



Thomas P. Runnions

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THOMAS P RUNNIONS, 74, of Hudson, FL, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, February 26, 2020. He was born in Queens, NY to Thomas & Marjorie Runnions in 1945.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Deborrah. He is survived by two sons, Glenn and Eric, both from Utah and two loving grandchildren Gabby and Hunter. Also, sisters Lorie of PA and Adele of VA. His career began as an engineer for the Grumman/NASA Apollo program which was instrumental in landing the LEM on the moon. His other endeavors included sheet metal design specialist for NY Sheet Metal, maintaining the HVAC for the NY World Trade Center Towers. Coincidentally, he was a survivor of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and amongst the missing for hours.

After retiring and moving to Florida in 2004, Tom devoted ten years of volunteer service at Bayonet Point Regional Medical Center. There he met his best friend and fiancé, Elizabeth Celia.

Tom will be dearly missed by his family and friends who knew him by his generosity, loyalty and love of cruising.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Grace Memorial Funeral Home, 16931 US Highway 19 North, Hudson, FL 34667 from 2:00 – 6:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to donate to your favorite charity in Tom's name.

To leave your sentiments and condolences, please visit

www.gracememorialhudson.com



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Carl Patrick Schlender posted:

I've only known Tom for a little over two years (through Elizabeth, my former neighbor and friend), but in that time I came to know him as a truly wonderful man - intelligent, compassionate, funny, and a love for good times and good food! As caretaker for my Mom (who passed last September) I did not expect Tom to get to know her, but he showed genuine care and love for her all the way up until her death. I have spent the past 3 days getting to know his family a little better, and all I can say is what a profound effect he had on his children, their friends, and his siblings! After a few hours of reminiscing their times growing up in the Runnions household, I felt an empathy rarely felt for a family I barely know, and I cried right alongside them! I have been truly blessed to have known Tom for the brief time I did, I just hope these words encourage his family and friends. I pray for Betty, and for Tom's entire extended family blessings of comfort and peace through this difficult time of transition. I love you all and God Bless you all, Carl "Slim" Schlender

March 1 at 9:36 AM



Kathy Hamilton lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



March 1 at 9:35 AM



Kathy Hamilton posted:

Our dear Tom will be missed immensely. He was a great friend and generous to all who knew him. He was a problem solver every day with his engineer's mind. He knew how to get things done but more importantly he did them! Whenever we saw him, he was happy, but never happier than being with his fiancé Elizabeth Celia. He was tall, with a brilliant smile but also a look of determination. His kindness made him an unsung hero to many. Over the 16 years we knew him, he "adopted" several senior ladies as family. Tom treated them with the respect, consideration and attention as if a special son. In escorting them to RMCBP Hospital Volunteer events, he got their tickets, and made sure to create seating arrangements so they would be included. Anne, Jan, Lucy, Alba and many others will welcome you now to their table in heaven. God Bless Tom's extended biological family. We thank you for sharing him with us.

March 1 at 5:33 AM



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MD

Mark Dempsey posted:

What comes to mind most immediately when I think back was that Tom had a smile for everyone and every situation and a solution for every problem. My memories go back over the years to a different time which I was fortunate to have been able to share with Tom as we progressed from youth to adults with growing families. My most cherished memories are of the then Purkess family household, Tom and "Pidge", and the house on Abbey Court, which Tom, with his typical thoroughness, never ceased to re-engineer, upgrade, raise, expand and over build to standards which will outlast the pyramids. Tom was a central part of what I very warmly regarded as my second home. My love and condolences to the Runnions family and all who are close to him. Mark Dempsey (Senior)

February 29 at 11:46 AM

MA

Marilynn posted:

Tom was a faithful friend. He excelled in culinary arts and had the gift of hospitality for many of us. He was very large and wonderful presents and we all miss him. So glad we were able to spend a little bit of time with him in the history of the universe. Love, Marilyn Noeker and Mike

February 28 at 4:03 PM

EG

Eric Gillette posted:

I will miss tom runnions at bayonet point hospital he was a great volunteer at the hospital. We all miss him greatly.

February 28 at 12:59 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Runnions family.

February 28 at 12:51 PM





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CW

Casey White posted:

There are so many wonderful memories of "my" Uncle Tom. As a kid I loved spending my summers at the house on Abbey Ct with Tom, Debbie and my two cousins (even if they were boys!) As a small child he was so big with that deep booming voice that he scared the crap out of me but of course he was just a gentle giant full of love for everyone. (unless we kids made him mad) In today's world it is so comforting to have childhood memories that take us back to a safe, fun-filled, and more idyllic world and Tom is very much a part of mine. Love to Glenn and Eric and many thanks to the Runnions family for all the joy they brought to so many. Love, Casey Dempsey White

February 28 at 10:26 AM

ER

Eric Runnions shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

The Runnions men.

February 28 at 8:06 AM



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Time to fly...

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