



Thomas Patrick "Tom" Raby Sr.

August 28, 1941 - April 12, 2023

Thomas Patrick Raby, Sr., 81 of Naples, FL passed away Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at Naples Community Hospital. Formerly of Long Island, NY, Somerville, NJ and Charleston, WV, Tom had been a Naples resident since 2001. Tom was born on August 28, 1941 in Parkchester (Bronx) NY, a son of the late Thomas Leo and Margaret Dorothy (O'Dwyer) Raby.

He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at Mount Saint Mary's College (now University) in Emmitsburg, MD. Upon graduation he entered the United States Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant and served for 6+ years. During that time he was stationed at a variety of AF bases, most notably as a Captain in an Air Commando Unit during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Bronze Star.

Upon separating from the Air Force Tom joined the Union Carbide Corporation. He was President of the Piscataway (NJ) Chamber of Commerce 1972-1973 and was certified as a Safety and Health Professional (CSP) in 1973. His contributions over a thirty-year career stretched from years in personnel and operational safety programs, through to his serving as Corporate Manager/Director of Safety and Health for Union Carbide accountable for UC plants worldwide. At the request of the US government Tom participated in the writing and development of OSHA regulations and co-authored an Accident Investigation Manual for the National Safety Council.

Tom enjoyed boating and fishing, crossword puzzles, cruising, relaxing travel with family, sports, political news and hanging out with friends. Mr. Raby was a devout Catholic and parishioner at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church where he was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #11281 and a 4th degree member of the Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 59 years, Kathleen (Johnson) Raby, loving children, Margaret E. Raby of Orlando, FL, Karen (Andrew) Monson of Orlando, FL, Thomas P. (Eva) Raby, Jr. of Vienna, VA; sister, Kathleen (J. Gregory) Bartels of Orlando, FL; and cherished grandchildren, Andrew T. Monson, Christina E. Raby and Thomas P. Raby III. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, John F. Raby. He is also survived by numerous Raby and O'Dwyer nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Celebration will be held on Friday, May 5th at 11:00 AM at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Avenue. N., Naples, FL 34108.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Tom's name may be made to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306 or to the St. John's Jamaica Outreach Program, P.O. Box 110581, Naples, FL 34108.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

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

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Ave. N
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Patrick "Tom" Raby Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I just read that Tom passed away in April. Very sorry to hear that - my sympathies to his family. Tom worked for me for a number of years at UCC and was a top-notch safety guy - smart, reliable and a good sense of humor. Jim Petros*

Jim Petros - July 14, 2023 at 03:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Patrick "Tom" Raby Sr..*



May 02, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *Dear Kathy,*

Jim and Nancy Calabresa send sincere condolences at Tom's passing. So many years ago we had some good times together! Prayers for you as you grieve.

Nancy

Nancy & Jim Calabresa - April 24, 2023 at 04:34 PM

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“ Tom was an awesome big brother . A role model to follow and the “apple” of my mother’s eye . He married a wonderful woman and together raised a beautiful family. How special is that ? Mighty special !!

With love to all, Kathy his sister 💕💕

Kathleen Bartels - April 23, 2023 at 03:00 PM