



## Vincent John Hovanec

May 30, 1936 - November 21, 2019

Vincent John Hovanec, 83, of Bonita Springs, FL passed away Thursday, November 21, 2019 at Physicians Regional Medical Center in Naples, FL. Formerly of Washington, D.C. he had been a resident of Bonita Springs for the past 19 years. Vince was born May 30, 1936 in New Rochelle, NY a son of the late Vincent J. and Marianne C. (Boinem) Hovanec.

Mr. Hovanec was a veteran of the United States Army.

He earned his Bachelors of History Degree at Dartmouth College, graduating in 1958. Vince's career started as a journalist for the Wall Street Journal as well as the St. Petersburg Times before working for the United States Information Agency as a Diplomat.

He was a lifelong tennis player and member of the Bonita Bay Tennis Club. Vince also enjoyed sailing, bicycling, traveling, reading and walking his beloved dogs.

Survivors include his children, Mandy Metzger of Columbia, MD, Chris (Shannon) Hovanec of Blaine, MN and Andrea (Taras) Wankewycz of Singapore; grandchildren, Matthew Metzger, Sharon (Joseph) Galeano, Victoria (Stephen) Hoerner, Summer Hovanec and Blake Dirksen; and great granddaughter, Gianna Galeano. In addition to his parents, he was preceded

in death by his brother, Roger Noe; and companion of 20 years, Gloria S. Allen on November 16, 2019.

Funeral services will be private.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Vincent John Hovanec*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Vince was a dear friend more than thirty years;. I relished our liberal discussions*

*during the summers we met at the lake. His wisdom and worldly knowledge were*

*passed on to all of us. His sincere love for Gloria was appreciate by all of us.*

*He will be sorely missed.*

*Rocco and Charlene Tamburro*

Rocco and Charlene Tamburro - December 12, 2019 at 07:58 AM



“ *To the families of Vince and Gloria,  
This is a sad loss to the Lake Temagami community; especially the Royal Temagami Tennis Club. My husband, Ted, loved to play on that magical court with all the Royal members, and we have very fond memories of the cocktail parties and the entertaining stories. I believe that Vince and Gloria were not done yet. They needed to be together still. Rest in Peace*

*Elodie Tichinoff  
Island 1058*

Elodie Tichinoff - December 04, 2019 at 04:18 PM

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“ Many fond memories of tennis with Vince during the last 15 years at the “Royal Temagami Tennis Club” in Temagami Ontario Canada ( a single tennis court in the woods on an island ) where Vince and Gloria spent the summer months. He would travel 5 miles over the lake in his open metal boat in pretty much all kinds of weather to get to the tennis court with his ear phones plugged into his phone listening to some audio book or podcast. If he was the first to arrive at the duly appointed afternoon starting time sometimes you could sneak up on him as he dozed in a chair waiting for others to arrive still plugged into his ear phones.

*In addition to Vince’s efforts on the court we were blessed with his insightful views of current and past events political and otherwise. We didn’t Canadianize him but he was as knowledgeable about Canada as any Canadian and always willing to engage on any topic up for debate. He had a wonderful way of poking at the issues to stimulate that debate and it was easy to see it came naturally. We will all miss his charm and easy mannered personality. My regards to the family. Sandy Nixon*

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**Sandy Nixon** - December 03, 2019 at 08:25 AM