

Thomas Edward Murley

October 29, 1936 - September 3, 2023

Thomas Edward Murley, 86, of Fairfax, Virginia, passed away peacefully in the early afternoon of September 3, 2023. Tom was born October 29, 1936, the beloved son of the late Grayson and Berniece Murley of Richmond, Indiana. Tom attended Richmond High School and set many track records and was a champion wrestler. He went on to attend Purdue University and pursued his dream of becoming a pilot by joining the Naval Air Cadet Program. He then transferred to Wright State University joining the United States Marine Corps and graduating with a business degree. Tom served three tours in Vietnam as a combat pilot, two tours in helicopters (CH-46 and HS-36), and one tour fixed wing (A-4E Skyhawk). He was awarded multiple air medals including the Distinguished Flying Cross. Tom was severely wounded in 1970; surviving he was awarded the Purple Heart for his bravery and sacrifice in combat. After a long honorable career, he retired as a Major from the USMC in 1979.

Following his 25-year military career, he went on to work in the defense industry for Lear Siegler, and Developmental Sciences Corporation. Upon a second retirement, he established his own successful home inspection business, Abode Check, in which he found great enjoyment in it for two decades.

Tom had a special knack for spreading laughter and a sense of happiness wherever he went thanks to his unique sense of humor and cheerful personality. However, when the situation demanded it, he could shift into a serious mindset, offering precise and clever solutions to tackle the problem.

He thoroughly lived by the JFK quote, "One person can make a difference, and everyone should try."

A devoted husband, Tom was preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, Janice Louise Murley. During their life together they enjoyed raising their two children Cami and Randy and were very proud of them. Tom and Jan loved traveling the world, as well as spending time with their family and friends. They had a strong Christian faith and were active and cherished members of Oakton United Methodist Church in Oakton, VA. Tom's love for Jan was unwavering and now they are reunited once more.

Tom was also preceded in death by his sisters Rose and Joan, his brother Richard, and most recently by his daughter Camilla Anne Barrientos (Fernando).

He is survived by his sister Helen, his son Randall Allen Murley, daughter-in-law Heidi, and son-in-law Fernando. His five grandchildren Raquel, Selina, Cody, Sydney, Natalie, and four great grandchildren Romeo, Leila, Apollo, Bodie, and many nieces and nephews.

Tom flew the blue to help protect you, fly high, Semper Fi.

In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations in memory of Tom to ZERO Prostate Cancer

www.zerocancer.org

or to Oakton United Methodist Church

www.oaktonumc.org

Services for Tom Murley will be held on Monday, September 18th at:

Pierce Funeral Home

9609 Center St.

Manassas, VA 20110

Visitation: 11:00am

Service: 12:00pm

Followed by a procession to Quantico National Cemetery as a final tribute to

honor Tom at 2:00pm

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

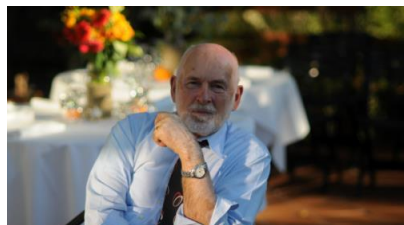
SEP **18**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Thomas Edward Murley*



Pierce Funeral Home - September 11, 2023 at 11:22 AM

KB

Mom is upset that you left her for home first Tom....just wait until i see him again! Uncle Tommy, as I called him, was my favorite. He pulled me on a sleigh through the snow and gave me a soft ball and bat. So many memories I can't list them. My mother is now the last of the four siblings and I'm sure her soul will transition to be with them again. You're going to be missed

Kitty Kolger Berger - September 17, 2023 at 06:02 PM

CC

“ *Another remembrance of Tom. My husband was in the hospital, I was quite handicapped and could barely get in and out of the house on my own. Problem was, I had this little Shih Tzu with me who needed to go potty, and I couldn't walk her. Well who did I call? Tom, of course....who else is going to come out at 10 pm, meet you at your car in his driveway, and walk your dog for you? Just the kindest man I knew.*

Carol Chitty - September 18, 2023 at 09:15 PM

CC

“ As I sit here reflecting on today's funeral service for Tom, it brings back to mind the many times I called on him for various needs. One in particular was when I was working late in my office in Old Town Alexandria. As I was getting ready to leave after 9pm, I could see a rather sketchy person going down the stairs into the parking garage where my vehicle was parked. I was really apprehensive about going down there, not knowing if this sketchy looking person was going to be down there. So I called Tom, told him the address of my parking garage, and asked that he call the Alexandria Police if I didn't call him back in 10 minutes. I knew I had no cell service in the garage. Well I made it out in 5 minutes; and when I called Tom to let him know all was good, I announced to him that I moved pretty fast for a gray-haired old fat lady. We had a good chuckle and he talked with me for several more minutes while my nerves calmed down. Thank you for being there, Tom.

Carol Chitty - September 18, 2023 at 09:07 PM

MM

“ Mary Jo, Amy, Maurice, Zach & Maddy purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Thomas Edward Murley.



Mary Jo, Amy, Maurice, Zach & Maddy - September 16, 2023 at 04:18 PM

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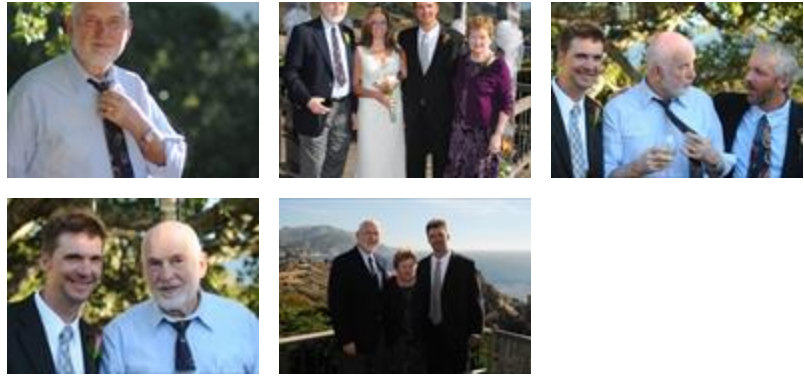
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Heidi Copeland - September 16, 2023 at 01:18 AM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Heidi Copeland - September 16, 2023 at 01:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Edward Murley.

September 11, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward Murley.



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DT

“ *Dave, Trudy, Tina and the CJM team purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Thomas Edward Murley.*



Dave, Trudy, Tina and the CJM team - September 11, 2023 at 09:37 AM