



## Thomas Edward Padden

June 9, 1938 - January 13, 2015

### Obituary of Thomas Padden

Thomas Edward Padden, 76, passed away peacefully on January 13, 2015 at Cornerstone Hospice, The Villages, FL, after a long and valiant battle with esophageal cancer. Tom was born in Wheeling, WV to Edward and Aimee Padden on June 9, 1938. His sister Mary Jane (Padden) Casey preceded him in death in 2011. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Nancy (Boury) Padden and 4 children - Michael (Jill) Padden of Woodbury, MN; Timothy (Audrey) Padden of Palatine, IL Aimee Padden (Chris Cutshall) of Dallas, TX; Karin (Chris) Kidd of St. Charles, IL. He took extreme pride in his three grandchildren Brittany Gale Padden, Edward Phillip Padden and Connor Thomas Padden. Tom graduated from Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, West Virginia. He then received his degree at West Liberty State College in West Liberty, WV. Tom began a lifetime career in food service with Elby's Family Big Boy Restaurants. From Elby's, Tom moved into a management position in the Big Boy division of the Marriot Corporation. After leaving Marriott, Tom became an executive with the McDonald's Corporation. He began his career with McDonald's as a purchasing manager for the Mid-Atlantic Region of the U.S. It was during that period that Tom and his staff launched McDonald's national breakfast program. For his efforts on this project he was awarded the prestigious McDonald's President's Award. Tom received multiple promotions eventually becoming Director of Purchasing for

McDonald's U.S.A. Tom left McDonald's and joined Coronet Foods located in Wheeling, WV. Coronet was a produce processor and major supplier to the McDonald's Corporation. While at Coronet, Tom supervised a joint venture partnership with China and Coronet Foods. The partnership included starting and operating a 5000-acre growing farm in the Chinese province of Guangzhou. Tom spent most of the last five years of his career working and traveling through China. Tom served on the Board of Directors of the Ziegenfelder Company. Ziegenfelder established in 1861 manufacturers frozen water ice novelties for the retail market sector. Tom's brilliance, passion and energy touched everyone that came into contact with him. Tom's amazing memory rarely let him forget a name. He had that innate ability to make everyone feel welcome who encountered him. Tom loved his country. He also loved his home state of West Virginia. He was happy to tell anyone that he was a Mountaineer! Tom loved his dogs, especially Sabre who was his friend and companion for many years. Tom enjoyed reading about and discussing sports and politics on every level. Tom enjoyed playing racquetball and later in life found pickle ball. He also loved golf. Tom's good natured competitiveness endeared him to those who were fortunate enough to play with him on the court or golf course. Tom was generous. He was generous with his time, his humor, good counsel and willingness to give on every level. Besting Tom for a dinner check was a challenge not often won. Tom gave without any expectations of compensation. His unconditional giving touched many lives. Tom's generosity left you with a sense of trust, hope and optimism. A memorial service and celebration of Tom's life will be held at St. Paul's Polish Catholic Church on Saturday January 17 at 11:00 a.m. in Belleview, Florida. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Hospice Foundation, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, Florida 32778 or to Sumter County SPCA and animal shelter, 994 CR 529a, Lake Panasoffkee, Florida 33538.

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Dear Nancy, Guess it's still June. 9th your time. It's my dear boss and friend Tom's Big day. When looking at his photo, I recalled the days we worked in Coronet Foods China. He's such a great person that inspired the whole team. We love him and miss him always. If you come to China, pls. give me a call. With love, Brooke

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**Brooke Shang** - June 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dear Tomo, Happy Birthday. Nancy, guess it's still June 9th your time. I recalled all the good times we shared with Tom here in China. He's such a great person and inspired the whole team. I always respected him as the best boss in my career life and a truly good friend. He will be missed and loved always. Sincerely, Brooke

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**Brooke Shang** - June 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Nancy, thank you for calling and reminding of so many great memories of Tom and our time at Mcd and after. Tom was a friend and loved by many. I wish you and your family the very best. Sincerely. Seth Carey

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**Seth Carey** - March 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Nancy, We were deeply saddened to learn of Tom's passing. Good neighbours are never forgotten. We will always remember Tom's generosity and thoughtfulness to our daughters as he would always bring them home souvenirs from China. Always knew how much he liked sabre. We now reside in Punta Gorda, so if you are ever in our area, please give us a call. Once again our deepest sympathies. Mark & Becky

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**Mark & Becky Warner** - February 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ To all who knew Tom he was the epitome of being a loving husband, father, a true patriot, and one whose high business ethical standards were an example to everyone. For Louise and myself for 38 years we have always admire Tom as a professional friend, but most notably as a personal friend. Tom will be greatly missed, but we take solace in knowing that he is now resting peacefully with the Lord.

