



Thomas E. Messmore

June 30, 1945 - March 30, 2024

Beloved family patriarch Thomas E. Messmore passed away on March 30, 2024, in Naples, FL at the age of 78. Born to parents Ellison and Margaret Messmore, Tom grew up in Fairmont, WV with his brother, Scott. He enjoyed becoming an Eagle Scout.

Tom earned a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from West Virginia University, followed by an MBA from Harvard University, as well as the professional designation of Chartered Financial Analyst. He had an impressive career in finance and insurance, specializing in investment and risk management for firms including State Street Bank, Keystone, Travelers, UBS, and Zurich, which ultimately took him overseas to live in Zurich, Switzerland for five years.

Tom lived a full life with his wife, Sharon, and their children and grandchildren. He loved skiing (snow and water), tennis, computer programming, and following the stock market. He relished spending time at his lake house in New Hampshire along with family, friends, and his German shepherd, treating them to countless boat rides—motor, row, sail, and kayak. His ease with math translated into a love of poker and bridge, where he was both a patient teacher and an avid player. A fierce patriot, Tom led dramatic readings of the Declaration of Independence. He served on multiple boards of directors, including Habitat for Humanity (Collier County, FL), the Red Cross (both national and local), as well as Bolduc Park (New Hampshire).

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Sharon; his daughter Lauren and husband David; his daughter Beth and grandchildren Hugh Thomas, Margaret, and Winston; his son Benjamin, wife Teresa and grandchildren John and Clare; his son William and wife Sarah; and, his beloved nieces and nephews and their families.

A celebration of life will occur at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, Naples on Wednesday, April 17 at 10:00 am.

In lieu of flowers please honor Tom with a donation to Collier County Habitat for Humanity or Bolduc Park in Gilford, NH.

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.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church
1225 Piper Blvd.
Naples, FL 34110

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Messmore.



April 15, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ Ellington Management Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas E. Messmore.

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“ Keeping Tom's family in my prayers and remembering Tom's dedication to the Southwest Florida community. It was an honor to serve with Tom on the local American Red Cross board.
Jennifer Trammell

Jennifer Trammell - April 11, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ Our thoughts are with Tom's family at this sad and complicated time.
From Bill and Susan Black (Ben's in-laws)
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Susan Black - April 06, 2024 at 03:38 PM