



Thomas Edward Riggin

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Surrounded by his family and holding the hands of his three daughters, Thomas Edward Riggin of Glen Burnie passed away on Sunday, January 6th at the age of 87.

Known and loved by many, Tom was always one to give and help others who needed it most. He was nicknamed, Wimp, based on the character from Popeye. He attended Southern High School in Baltimore before joining the Marines and fought in the Korean War where he earned a Purple Heart for his service. Upon his return home, he put himself through school at Western Maryland College (now McDaniel) playing football and basketball throughout. He remained a fan of sports throughout his life.

Tom went on to have a long career as the International Sales Manager for Baker and Taylor, a worldwide book retailer, retiring at the age of 75. This profession led him to travel the world and he relished the times he brought his family to see things he only imagined growing up in South Baltimore. With his love of books, Tom became an avid collector of rare and antique books and coins and continued to enjoy this hobby throughout his retirement and into his final days.

A true animal lover, Tom adored his pet cats and fed birds, squirrels, raccoons, and possums on his deck every day. Always one to give back, Tom was a charter member of the Take Back Our Streets program, developing after school activities for kids in troubled neighborhoods. He took great pride in helping those in need and even greater pride in making a difference in the lives of others.

In addition to his career at Baker and Taylor, Tom had a love of politics, running numerous political campaigns and doling out advise to those interested in running for office. He went onto become a long-serving Chairman of the Anne Arundel County Liquor Board.

He is survived by his daughters, Wendy Killian (John) of Pasadena, Kristin Fleckenstein (Tom) of Pasadena and Laura Reddish (Rod) of Arnold, nine grandchildren, Brittany, Corinne, Brendan,



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Angelina, Lucy, Charlotte, Max, Lily and Chase and two great-grandchildren, Jillian and Christopher. He remained close with his former wife, Barbara, throughout his life.

He is also survived by his brother, Joseph Riggin, sister, Mildred (Midge) Scheydt, and dozens of nieces and nephews.

Family will receive visitors at the Lasting Tributes Funeral Home on Bestgate Road in Annapolis from 3 to 7 on Thursday, January 10th. The funeral and celebration of his life will be held at Lasting Tributes on Saturday, January 12th at 11 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Hwy, Pasadena MD 21122.



Events


Thomas Edward Riffin

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Visitation

 **Thursday**, January 10, 2019

 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401



Service

 **Saturday**, January 12, 2019

 11:00 AM ET

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DC

Donald Campbell lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



January 19 at 7:14 PM

DC

Donald Campbell posted:

My path crossed with Tom's only occasionally over the years, at Riggin family gatherings that I had the privilege to attend. He was the uncle of my wife Kathleen, who preceded him in death by a few months. Kathleen loved Tommy, and would have been terribly saddened at his passage. I always enjoyed catching up with Tom -- his good-natured teasing (making sure I was taking proper care of his niece!) always made our time together special. He was a fine, loving gentleman. If there's a heaven, I sure he and Kathleen and are now sharing a smile and a hug. I will miss him. Donald Campbell

January 19 at 7:12 PM

SS

Susan Stonesifer posted:

Dear Riggin family, While Tom wouldn't have known who I was, I knew you he was! Besides delighting us with donuts, I remember thanking him at ALA for sharing exhibits passes with us at Howard County Library. What a blessing he was and how much he enjoyed life! Susan Stonesifer

January 15 at 3:22 PM

WR

With Much Love, The Family Of Bill & Gloria Riggin sent a Fairest of All to the Riggin family.



January 10 at 7:40 AM



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LS

Lynn Stonesifer posted:

To the beloved family of Tom Riggin, I have fond memories of Tom from his work with Baker & Taylor when he visited the libraries where I worked in the selection and acquisition departments. He always brought us doughnuts and we shared stories of love for our pets and the little critters that visit our backyard feeders. I will always think of him with a twinkle in his eye and his love of his career selling books and library services. What could be better than that? I am sorry for your loss. Please know that Tom touched many lives and we will all remember him with great affection. Take care, Lynn Stonesifer (former Supervisor of the Collection Management Department at the Enoch Pratt Free Library)

January 10 at 6:18 AM

KC

Keller 3246 Lineboro Road 21102 Pat Cuff posted:

Thomas you have been a true friend to Greg Keller and I for many years. Time shared at your house and with family members shall be memories that will be a permanent part of our lives. Thank you we love you Tom and you will be missed in our lives and heart.