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**George H. Ryan** - February 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ I was deeply saddened to learn of Tom's passing today. I was privileged to have known him and to have spent several years working with him in DC and in Oakbrook. He was a prince! Unfortunately we seem to have run out of the cloth from which he was cut. Nancy, I send my sincere condolences to you and to your family. With warm regards, Peter Grimm

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**Peter R. Grimm** - January 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Nancy & family, What a beautiful obituary. Yes, I will always remember Tom's smile. He will be remembered for his smile, understanding and love of family. May his love remain in your heart. I believe you will continue to travel together united by the many years you traveled together and of course seeing him in your children. What a beautiful gift to be together over 50 years. Affectionately, Judy

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**Judy Kehr** - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ So very sorry to hear of Tom's passing, I always enjoyed the conversation and his perspective on life when I stopped by the house to service the pool, my prayers to Nancy and family and may he rest in peace.

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**Jimmy Ryan** - January 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Being Tom's sister-in-law I have known him for over 50 years. He is the only relative that I have had that never offended me or made me angry. He was so easy-going. The only time I saw him get mad was at the TV set and Obama. That didn't bother me because most of the time I agreed with him. He was a true patriot and loved our country. Tom never had a bad word to say about anybody and always had nice things to say. I will miss him deeply.

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**Lynne Moyle** - January 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.” ~Author Unknown Dearest Paddens - It is with great sadness that I hear of Mr. Padden's passing. I will always remember what an awesome friend he was to my dad, Joe, and with fondness I remember the family gatherings with the Adams, Tedricks, Segraves, and Browns. We have not spoken in some time, but I have kept up with you through my mom. May God bless your family and you find some peace in knowing the tremendous impact Mr. Padden had on all those he came into contact. -Warm regards ~ Michele.

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**Michele (Brown) Shippy** - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“Nancy, so sorry. I enjoyed playing racquetball with Tom and all the laughs we had playing as teammates.

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**Ron Simonetti** - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“In memory of a great man who loved his family and touched many lives. We will be thinking of the entire Padden family today. With much love, Keith and Sophie Wubbena

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**Keith and Sophie Wubbena** - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“My deepest sympathies to Nancy, the Padden Family, and the many, many friends who have loved Tom through the years. Quite a man! xo Judy

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**judith hazlett starsinic** - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ I was friends with Tom's son Tim in the mid-70's and spent \*a lot\* of time at the Padden household. Mr. Padden was always a solid guy, even when I caused trouble he and Mrs. Padden would welcome me back. A good man will be missed.

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**Greg reber** - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Tim, allow me to express my deepest condolences for your loss. I know that your loss is heaven's gain and your father will forever be smiling down upon you and your entire family; especially during this most difficult period of your lives. Please know that you and your entire family are in my constant thoughts and prayers.

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**Steve Kubinski** - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Nancy: First off, I am deeply saddened by Tom's passing and am keeping Tom in my prayers. Time and distance has kept us apart for the last several years but never diminished the affection that we had over the years. Tom always had the knack for getting the most out of life and making others feel the same. My memories of Tom extend over seventy years to our time in the first grade at Cathedral Grade School. I regret that I never made it to Florida in the last several years. It seemed that whenever the opportunity presented itself, my work or my back interfered. May Tom rest in peace. I know that these last year's have not been easy on Tom and you and now he is at peace. I am scheduled to arrive in Orlando at 8:45 tomorrow morning. Hopefully, I will be able to make it to St. Paul's by eleven. I wanted to come down today but a long scheduled visit to the Cleveland Clinic today and airline schedules made it impracticable. I am anxious to see you and your family. Bill

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**William West** - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I extend sincere my sympathies to the Padden family ...and to the rest of us who have known & loved Tom. He gave true meaning to the word mentor. My regret is never having had the opportunity to challenge him at a sport. From my watching this battle from afar I know he proved himself a ferocious competitor. And in saying that I also know he was equally accomplished at being gracious and considerate. I simply love Tom for his ability to be frank and forthright. He viewed a spade as a spade. And the world he wanted for all of us was either right and wrong and had nothing had to be wishy between. We all got that with him. All of us who adored his style knew they were speaking to a real man with foundations. I of course will miss him but always remember his wise counsel. May God Bless Tom & his entire family. Rod (brother-in-law of Tim)

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**Rod Wubbena** - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Nancy and family, George and I are very saddened by your loss. From the first flick of a porch light we became friends. Tom was always trying to look out for a neighbor and friend. Even as sick as he was, he was always concerned with how the other person was feeling and letting you know he was there if you needed him. He was one person you wanted in your corner if you needed anything. Seven years wasn't long enough to have him in our life and we will miss him terribly. Love, George and Wanda Sanders

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**George and Wanda Sanders** - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Nancy, Karin, Aimee, Tim & Mike, Tom was one of the great ones. We knew that from the moment we met him. Over the past 15 years, we've come to greatly admire Tom for his love of his wife and family, his concern for other people, and his quiet strength and courage. We have been grateful to Tom and Nancy for welcoming our son, Chris, into their family as their son-in-law. It has been our joy and privilege to have Karin as part of our family. We wish God's peace to you all. Bonnie & John Kidd

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**Bonnie & John Kidd** - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Tom Padden, the loving father of one of my dearest friends in life, Tim Padden was always one of my favorite dads. He was the leader of a wonderful family and raised great children and some very good athletes (Mike and Tim) through his love of sports. Tom and my father coached their sons together and that was a great time in our lives. You will be remembered and missed Tom Padden. Rest in peace and peace and love to the Padden Family.

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**Mitchell Chatlin** - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Nancy.....we have heavy hearts this morning.....what a guy....he was the epitome of upbeat, positive, generous, and fun to be around....he just made you feel good.....he always called me Betty "Boop".....i just loved that.....Nancy you are blessed with your children, grandchildren.....and many, many friends who will give you strength and love through this difficult time.....i can only imagine how you feel.....i hope your memories of TP will help to ease your sadness.....i'm going only to think of the good times Randy and I shared with you and TP....that will put a smile on my face.....give our love and sympathy to your family.....Rest in Peace, TP.....Love, Betty and Randy

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**Betty Worls with Randy, Brad and Brent** - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Our deepest sympathy to Nancy, the children and grandchildren of Thomas Padden. He was a guy who impacted the lives of so many people in a positive way. He was a fellow CCHS graduate and WVU graduate as well. Tom leaves a space in our hearts that will never be filled. Can you imagine the scene at the pearly gates when this former marine confronts St. Peter? The conversation might go something like this: "St. Pete we've got to get this place shipped up! Here's my to do list that we need to work on ASAP!"

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**Stan and Muir West** - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Two years ago we moved to this area and were privileged to meet and become friends with Tom Padden. Tom always displayed a positive attitude and was more concerned with your problems than his own. We had many discussions about community and national issues and our time together was all too short. He was a thoughtful and compassionate man and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Nancy and his family. Rest in peace Tom, we will miss but not forget you. Bob & Carol Boyack

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**Bob & Carol Boyack** - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Dear Nancy and family, Adriana and I were so saddened to hear of Tom's passing. When we were neighbors in Shawnee Hills , I would see Tom often, he always had a big smile and a hardy greeting. I enjoyed his company immensely. He was a great guy.

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**David and Adriana Liebeskind** - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Nancy and family...we are thinking of you and know this is a hard time...Tom was brave and kind and fun...all the things you could wish for a husband and a father. He was a wonderful friend and although he was sick most of the time we knew him, he still smiled and did the best he could do. I remember a dinner dance you all came to.. he was trying to be happy for you... Tom will be greatly missed. We think the world of you, Nancy, and have seen you be the best of caregivers...take care and we will be here.

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**Donna and Al Smith** - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Family, It has been many, many years since you moved from Floral Dr. We think you when we visit the old neighborhood. We are saddened to read of Mr. Paddens battle with cancer. Please know there are friends of long ago whom remember your father/husband with good, warm memories. And may your memories of him carry you thru these days of missing him. Blessings to each of you, The Hickox Family

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**Jeanie Hickox Sager** - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ To Nancy and family Bill and I can't stop thinking about you. We both wish we would have made it down your way for a visit last year. Tom had a larger than life personality that will never be forgotten. He was very supportive of Bill as they started the TJ's project and Bill always loved him for that. It was crazy times.... and he offered his words of wisdom to calm things down. What a great person. He left his mark with many people and he will be truly missed. Sadly Bill and Donna Grigsby

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**Donna and Bill Grigsby** - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ It is with a sad sad heart that we say goodbye to a dear friend. Tom was indeed a most easily met man and a joy to know for the past 49 years. Lynn and I often recollect on our good times with the Padden family in Chicago, his bear skin rug at Lake Geneva, how he laughed when I exited the onion storage room crying in Wheeling, and the too infrequent phone conversations that were always fun especially when we got around to politics or the stock market. In my view Tom had that innate ability to say what was on his mind without being offensive and laughed easily. God speed my friend .... the joy of knowing you will live on in our memories! Don & Lynn Kolb

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**Don & Lynn Kolb** - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ What a beautiful and accurate summation of a wonderful person. Peace be with Tom forever.

