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Thomas "Tom" Hugh Ross, Jr., Captain, USN, Retired, a graduate of the Class of 1950 of the United States Naval Academy, and thereafter serving as a Navy aviator for 30 years, and a longtime resident of Annapolis, passed away on May 8, 2022 at Brightview Senior Living-Annapolis.

He was born May 18, 1927 to Thomas Hugh and Anna "Marie" Klaiber Ross in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where his father worked for Pittsburgh Plate Glass, now PPG, and managed the World Champion Pittsburgh Yellow Jackets hockey team, and his mother was a nurse. On May 25, 1935, at age eight, he attended a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game at Forbes Field against the Boston Braves, in which Babe Ruth hit the last three home runs in his illustrious career, the last (No. 714) being the first ball hit over the roof and out of the stadium in right field.

Tom received the baseball that was the last out of the game. Many family discussions ensued regarding that game. After his father died in 1936, Tom moved with his mother back to her family's home in Miamisburg, Ohio, where his grandfather operated Klaiber's Grocery Store. Marie worked as a nurse in Dayton.

Tom graduated first in his class at Miamisburg High School and attended Ohio State University before entering the Naval Academy, a lifelong dream, in 1946. Following graduation, Tom married the former Ann Sipp of Baltimore, a 1950 graduate of the University of Maryland. Their first duty station was Pensacola for flight school.

Tours of duty took them to Corpus Christi, TX, Norfolk, VA, Bermuda, Monterey, CA, Albuquerque, NM, Newport, RI, Annapolis, Jacksonville, FL, where he commanded the VP-16 squadron, and the Pentagon. Tom also served in Spain, South America, Guantanamo Bay during the Cuban missile crisis, and the Philippines, serving in the Vietnam War.

While on active duty, Tom set international flying records on the P-3C anti-submarine and surveillance aircraft. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Following his retirement in



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1986, Tom and Ann initially retired to Orange Park, FL, before returning to Annapolis to be closer to children and grandchildren.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Ann, in 2004. He's survived by his sons, Tom (Susanne), Doug, and Jim (Lynn), as well as eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren, who knew and adored him as "Papa." In 2007, Tom married Kathryn "Kippy" Amick.

They spent wonderful years together traveling, attending Navy games, church activities, and being with family. Kippy passed away on June 30, 2021, and, soon after, Tom relocated to Brightview. He was close to Kippy's three daughters, her son, and their children.

Tom's family has organized a memorial service to honor Tom's life, which will be held on September 8, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, followed by entombment at the Naval Academy Columbarium. It is anticipated that a reception will follow thereafter.




Events


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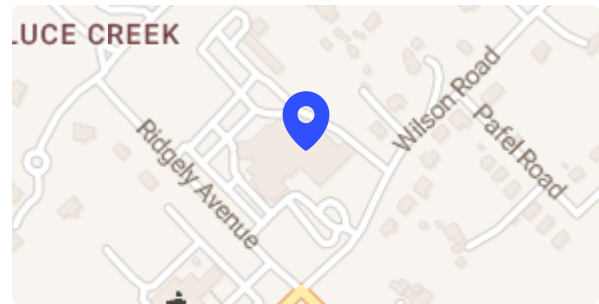
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Memorial Service


 **Thursday**, September 8, 2022

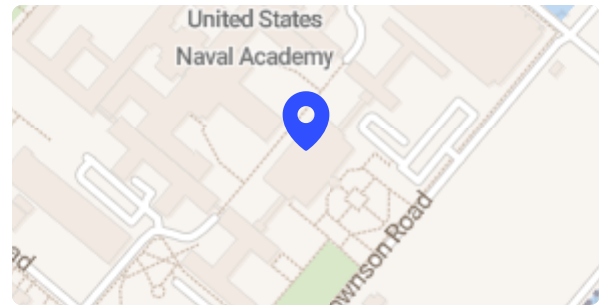
 12:30 PM ET

 **Evangelical Presbyterian Church Cemetery**
710 Ridgely Ave, Annapolis MD 21401



Cemetery Details

 **United States Naval Academy Columbarium**
101 Cooper Road, Annapolis MD 21402





Tribute Wall

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Betsy Fowler Chamberlain posted:

Sending my condolences to the Ross family. Tom, Ann, and Kippy were close friends of my parents, Chuck & Rosie Fowler, and my sister and I went to school with two of the Ross sons. I envision our parents all having a fine, glorious, joyful reunion together up in glory!

May 26 at 8:38 AM



Ginger Adams posted:

Tom was an officer in the engineering department in Isherwood Hall when Alan joined the civilian faculty at the Naval Academy in 1965. He and Ann helped us to feel comfortable at the Academy and in Annapolis. Alan and Ginger Adams

May 22 at 11:39 AM



Virginia Thompson posted:

Just learned of Tom's death and wish to express my condolences to his family. Ginnie Thompson (next door neighbor when Tom was married to Kippy Amich Ross.)

May 20 at 1:18 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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