



## Thomas Mansfield Donaldson

May 21, 1922 - April 19, 2022

Thomas M. Donaldson, 99, of Estero, Florida, passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at HealthPark Hospital in Fort Myers. He was born May 21, 1922 in Mount Vernon, New York, a son of the late Charles and Grace (Farnum) Donaldson. After making homes in Connecticut, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Florida, he became a resident of Estero in 2016.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Jean (Hornbeak) Donaldson; children, Nancy Marsh of Estero, Florida, Thomas Donaldson of Wilmington, North Carolina, Lyn Donaldson of Estero, Florida; brother, Charles (Leslie) Donaldson of Fountain Hills, Arizona; 4 grandchildren; and 8 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Jane Hubsch, and son-in-law Greg Swift.

Tom loved family, fishing, roses, road trips, chess, and baseball. He never turned down dessert; if offered a choice, his response was always “a little of each”. He enjoyed nature’s quiet beauty throughout his life, taking a small boat out on Lake Michigan or Candlewood Lake as a child, sharing his wife’s interest in birds, and visiting as many National Parks as he could. From his training as a naval aviator during WWII, he could identify any plane by its silhouette, and had a life-long habit of pausing whatever he was doing to watch one cross the sky. Tom received his Bachelor's Degree from Stevens Institute and later obtained a Master in Business Administration. He began his

career at Singer Manufacturing Company and then joined the Environmental Protection Agency shortly after its inception, retiring after many years of service there. Tom was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was patient and loving, always kind and truly humble.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 3:30 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail So., Bonita Springs, FL 34134. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Nature Conservancy.

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR **22**. 3:30 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Mansfield Donaldson*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I worked with Tom at EPA for many years. It was a joy to work with Tom. He was always positive. We enjoyed many golf rounds in the EPA golf league. I particularly remember Tom's stories of playing Army baseball with Ted Williams during WW II in Durham NC. Rest in Peace dear friend.*

**Ted Creekmore** - May 06, 2022 at 06:28 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Tom closely for over twenty years. Throughout the normal ups and downs that always accompany any working environment, Tom was a rock and a class individual. He was the hardest working, the most thoughtful, and the most reliable person in our group. But all of those qualities combined paled in comparison to Tom's extraordinary kindness, grace, dignity, and humility that was recognized by literally everyone he dealt with. With his example of daily living as a guide, Tom's personal and professional traits reflected the absolute best qualities of the human spirit to which other good and dignified people often strive with difficulty to attain.*  
*My deepest sympathies to Tom's Family for their loss.*

*Allan Jones*

**Allan Jones** - April 27, 2022 at 06:50 PM

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“ *bob and suzanne jeffreys purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Mansfield Donaldson.*



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**bob and suzanne jeffreys** - April 21, 2022 at 03:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Mansfield Donaldson.*



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April 21, 2022 at 01:45 PM