



Thomas A. Farina

June 3, 1938 - July 1, 2022

Thomas A. Farina was born June 3, 1938 in San Francisco California to Orlando Farina and Norma M. (Franzen) Farina. Subsequently, Tom was raised by his mother in Orange, New Jersey.

In the 7th grade, Tom wrote a career report assigned by his English teacher. His mother, who worked for an architect, suggested that he explore that possibility. After researching in the public library, the work of famous American architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, Tom decided that was the career for him. He never wavered and eventually attended Seton Hall Prep and subsequently, entered the School of Architecture at University of Notre Dame, class of 1960. He graduated in 1961 and received the A.I.A. Silver medal for graduating second in his class.

After serving in the Army Reserve, he received his architectural license and began his career. He eventually became President of Design Interface, the construction and real estate development subsidiary of The Hillier Group, Princeton, NJ. Subsequently, he was promoted to Managing Business Partner of Hillier, one of the largest architectural firms in the country. He also served as President of the Newark-Suburban chapter of the A. I. A.

Tom enjoyed all sports and was an avid skier and golfer throughout his entire life. He was a member of Turtle Creek Club, Tequesta, Florida for over 20

years and served as its President from 2006-2008.

Tom felt blessed that throughout his life he was surrounded by all his loving family and especially his mother, Norma

He is survived by his beloved wife, Terry Espinosa Farina of 21 years. He was especially proud of his three wonderful daughters, Dr. Kimberly K. Farina (Greg Saitz), Pamela Jo Farina (Dan Higgins), Liza Jill Davidov (Dr. Tomer Davidov) and stepson Aaron P Cayo. He also leaves his five gifted and lovable grandchildren, Henry Saitz, Rebecca, Benjamin and Natalie Davidov and Greyson Cayo. Tom's half sister, Janet Farina, resides in El Cerrito, CA.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM on July 6, 2022 at St. Jude Catholic Church, 204 N. U.S. Hwy 1, Tequesta, FL In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Tom's memory to Seton Hall Prep www.shp.org

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Jude Catholic Church
204 N U.S. 1
Tequesta, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas A. Farina*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Tom and Terry's quiet and difficult journey through the many twists and turns of his illness in the past many years has been a lesson in valor and stoicism.*

He will be missed by those of us fortunate to have known the "real" Tom and grateful for the tremendous contribution of his talent and time that he generously gave to Turtle Creek Club and the members. He is at peace.
Mary Ann & "Gar" Smith



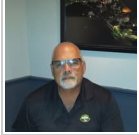
Mary Ann Smith - July 11, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *Although many miles separated us over the years, our special friendship as fellow ND Architecture grads was always there . And when we reconnected as retirees he was still the same thoughtful, funny, personable guy. I am sure he will be greatly missed by his family and so many of his friends - and his ND classmates as well. Rest in peace, Tom.*

Ed and Rhonda Duffy

Ed Duffy - July 10, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ I always looked up to Tom. From the time he spent hours helping me break in my baseball glove, to me asking him to be my catholic confirmation sponsor, to me following in his golf caddying footsteps Tom was someone you could always look up to. Thank Tom Rest In Peace.

Richard Triolo - July 05, 2022 at 04:47 PM

JR

“ It was sad to hear of Tom's passing. I has been some time since we last spoke. especially after he moved to Florida. I was introduced to Tom as a young architect in New Jersey. I was mentored by him for four years and always appreciated his "direct" approach to architecture, business and life. My memories of Tom were often friendly banter. As a fellow "Domer", he appreciated his time at ND which provided a great foundation for a successful architectural career. My condolences to his wife and three daughters. Rest in peace, Tom.

Jim Ramentol, - July 05, 2022 at 03:38 PM

JF

“ Tom had very high standards; he was committed to always doing his best and was not a quitter. Although his last years were not easy for him or his family, I never heard him really complain about what he was going through. Our sincere condolences and best wishes go out to Terry and his Family during this trying time. John and Leola Fitteron

John Fitteron - July 04, 2022 at 04:38 PM

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“ *Can never thank Tom enough for the splendid work and beautification of Turtle Creek Club House. He will be truly missed.*

Haggerty - July 04, 2022 at 02:59 PM