

# THOMAS L. EDWARDS



Thomas L. Edwards, 70, of McCandless, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, May 17, 2024.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 47 years, Eileen (Biciolis) Edwards; his sister, Vicki (Robert) Schulz of Ross Township; and many other beloved family members who held a special place in his heart, including his faithful pal, Percy.

Tom was born on August 19, 1953 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to the late James J. and Mary Lou (Kerr) Edwards. He grew up in Avalon where he graduated from Avalon High School in 1971 then graduated from Robert Morris College with a degree in Business Administration.

From early childhood, Tom enjoyed fishing, swimming, playing golf and basketball, and spending time with his family, friends and dogs. He cherished the lifelong friendships forged during his formative years that continued throughout his lifetime. He particularly enjoyed attending Pitt football and Pirates baseball games, and the Spring Training Camp trips with his friends.

Tom enjoyed listening to music of the 1960s and 70s which often accompanied him during moments of relaxation on the beach and while working in the yard. One of his most passionate hobbies was unraveling the mysteries of family history with a particular fascination for the 17th-19th centuries.

Tom had a rewarding career in the construction industry that spanned over 44 years beginning as a project manager with Mellon Stuart Company in 1976 and then as President of Peters Construction Company in 1987. Throughout his career, Tom also held project manager and senior project manager positions with Trafalgar House, Mosites, Massaro and Brubach construction companies before retiring with AIMS Group in 2020. His dedication to achieving each project goal left an indelible mark on the Pittsburgh region. Many notable commercial, industrial, and academic facilities are serving their communities today because of his commitment to ensuring each job, whether large or small, was done right.

Tom devoted nearly 20 years to The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) as a member of the Pennsylvania Society (PASSAR). He served as Vice President and Treasurer of the PASSAR Pittsburgh Chapter before becoming President in 2012 for two years. He later acted as Chairman of the Reserve Managers from 2018-2021. At the State level, Tom served as the PASSAR Vice President from 2022-2023. He became a dual member of the SAR by joining the Virginia Society (VASSAR) and the George Washington Chapter in 2018. He was particularly proud to march in the annual Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC.

In recognition and in appreciation of his contributions to the SAR, Tom received several honors including the Pennsylvania State Roger Sherman Medal. He will be posthumously honored next month for his distinguished service.

Tom was also a member of the Pittsburgh Davis\* Camp, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) since 2002 where he served on the Camp Council in 2021 and was the Camp Commander from 2022 to 2023. He participated in the SUVCW in effort to preserve the history and legacy of those who fought to save the Union, several of whom were his own ancestors.

Tom served on the Boards of several other organizations over the years, including the Town of McCandless Zoning Hearing Board, North Hills Area YMCA and the McCandless Athletic Association.

Tom was also a member of Christ Our Savior Parish, St. Boniface Catholic Church, in the East Street Valley neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

Friends and family will be received at the **LAWRENCE T. MILLER FUNERAL HOME, INC.** 460 Lincoln Avenue, Bellevue, 15202, on Wednesday, May 22 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at Christ Our Savior Parish – St. Boniface Church, 2208 East St., Pittsburgh. Family and close friends should meet at the funeral home by 8:45 a.m. on Thursday. Friends, please meet at St. Boniface Church. The Burial service will be in Allegheny County Memorial Park, Allison Park. A luncheon will follow at Monte Cello's Restaurant on Babcock Blvd., Ross Township.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Animal Friends, 562 Camp Horne Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 or to the charity of one's choice.

Thomas L. Edwards will be deeply missed by all.

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