



Thomas Louis Purcell

November 14, 1944 - March 29, 2015

Obituary of Thomas Purcell

Thomas L. Purcell, MD, 70, of Groveland, FL was born November 14, 1944 in Jersey City, New Jersey and passed away March 29, 2015. Dr. Purcell practiced Internal Medicine in the Palm Beach, FL area and was a pioneer in the field of addiction and the first Addictionologist in the State of Florida. He was a friend of Bill W. for 38 years. He retired in 2000 and moved to Groveland in 2005. An educator, artist, pianist, and philanthropist, his talents were varied and he was a friend to many. He was passionate about helping neglected and abused animals. Above all, he was most importantly, a beloved husband, father and grandfather. Survivors include: wife Sheila J. Purcell of Groveland; his brother Bob Purcell of Columbia, NJ; his daughters Lauren Walker and her husband Paul; Jennifer and Tom Secore; and Allyson Purcell-Stecina and her husband Stephen; and his two granddaughters Emma Grace and Sophia Marie Walker. A gathering of family and friends will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2015 from 5-7 PM in the Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg, FL. In lieu of flowers, family is requesting contributions be made to Hanley Center Foundation 900 54th St. West Palm Beach, FL 33407 or South Lake Animal League PO Box 121504 Clermont, FL 34712. Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg, FL.

Tribute Wall

PF

“ My deepest condolences for Tom's family. We went to high school together played ball together and had fun together. I always thought highly of Tom especially when he went to Italy to become a doctor it impressed me greatly May he rest in peace he will be missed

Phil feather - April 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Lauren, Jennifer, and Allyson, My heartfelt condolences to all of you during this difficult time. I have so many wonderful memories of your dad, especially all of the fun fishing trips we used to take together as kids. My thoughts, prayers, and love to you all and your families.

Christy Martyak - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ I was very saddened in hearing of the passing of Dr. Purcell. My prayers go out to the family and may God hold them close in their time of need. God Bless.....Wanda Sanders

Wanda Sanders - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I had the privilege & pleasure to work with & for Dr Purcell for many years. I enjoyed working for him while he lived in Palm Beach County--- & continued to enjoy that relationship even though it became largely a long distance one. I am sure he will be sorely missed by many. I am not surprised the family suggests contributions to a Counseling center or an organization for animals-- -that type of gesture would be right in line with the Dr Purcell I knew. I truly regret not being able to pay my personal respects directly by attending his Memorial Service. Dr Purcell undoubtedly cared deeply for his family--- Hopefully their knowing that can provide some measure of comfort going forward.. I extend my sincerest Condolences to all his family & friends. Respectfully---- Gary Sellari

Gary Sellari - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM