



Arthur Thomas Ladenburg

December 6, 1939 - May 28, 2025

Arthur Thomas Ladenburg, 85, was called home on May 28, 2025. Art was born in Omaha, Nebraska to Thomas and Marie Ladenburg on December 6, 1939. Art spent the first 20 years of his life in Nebraska and his beloved state never left his heart.

After graduating from the University of Nebraska in 1959, Art began work with the Department of Labor. He joined the US Marine Corps in 1961 and proudly served for 6 years. His work took him to Washington DC, where he met his wife, Kay. They were married in 1966, and shortly thereafter he was sent to Vietnam. Art's professional career was in service to his country as a CIA Officer and was full of international travel. Upon retirement, Art continued to serve as a government contractor, and he and Kay continued to travel the world together.

Art retired, again, and began to fulfill his long list of hobbies and passions. He was an avid hunter and a die-hard Nebraskan, and he and Kay travelled to and attended many Cornhusker football games together. Fun fact: Art and Kay were the inspiration for the first ever ESPN GameDay sign, which led to the viral and cultural phenomenon that continues today!

Art devoted his last years to service for others. He was an active member of the American Legion, leading an important veteran grave marker project. Art

was also a devout Catholic and joined the Good Samaritan program at his church, Holy Trinity, to help those in need.

Art is survived by his wife Kay, his daughter Linda, his son Thomas, and grandchildren, Nicholas, Gabriella, and Addison.

Art was charitable with multiple causes that were close to his heart. In lieu of gifts or flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to your favorite charity.

A funeral service will be held on June 18 at 12:00pm at St. Katharine Drexel Mission Catholic Church in Haymarket, Va.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church
15000 Waterfall Rd
Haymarket, VA 20169

Tribute Wall

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“ *Best brother in law EVER! His hospitality making sure everything was available, especially something to drink. His focused attention when conversing and thoughtful responses often leading to infectious laughter. His devotion to family especially his precious Kaydie. His messages to get the best room at the hotel and to live it up now. Finally being such a good sport willing to do some crazy things.*

susan - June 21, 2025 at 08:49 AM

JM

“ *I only knew Art from the bridge table but always felt warmed by his kindness, his gentle demeanor and instinctive understanding of who you were. I will miss him. Juliette*

Juliette Muscat - June 11, 2025 at 05:56 PM

BM

“ *Art and Kay, and Bobby Mersed. 2024. Memorial Stadium, Lincoln, Nebraska. ESPN College GameDay Sign Guys!!*



bobby mersed - June 09, 2025 at 09:32 PM

DH

“ Art was a terrific person whom I enjoyed knowing and corresponding with for many years. I first met Art on a trip to Nebraska, including a visit to Fremont. Art took Lou Lombardy and me pheasant hunting - something I had never done - and taught us the strategies of flushing pheasants out of cornfields and successfully shooting them as they flew up. It was fun! We visited Art and Kay on trips to and through the D.C area, plus Art and I communicated regularly and often about college football, sports, and politics.

I will miss Art.

David

David Hynes

David Hynes - June 07, 2025 at 03:22 PM