Service Summary

Funeral Service
11:00 AM Wed Aug 08, 2012

Boca Raton Mausoleum
451 SW 4th Avenue
Boca Raton, Florida 33432

Obituary

Tom was a gentle, caring, refined man with great dignity, character, and a delightfully understated sense of humor. A voracious reader, Tom devoured books on every conceivable topic. He loved to travel and counted the Galapagos Islands and Antarctica as his favorite destinations. He was blessed with a brilliant mind and a quick wit, but those touched by his life remember above all his incredible kindness and patience. He was a loving father to daughters Laura (Evanston IL), Sarah (Pueblo, CO), and son Michael (Washington, DC).

Tom was invited to join Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Florida, where he met his wife of 45 years, Barbara. He went on to receive a PhD from the University of North Carolina in physical-organic chemistry. A two year post-doctoral post at Cal Tech led to a position at the Martin Marietta Research Laboratories in Baltimore, MD. His career continued as Vice President of Research at Sodyeco in Charlotte, NC, followed by Senior Executive Vice President at Master Builders in Cleveland, OH. His career culminated as President/co-owner of Tamms Industries in Kirkland, IL, from which he retired in 2006.

Tom was born on September 18, 1942 in Century, FL to Myron and Nathia McCall. He died at the age of 69 on July 13, 2012 after a two year battle with multiple myeloma.

He was preceded in death by his father. Besides his mother, wife and children, he leaves behind two brothers, Sid (Brenda) and John (Michelle); three nephews, Bryan (Shellie), Matt (Katie) and John (Vanessa); three nieces, Jessica (Jordan), Molly, and Andrea; five grandnieces, and two grandnephews.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the non-profit organization, Center for Independent Futures, 743 Main Street, Evanston, IL 60201.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, August 8th at the Boca Raton Mausoleum. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, August 11th at the First Methodist Church in Jay, Florida.