



Thomas Meeks

April 26, 1930 - December 30, 2012

Thomas Leland Meeks, age 82, of Gainesville, VA died Sunday, December 30, 2012 at Prince William Hospital in Manassas, VA. A native of Louisville, KY, he was born April 26, 1930 to the late Roy Leland and Georgia Lloyd (Hampton) Meeks. After distinguishing himself as a student-athlete at the DuPont Manual Training School (1948) in Louisville, KY, "Tommy" received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy where he was graduated with Distinction as a member of the class of 1952. His 30 year career in the United States Navy included tours as a naval aviator, commanding officer of the T.E. Chandler (DD717), and as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Retiring in 1982 at the rank of Captain, Tom was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, among many other awards and citations.

Tom was a leader in local church, community and political activities. He served many years on the Board of China Outreach Ministries and was a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ. He was well-known for his quick wit, hearty laugh and deep love of children and family. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jacqueline Marshall Meeks, of Crisfield, MD; three sons, Lee, Tom and Don; 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; and one brother, George Mann, of Columbus, OH.

The family will receive friends at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street,

Manassas, VA on Friday, January 4, 2013, from 6:00-8:00pm. Funeral services and burial will be held at Greenwich Presbyterian Church, 15305 Vint Hill Rd., Nokesville, VA at 2:30pm on Saturday, January 5, 2013.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in the name of Tom Meeks to the Greenwich Presbyterian Church "Building Fund" at the church address above, or to China Outreach Ministries, 555 Gettysburg Pike Suite A-200, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Thomas Meeks*

Sheila Bomba - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

BM

“ *Deepest sympathy, Jacqie and family, I'll always remember Tom'sfyunk wonderful laughter!
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, B*

Bernice L. McGuinn - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

GS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Gloria*

Gloria Sargent - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

BM

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Meeks family. I'll always remember Tom's wonderful laugh. Love, BernicegmkQ2*

Bernice L. McGuinn - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

GD

“ *We will all miss a great roommate, classmate and friend*

Glenn & Angela Driver - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

RA

“ *With all my love
Valérie*

Ramakers - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

MM

“ *When Don went away to school, he asked me to check in on his parents from time to time since they lived close-by. Thus, ‘Mr. Meeks’ became ‘Papa Meeks.’ He and ‘Mama Meeks’ became like family. They taught me about life, church, and friendship. And I, in turn, was the one who was blessed.*

Maureen McMahon - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

ME

“ *jackie and family i and the entire island family want to say how sorry we are for your loss. Tom was a special and wonderful man. I loved to sit and talk politics with you both. We love you very much and hope to see you soon.*
Much love Missy

Missy Evans - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

TW

“ *So sorry to hear about Tom. All i can say is that he and mom are now safe with the angels.*

Tammy Ward - January 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM