



## Thomas Richard Daily

February 24, 1941 - August 17, 2024

Thomas “Tom” Richard Daily, 83, of Vint Hill, VA, cast his eyes upon his adoring family for the last time on August 17, 2024, in Manassas, VA, as he found the desperately deserved peace from his battle with congestive heart failure. Tom was surrounded by his admiring children, their loving spouses, and his beloved wife of 58 years, Anne. His head cradled in her arms, as she gently stroked his face, Tom shut his eyes and took his final breath to her soothing and encouraging words.

Tom was born in Philadelphia on February 24, 1941, the only child of John and Alice Daily (nee Waxman). Tom’s childhood was a classic 20th century American story of a young boy growing up post-world War II in a blended Irish Catholic and Russian Jewish family. Tom often recounted his fond memories of spending holidays with his many aunts, uncles, and cousins from both cultures. After graduating from North Catholic High School (class of 1958), Tom earned a degree in English from La Salle University (then LaSalle College) in 1963, where he was a member of the ROTC marching band, although he loved to share the tale of only pretending to play his instrument for the first year.

Tom’s life forever changed for the better when he met and fell for a girl at their summer job at a local city-run playground in 1962. The smitten Tom married the love of his life, Anne, his “Snags,” on June 25, 1966. Relocating to

Manassas, VA, in 1969, Tom served 40 years in the federal government agency, General Services Administration. His career included a five-year assignment at Rhein-Main Air Force Base in Frankfurt, Germany, from 1983-1988 — an experience of a lifetime that Tom provided to his six children.

Tom was a pillar of the community, serving as a coach in the Greater Manassas Football League in the early 70s, before dedicating many years in various positions on the board, including president, and coaching in the new Manassas Area Soccer Association from the mid-70s through the early nineties. Tom and Anne were also members of the Urbanna Swim Club over the same period. As members of All Saints Catholic Church since 1969, Tom and Anne spent Sundays attending mass, before settling in to watch his Washington Redskins/Commanders football games or going out to watch his kids' various sporting events, which he never missed.

Tom and Anne retired to a 55+ community on the former Vint Hill Army Base near Warrenton, VA, in 2005, where Tom dedicated himself to his two newest passions, participating in the PT Cruiser Club and serving on the HOA Board. Tom was persistent with producing the monthly newsletter and devoted to his neighbors who reached out for assistance. But his utmost favorite activity always remained spending time with his wife, his children, grandchildren, and extended family of friends. Tom treated everyone like a member of his family.

Tom will be fondly remembered as a selfless man, endlessly devoted to his wife and kids, passing on his own ambitions, opportunities, wants and needs, without the slightest hesitation or regret. From spending his weekends at his kids' sporting events, to pulling all-nighters to help with science projects and book reports, to always lending a supportive, non-judging ear. But his ultimate devotion was to his beloved Anne, to whom he would defer choice of television drama or news, only switching to one of his favored sitcoms after she retired for the night.

Tom is survived by his wife Anne (nee O'Malley); children Brian Daily (w. Michelle Bouchard) of Blacksburg, VA, Kevin Daily of Dallas, TX, Michael Daily (w. Lisa Beach) of South Riding, VA, Maureen Schilpp (h. Craig) of Gainesville, VA, Christopher Daily (w. Stephanie, nee Diehl) of Chesterfield, VA, and Sean Daily (w. Elli Travis) of Christiansburg, VA; fifteen grandchildren Jessica, Miles, Emily, Leah, Matthew, Colin, Ryan, Lane, Landon, Aaron, Clare, Maisie, Brynn, Brett, and Ethan; and several nephews, nieces, and cousins. He is preceded in death by father John, mother Alice, and half-brother Joseph "Joe" Daily and sister-in-law Hilda.

Throughout his life, Tom's generosity extended to numerous charities. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to a charity of your choice.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 10:00 AM. The family will be receiving friends at 9:30am.

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
9300 Stonewall Rd  
Manassas, VA 20110-2566  
(703) 368-4500

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Chris, I've been thinking of you and your family. Reading the tributes and hearing your family stories, it's inspiring to learn the impact your Dad had on so many people. Although I didn't have the privilege of knowing Tom personally, through you I know he was a great family man and quality person who cared about other people. I'm sorry you all are grieving this terrible loss and hope you find strength in the bonds of the big, beautiful family he created. – Michelle Cavucci

Michelle Cavucci - August 26, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Richard Daily.



August 25, 2024 at 04:38 PM

LB

“ Lizanne and Mike Breslin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Richard Daily.

Lizanne and Mike Breslin - August 25, 2024 at 04:38 PM

JB

“ John & Nancy Breslin purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Thomas Richard Daily.



