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Thomas Carlyle Carrico, Jr. of Arnold, Maryland died on July 12, 2020 at University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore after an 11 year battle with cancer.

He was the son of Beulah S. and Thomas C. Carrico, Sr., who predeceased him. Tom is survived by his wife/companion of 36 years, Debbie Carrico, stepson Eric Crapster, and his brother Joseph E. Carrico and their extended families.

Tom was born and raised in La Plata, Maryland and graduated from Western Maryland College (McDaniel College) in 1973. Shortly after graduating, Tom embarked on a 34 year career with the State of Maryland as an IT Programmer with The MVA and the Comptroller of Maryland. He settled in the Anne Arundel County area and began his life journey into sailing. His spare time was devoted to sailing and racing in and around the Chesapeake Bay and its surrounding tributaries. In 1984 Tom met the love of his life, Debbie and she climbed on board as crewmate and life-long companion.

Over the years they joined forces in numerous races and regattas on a variety of boats. Trepidation, Airmail and most recently Flight were the vessels which served them well in races and travels.

His adventures also included ocean races from Annapolis to both Bermuda and Newport. His sailing exploits earned him many awards and prizes along the way. Primarily it provided him the opportunity to be on the water which he always enjoyed. His early love of boating started when he was a part-time weekend Maryland Marine Police member in Southern Maryland during summer breaks.

By being a participant in the sailing community, Tom and Debbie gathered crew members, friends and acquaintances and earned the respect of those he came in contact with for his calm and steady demeanor and his ability to adapt and adjust when faced with obstacles presented by



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his boat, crew or conditions. He has been described as "the gentlest, quietist, and most even-tempered skipper".

In 2007 Tom and Debbie both retired from the state of Maryland, and purchased a 4 wheel drive van with the intent to travel throughout North America. An initial adventure through Alaska and back was followed by treks to all the National Parks including Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon. They also explored the Northeast coast line to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and back. In recent years, they spent winter months in Florida traveling in their camper and then eventually sailing their boat to Florida as their winter home.

Less than two years after retirement Tom faced a battle with cancer. After surgery, chemo and radiation he recovered and continued to travel around the country and sail. Cancer reappeared in 2018, resulting in another surgery and more radiation. While persevering and trying to continue in his adventurous ways, he never completely recovered, and finally succumbed on July 12, 2020 following a difficult two month struggle.

Memorial donations can be made in Tom's memory to Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (<https://crabsailing.org/>)

A celebration of life for Tom will be held at a later date, when the COVID restrictions allow a celebratory gathering.



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GR

Gigi Refugia lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Tom was my supervisor when I first join the IT group at the Comptroller's Office. He was a very good mentor, he taught me so many tips and tricks. Even when he retired and he came back as a consultant he was still the first person I would ask about some of the more complicated jobs we have. And he would patiently show me what needed to be done. It was always a breath of fresh air to know that he was back working with us for a few months before he signs off for a while to go sailing somewhere down south. And then I look forward to seeing him again the next year. I prayed hard for him when he first had cancer and even during the next one. That was how much I held him in highest regard. When he decided to finally retire, I felt sad because I wouldn't see him again. (For his last stint at the Comp, he was even my cubicle-mate.) I will now miss him so much more... But I continue to pray for him and that he rests in glorious peace together with his maker. To Debbie, my sincerest condolences and may the Lord cradle you in His warm arms during this time. Rest in peace, my dear teacher...



July 21 at 4:34 AM

JS

Jim Sansbury posted:

Just heard this today and I send my condolences to Tom's wife and family. I worked with Tom at the State. I remember Tom as a quiet, friendly guy. I use to joke with him along with others and managed to get him laughing out loud. A respected IT professional, obviously an accomplished sailor and a wonderful gentle soul.

July 19 at 12:35 PM

DG

Dennis Grap posted:

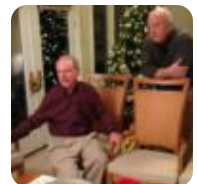
So sorry to hear. What little contact I had with him Tom was a good guy. To Debbie, I know he had to be a great guy because I know you wouldn't have pick just some guy other then one like Tom .

July 18 at 11:30 AM

PH

Pam Horsey shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

So many fond family memories!



July 18 at 10:50 AM



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EL

Elaine posted:

While honing my racing skills, Tom taught me more about life than sailing. A steady hand, a quiet voice ... and wisdom, oh the wisdom. Never will I be his equal.O Captain! My Captain! our fearful trip is done;The ship has weather'd every rack, the prize we sought is won;The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exultingFair winds and following seas Tom, someday we will be racing again in crystal waters andgentle windsElaine

July 17 at 3:11 PM

MB

Michael Bruzdinski posted:

Sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was one of my mentors when I came to MVA data center back in December 1979.

July 17 at 8:44 AM

DM

Debbie Maeder posted:

I had the privilege of working with Tom, at the Baltimore Data Center, Comptroller of The Treasury, while he was a programmer there. He was truly a very kind, and gentle person. Always calm and quite. I never saw him get upset at anything. He will be missed very much.Debbie Maeder

July 17 at 5:56 AM

JC

Joyce Conley posted:

Debbie, I am so sorry. Keeping you in my prayers. - Joyce

July 17 at 5:32 AM

PH

Pam Horsey lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



July 16 at 4:21 PM

CB

Chuck Bristow lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

So sorry to hear of this loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to Debbie and family!



July 16 at 3:24 PM



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LF

Lf posted:

Dear Debbie, So sorry about Tom. I remember him from the mid to late 70s, in the 1st floor programmers room over the wall from Operations. He stood out as a quiet, nice and very smart guy. He was surrounded by a wild bunch of people, who enjoyed being themselves. Tom would often raise those eyebrows and just look away to the left in disbelief. Sometimes, he seemed like the only adult in the room. He was a genuinely nice guy. He will be missed by those who knew and loved him. Lucille Flanigan MDOT/MVA

July 16 at 2:48 PM

LD

Linda Drymon shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



July 15 at 4:39 PM

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Joseph Carrico shared an album called **Memories Album**.



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