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**Gregg Boury** - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ i have to share a store about tom as he was vvery dear to me one day while working inmy garage tom came by and said do you have any gold paint yes i said in our front lawn was a light post with a small rod going in it with a smal gold ball on each end and the paint was coming off well not only did we paint ours tom deecided t do the wholeneighborhod that was tom he did not like to cut the lawn but there he was shoveling snow in the winter please excuse the typing nancy i hope you get this tom in my book is one fine man and will be missed by many god bless you all don

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**don taddia** - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Our condolences to Nancy and the entire Padden family. Tom was a wonderful individual. My working relationship with Tom began in the McDonald's regional office in Tyson's Corner Virginia where Tom led the Purchasing activity. Having an office next to Tom's provided an expanded and interesting view of McDonald's for me as a rookie accountant. Tom and Nancy invited us into their home in Maryland and welcomed Harriet and me to the East Coast. Tom was a constant teacher of what was happening from the price of beef (always FOB) to dealing with the sale of 88 trailer loads of Ronald McDonald drinking glasses. We met in Orlando a few years after both of us retired from McDonald's, where we joined Fred Turner and all the McDonald's Old-timers and where we were able to share some great memories of our time together in Virginia. Nancy you and you children had a wonderful husband/dad in Tom. He will be missed. And always remembered...

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**Harriet and Gene Stachowiak** - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Nancy and Family, condolences from Bob and Joanne. We will see you Saturday

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**Robert and Joanne Reeder** - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

QB

“ i always knew That Tom was an impressive and special person. After reading his obit. I realized just how special he was. It was a beautiful obit., just as Tom was a kind loving spirit. He was my Joes best friend. I cannot ever forget how appreciative I was of him when joe passed 18 yrs. ago. The family was there for my family. I loved Tom as a brother. I will never forget, he spoke at Joes funeral and said"Joe was my brother" . My prayers are with the family. May God continue to bless you. To the children , your dad was very proud of all of you. To the grandchildren , your granddad thought you were very special. Nancy ,Tom loved you and you took such good care of him.

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**Queen brown** - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ My heart aches for your loss. Tom was such a generous and kind man who always made me feel like part of the family. It is said that "Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they have shared and the love they brought into our lives." Tom was so proud of all of his children and his beautiful wife. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. ❤️

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**Colleen Brown** - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ I have many great memories of Tom, growing up and having our polish cook outs was always fun. My last time visiting was at Karen's house with my father and we just sat around talking and laughing for hours. I still get a kick out of him telling me over the phone that he would give me 5 grand if I just eloped so he didn't have to put on his tux for my wedding -: ) he asked me several times, but he did look great in that tux. I have visions of him playing golf or having a beer with my dad and Joe Brown. The three are back together laughing and catching up with each other. Love you all Tammy

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**Tammy Segraves Testerman** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Nancy and family, How sad for our world to lose such a caring, vibrant, energetic, amazing man. Tom's always positive outlook and infectious personality endeared the world to him. Never a spiteful word, always seeing the good side of everything and everyone, Tom was always teach me business/life lessons. His experience was so varied, and I am honored to have learned from him. He filled a gap for me when my father passed away and I will be forever grateful. May he be at peace in God's presence. With love, lisa

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**Lisa Allen** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. The Cesarone family

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**Cesarone** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Regarding the death of Thomas Edward Pasden: My family and I extend our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to his survivors--especially wife Nancy, daughter Karin and son in law Chris Kidd. I'll never forget Karin and Chrihs' nuptials at the Wheeling Country Club. The perusal of a family heirloom/punchbowl, an unusual gift of olive oil from sister Aimee and the spectacular release of doves are just a few fond memories of their wedding. Nancy, I dearly remember your having shed weight at a local Curves. My dad attended Wheeling Central Catholic High School/ with Tom. In fact, they graduated together. Both men had illustrious careers and, as good catholic boys do, were "fruitful and multiplied". Fortunately I still have my parents but when they pass (as elders inevitably will) Tom is going to escort them to their future home with our Father in heaven Amen Jesus!

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**Robin M. Reasbeck** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ My sincere sympathies go out to the Padden family for this loss.

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**Sue Nichols** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Tom was a dear and loyal friend throughout our years at McDonalds. I will miss his cheery voice on the other end of that phonline.

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**Jack Pettigrew** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Please accept my condolences during this difficult time in your lives. God Bless. Kathy

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**Kathy Hauer Fullerton** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Tom was such an interesting and kind man...He was always willing to offer a helping hand regardless of the situation...It was a pleasure to have known him...Fighting the difficult battle of esophageal cancer was met with fortitude, prayer and positivity...The support of his devoted wife Nancy and children was exemplary...Rest in well deserved peace Tom...

Sharon Heinlein - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Tom was a true friend and will be missed by many of his Ohio Valley friends. We send our prayers and good thoughts of days ago, to all his family in these difficult times.

Jane & Lee Hendershot - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ i am so sorry you lost your wonderful husband! I truly miss you both as my neighbors! Enjoy your life with your family in Florida, Nancy!

Pamela Long-Little - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ What a beautiful tribute! My very deepest sympathy to all of Tom's family. He was indeed a remarkable person! The world is a lesser place today.

Mary BethHughes - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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