January 10 at 3:27 AM

G2

Greg Keller 3246 Lineboro Road 21102 posted:

My dear friend and mentor Thomas, I have been blessed to have known you personally for over 25 years and have been a better man for having walked, talked and worked with you. You have shown and taught me what true friendship and Love really mean. No words can ever truly describe what our time and memories together have meant to me. I will always remember our trips to the many auctions, book and coin stores, singers and claw machines. The looks on the children's eyes when we win a stuffed animal and you give it to the child and then engage into a conversation with the parents instantly developing another new friendship. Tom was a man that always had a genuine love and interest of the people he met. Many of his friendships were life long as ours was. Thank you Tom for your friendship, love, the many many stories you shared with me, all the bread broken together, the amazing amount of knowledge you have given, and most of all, the time, love and guidance you have shown me. You have changed my life for the better as you have changed many lives for the better. You are now in Heaven with God and we will see each other again to continue our friendship. Thank you and I love you Tom.

January 10 at 3:23 AM



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Judy And Darryl Hagner sent a Sweet Liberty to the Riggin family.



January 9 at 12:17 PM



Love Dr. Pacheco & Staff sent an A New Sunrise Spray to the Riggin family.



January 9 at 12:13 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Riggin family.



January 9 at 12:03 PM



Ellen posted:

Dear Wendy, Kristen and Brittany, I was so sad to hear of your father's death. I got to know him when I was the librarian at Notre Dame Prep and we hosted his book sales. We often met up at conferences and kept in touch for many years. I tried to call him in the last couple of years but never received a response. Each of you girls were very special to him! I love the picture of him that you had on the web site and will keep that memory of him! He will be in my prayers! God bless you all! Ellen Cullen

January 9 at 10:36 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Riggin family.



January 9 at 10:16 AM



Dawn Merino posted:

I am very sorry for your loss. Your father was a wonderful man. I miss the days when your father was very active in politics. Dawn Merino

January 9 at 8:19 AM



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DE

Diane Evans posted:

I am so saddened to read of Tom's passing. He had the most wonderful sense of humor and dedication to the community and his family. Please accept my deepest condolences. -- Diane R. Evans

January 9 at 6:27 AM

AF

Arnett Family posted:

We're sorry to hear about your loss. The Arnett Family

January 9 at 4:54 AM

AS

Anthony Sarbanes posted:

I was very sorry and saddened to read about the loss of Tom. I attended Western Maryland College at the same time that Tom did and was on the basketball team with him. He always came to play and was liked and respected by those on the team or who knew him at the college. On a few occasions, I would see him later if he was visiting Salisbury where I reside. I extend my deepest sympathies to Tom's entire family. I consider myself fortunate to have known him those many years ago. Tony Sarbanes

January 9 at 4:17 AM

ED

Eileen (Weets' Daughter) posted:

Uncle Wimp was one of seven children. The other six were Bill, Mary, Jack, Weets, Midge and Joe. Everyone in South Baltimore knew at least one of them. So many great, funny stories came out of growing up in a row house in South Baltimore. I think I have heard everyone of them, they sure did have a lot of fun! Memories that last a lifetime. Rest easy Uncle Wimp ❤️

January 9 at 2:26 AM

ED

Ed Degrange posted:

Tom (Wimp) was a very caring and giving person who would do anything to help someone in need. A very dear friend he will be greatly missed Rest In Peace my friend.

January 9 at 2:00 AM



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Don Killian, Regina Killian And Medo Mohamed sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Rigglin family.



January 8 at 12:30 PM



Joe sent a Serenity Wreath to the Rigglin family.



January 8 at 10:05 AM



Michael Rigglin posted:

Wimp: Thank you for your service to our Country and for all the great stories you shared over the years with my brothers and sisters. I will never forget the party I attended at the Stowaway in O.C . Will keep you in my prayers! SEMPER FIMike R.

January 8 at 6:44 AM



Alvin Tilghman January 9 at 9:33 PM

I am very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I extend my deepest and fondest sympathy to the family. I was Tom's assistant treasurer for the AACDCC until he resigned and he recommended me for the job. Based on Tom's strong recommendation I became treasurer of the committee. Tom was a very pleasant, kind and thoughtful person. He will be missed. Alvin Tilghman, former member of the committee.



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Rigglin family.



January 8 at 5:57 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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