at 03:31 PM

GB

“ Gaby, RJ & Bayleigh purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Michael Babon.



Gaby, RJ & Bayleigh - November 30, 2025 at 09:01 AM

GB

“ Gaby, RJ & Bayleigh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Michael Babon.

Gaby, RJ & Bayleigh - November 30, 2025 at 09:01 AM

AX

“ *Aine xo purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Thomas Michael Babon.*



Aine xo - November 30, 2025 at 08:11 AM