John & Nancy Breslin - August 25, 2024 at 04:22 PM

RD

“ We will miss Tom and his big smile here in Vint Hill Manor. He was always looking out for us as President of our HOA and thankful for his dedication to the residents here.  
*Bob and Ruth Diehr*

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**Robert Diehr** - August 23, 2024 at 02:27 PM

TG

“ Barry and I are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing he will be surely missed he was a good man and friend. Family may the lord be with you in this time of need .I'm sure he is Barry and I are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing he will be surely missed he was a good man and friend. Family may the lord be with you in this time of need .I'm sure he is already in charge of something. We will miss you till we meet again your friends Barry and Teresa in charge of something. We will miss you till we meet again your friends Barry and Teresa

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**Teresa and Barry Gregory** - August 23, 2024 at 09:51 AM

BF

“ *RIP my sweet ‘Cousin Thomas’!  
My heart was so sad when I heard of your passing. Quickly, my memory went back to our childhood where we shared so many loving experiences and dinners at Aunt Alice and Uncle John’s house! The laughter at the dinner table that always got Thomas in trouble was forever burned in our memory! The drive around the neighborhood after a delicious dinner during the Christmas holiday by Uncle John to show us (the Jewish kids), the Christmas decorations on the homes.  
Thomas was the ‘brother from another Mother)! He wasn’t considered our cousin! He and Anne were invited to any party (occasion) I was having and they both attended even though it meant staying over night in a nearby hotel!! We always met for breakfast the next morning before their trip back!  
Thomas and I kept in touch by email, with his sharing many of the newsletters he was very proud of. He enjoyed a good joke and loved laughing. I’ll miss Thomas very, very much. . . .  
My heartfelt condolences are being sent to Anne, the children and grandchildren.*

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**Barbara Firestone** - August 23, 2024 at 09:50 AM

MF

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Daily family. Our families grew up together for many years in Manassas.  
Maury & Vera Gerson and family.*

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**Maury and Vera Gerson & Family** - August 22, 2024 at 07:11 PM

VF

“ *VHB Metro DC Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Richard Daily.*

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**VHB Metro DC Family** - August 22, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas Richard Daily.*



August 22, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ *Marita A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Richard Daily.*

**Marita A.** - August 22, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Richard Daily.*



August 22, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Richard Daily.*



August 21, 2024 at 06:36 PM

DO

“ Tom will be missed greatly! What an amazing man and friend!!!! Always willing to help out and always a kind word to say to you! Tom you will be missed and our prayers goes out to the family! God bless and lo the family and love!!  
Don and Elaine Owen

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**Don and Elaine Owen** - August 21, 2024 at 02:15 PM

JV

“ I will always remember Tom as one of the kindest and friendliest man that I have ever dealt with. Tom was the head o MASA...the youth soccer organization in Manassas. I was heading the Adult Soccer Club...Manassas Athletic Attic Soccer Club. Tom made sure the youth teams followed our adult league games at Ben Lomand Park on Sundays. He was also instrumental in helping us acquire a Home playing field on the Upper field of the Park...where the present Splashdown Water Park and Slides are.  
It was always a pleasure talking to Tom on late night phones calls and seeing him in person on Saturdays and Sundays. He will definitely be missed by our entire Manassas Area community.

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**John P Velez** - August 21, 2024 at 02:14 PM

KR

“ I have so many happy memories of our time with the PT Cruiser events. Tom was such a fun loving person and I'm so happy I had the pleasure of spending time with he and Anne. All of you have my deepest condolences, I hope all of your amazing memories bring you all comfort.

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**Kim Roman** - August 20, 2024 at 10:09 PM

TY

“ I have many fond memories of Tom and Anne standing countless hours on the soccer field watching their son Sean play travel soccer. Tom was a very fine man and will be missed.

Tom Young

Tom Young - August 20, 2024 at 11:46 AM

BG

OMG Barry and I are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing he will be surely missed he was a good man and friend. Family may the lord be with you in this time of need .I'm sure he is already in charge of something. We will miss you till we meet again your friends Barry and Teresa

Barry and Teresa Gregory - August 20, 2024 at 09:29 PM

MB

I will always remember Tom for his kindness, his cheerfulness, and his sense of fun. That spirit will always live on in the Daily children and grandchildren. They will carry Tom with them throughout their lives.

Marji Bayers - August 22, 2024 at 08:19 AM

WS

When my late wife, Terry, and I moved into Vint Hill Manor in 2005, Tom, who lived across the street from our home, was one of the very first to welcome us to the neighborhood. For these almost 19 years, I have had the pleasure of having one of the nicest and kindest neighbors anyone could ever ask for. Tom, may the Good Lord bless and keep you. I plan to attend your Mass on Monday to wish you a farewell until we meet again upstairs.

William A. "Bill" Smith - August 24, 2024 at 09:08 AM

LD

I only learned about Tom's passing yesterday before the 5pm mass at Holy Trinity. Please know that my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time. I will always be grateful for the many ways that Tom and you helped my family and me through the years - especially after John died. God bless you. Linda

Linda DePerro - August 26, 2024 at 01:01 AM