



Thomas Lee Harley

November 4, 1952 - December 21, 2018

Harley, Thomas Lee
Buxton, NC

Age 66, passed away at his home on December 21, 2018. Tom was a proud Michigan State University (MSU) graduate of the School of Landscape Architecture. A lifelong member of the Alumni Association and Spartan fanatic, he never missed a Spartan football or basketball game. The running joke was that he “bled Green and White”.

He worked as a landscape designer for 36 years throughout Northern Virginia before retiring in 2016. He took great pride in transforming client’s yards into beautiful extensions of their homes. His work reflected his innate ability to see beauty where others couldn’t. He was an amazing artist, a musician who loved to play the piano and an avid fisherman.

His love of the sea and surf fishing led him to retire in Buxton, NC. He quickly became involved in the community as a member of the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club (CHAC), a judge of the annual fishing tournament and was recently voted to the CHAC Board. He was best known for volunteering to be a Bingo caller; the funds from which benefited local high school students with educational scholarships.

But most important to Tom was his loving family, his wonderful friends that he considered family and his clients who became dear friends. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary C Harley; his daughters Amy Harley of Atlanta, GA. and Crystal (Matthew) Cobb of Severna Park, MD; granddaughters Ashley Evans of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Brooke Evans of Cooper City, FL and Brittney (Scott) Harrison of Tamarac, FL; grandsons Cody Thomas Harley Winokur of West Point, NY, Luke and Cade Cobb of Severna Park, MD and two great grandchildren, Allie and Scotty J Harrison of Tamarac, FL. He is also survived by his beloved Dad, Charles D Gill of Lansing, MI, his sister Jan (Tom) Theis of Grand Ledge, MI, sisters-in-law Eadie Harley of Holt, MI and Leslie Gill of Bossier City, LA; his mother-in-law Angie Grindatti of Kalamazoo, MI, brother-in-law William (Kris) Grindatti of Oakland, CA. and his sister-in-law Lori Kinnamon, brothers-in-law Rick (Paula) Prosser, Greg (Nancy) Prosser, Joe Charlebois and many cousins, nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents Patty J Gill and Donald E Harley Sr. and his brothers Donald E Harley Jr., Paul T Gill, sisters-in-law Margo Charlebois, Lisa Waros and brothers-in-law Dan Kinnamon, Marvin Wilson and Shawn Grindatti.

A Celebration of Life was held on January 17, 2019 in Oakton, VA. Donations in Tom's name are appreciated to the Hatteras Island Rescue Squad, PO Box 639, Buxton, NC or the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Scholarship Fund, PO Box 145 Buxton, NC. Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

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“ Just found out that Tom is gone. Tom was one of my best childhood buddies. One of my enduring memories was going Trick or Treatin' together one Halloween. I think it must have been around 1962. I recall that Tim Cypher was with us. Admittedly, a trio of young troublemakers. We were attacked out of nowhere by the Dingler boys--talk about troublemakers--who started throwing apples at us out of hiding place in the dark. Gosh, those apples stung!

Tom and I stopped hanging together in junior high as we started traveling in different cliques. He went jock and I went bad boy rock n roller. But we always remained friends. Last time I saw him was at a party after we all went off to college. We caught up and pulled off to hang out for awhile, trading war stories and drinking a few cold beers.

I will always remember him fondly for his sense of humor. He was a really good guy and I'll miss him.

Ron Boyer

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