



Thomas Owen Dameron

December 16, 1947 - October 28, 2021

DAMERON, Thomas Owen, born December 16, 1947, died Thursday, October 28, 2021, at UF Hospital in Leesburg, Florida, after a valiant fight with cancer and heart disease. The son of William Dameron and Carolyn Jones Dameron (both deceased) is survived by his brother, William Dameron, Jr., sisters, Denise Cone and Laurie Dameron, all of Boulder, Colorado, and a brother, John Dameron, of Atlanta, Georgia.

Though Tom was born in Denver, Colorado, his family moved to Berea, Ohio. He soon began his life-long passion for swimming as a member of the Berea competitive swim team followed by competing for the Berea High School team. He also swam for the Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. In 1968 he joined the US Navy and UDT training. After a neck and shoulder injury, he returned briefly to Miami University.

Tom moved to Ft. Lauderdale and worked at the Hall of Fame swimming pool and lifeguarded on area beaches, a certification he maintained throughout his life. He also developed a passion for cycling which led to participating in Tri-Athlons. Tom moved to Atlanta, Georgia, and opened his first of many bar and restaurant related businesses along with a party supply store which eventually led to real estate investment.

Upon retirement Tom returned to Florida to be closer to his beloved water and

cycling trails. With his acerbic wit and easy manner, Tom garnered life-long friends from his youth through retirement. Near his death he was surrounded by these friends and family.

Tribute Wall

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“ Tom was the first person to welcome us to Florida. We loved him. Maggie used to jump out of Tom's truck and join us for happy hour everyday. He was one of a kind! Will miss you so much, honey-darling and you telling me. "Bite me!" God love you and keep you.

Sheryl Moreland and Daniel Nava - November 14, 2021 at 04:07 PM

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“ It was such a pleasure having Tom as a nextdoor neighbor in The Villages! His sense of humor was infectious, and hopefully we helped him as often as he helped us! We will miss his Christmas photo cards! Rest in peace, Tom. Truly our pleasure to call you our friend.

Ann and Daryl Patrick - November 14, 2021 at 02:06 PM

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“ Tommy was a friend and a mentor to me. I always held him in high esteem. We had quite a few adventures together. Tommy would do anything for anybody. I know he's with a bunch of old buddies now that I know that he missed. God Speed, Tom Dameron! You WILL be missed!!! Love ya, my Brother!!!

Lin Oliver - November 10, 2021 at 10:16 AM

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“ I dated Tommy for a few years in the 80's, and we stayed good friends thru all these years! Tommy was definitely full of life, (except when he was mad at me)! A little humor..he would agree! He had a wit like noone else, and he liked to have fun, and we had a bunch! Oh, the stories I could tell! Tommy will always have a special place in my heart ❤️, and I will miss him greatly! So my friend, may you Rest In Peace, and just know how much you were loved!

Melody Moore - November 08, 2021 at 08:08 PM