



Thomas Rowland Marshall IV

July 27, 1950 - April 30, 2021

Thomas Rowland Marshall, IV, passed away at his home in Milton on Friday, April 30, 2021 at the age of 70. Tom was born on July 27, 1950 in Lewes, Delaware, making him a proud Beebe Baby.

Tom grew up in Lewes and Wilmington, DE, graduating from Cape Henlopen High School in 1969. He owned and operated, Frameworks on Second Street, Lewes and worked in real estate in Sussex County. A natural musician, playing guitar, drums, keyboard, and literally whatever he picked up, led him to a lifelong love of all kinds of music. Early years were spent in his band, The Malibu's. He was a member of the local band, Jack of Diamonds for a number of years.

Tom had a keen mind and enjoyed reading, art, and learning. His paintings and sculptures were always interesting and clever. Tom was a true believer in the "American Way of Life" and listened to talk radio and loved to discuss politics. He was an avid and capable sailor. Tom loved being the captain of the tall ship, Jolly Rover, with tours out of Lewes Harbor. Taking the Jolly Rover to a new home in the Caribbean turned into a real-life pirate adventure, with storms and high jinks from the locals. Flying an experimental hang glider, riding motorcycles, or driving fast cars were Tom's idea of a fun day.

Tom was preceded in death by his mother, Marian Hocker Marshall.

He is survived by his loving companion of 11 years, Diana Bruni; his children: Taylor M. Keen, Meredith W. Marshall and Thomas R. Marshall, V (Bridget) and their mother, Diane Marshall; his 3 grandchildren: Thomas, Nelly, and Joe; his father, Thomas Rowland Marshall, III; his sisters: Constance Marshall Miller (John) and Linda M. Fischer (Bobby); and many friends and relatives.

Tom hoped all will google the band "Blue Highway" on YouTube, the song "Someday" with lyrics. Play it, sing it out loud, and give Tom's life a celebratory toast!

Funeral services will be private.

Donations can be made in Tom's name to the Beebe Medical Foundation, designating Tunnel Cancer Center for their loving, compassionate care at Beebe Medical Foundation, 902 Savannah Road, Lewes DE 19958.

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Comments



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Danny Stokes - May 10 at 09:01 PM



“ We, as a species, should be grateful for the fact that we were gifted with a memory. When we lose a loved one, we can remember those important times together and smile as we relive them. Since Tom's passing ,I have relived many memorable times with Capt. Marshall, mostly when we were sailing on 'Comma' in the Delaware Bay. Tom was a sailor's sailor. He was at home on the water and in the wind. Both Tom's family and mine will never forget the time we all spent sailing. Sail on my friend...
Joe

joe Lucca - May 09 at 05:40 PM



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joe Lucca - May 09 at 05:36 PM



“ I met Tom through Ed Shockley and John Zacharias in Rehoboth Delaware, probably around 1975. He stopped by a rehearsal at the Bowling Lanes when I was playing in a group with Ed and Billy Larsen. We hit it off very quickly, and talked music and literature and all kinds of things over the next year or two. Around 1977 or so, Tom asked if my girlfriend Betty, and I might like to baby sit his house and dog or cat for a week. We stayed there, out in the middle of nowhere (I have no idea where this was except it was in the Lewis and Rehoboth area), enjoying the quiet and trees and nature. I remember I was in a boomerang phase and went out into a field where I threw it, on this property. When Tom came back, he was laughing at me in the field, called me an aborigine and asked if he could try. The athletic bastard threw the Boomerang and caught it on his first try! It pissed me off. We chuckled about it.

I had read some Hermann Hesse while staying at that house and Tom and I talked about a few of Hesse's books and how original the writing was. He always seemed well read. We both also bonded over Thomas Dolby after his first album "Aliens Ate My Buick". Years later, perhaps around 1990, I visited him in a Condo or something, and we again listened to a Dolby album, marveling at the colors and keyboard work.

In the late 70's, Tom became a keyboardist with the Jack of Diamonds for a short period, Again, a natural, learning our tunes very quickly, and using some hybrid keyboard he had back in the day. He was one of those guys whom just seemed to be able to pick up anything quickly.

I regret not keeping in touch now. The last time I saw Tom was at John and Darlene Zacharias's anniversary before 2010, perhaps somewhere in Virginia. Tom will stay in my thoughts, and is part of my life, and I wish the best to his friends and family.

Dave Derr - May 07 at 01:32 AM



“ My condolences to the entire family. Taken at a very young age, but living a beautiful life. May God be with you all. Cherry Barranco

Cherry Barranco - May 06 at 08:59 AM



“ My heart goes out to Tom's family. He was a wonderful man! His talents were beyond any man I have ever known! He could do anything he wanted to. He had a great personality & was a true friend since high school! Always had a great story to tell! He will surely be missed by his family & all that of us that knew him. May God give you peace my friend! Sue

Sue Moore - May 06 at 12:49 AM



“ Thinking of the whole family at this time. Tom was certainly one of a kind. I am lucky enough to have a few pieces of his art and have an original song he wrote in my my head. The name of the song was “Lucky”. Feeling lucky to know such a guy. May he Rest In Peace.

Darlene Zacharias - May 05 at 04:13 PM



“ To Tom's family....I am so very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I actually have a collage that he did for me years and years ago through Frameworks. I took him all of the photos and he actually placed them for me and then framed it. It still hangs in my home to this today...a favorite of mine.....
He and I knew he each other back in the fun years (I think they were fun) and I will always remember his kindness to me....
Love to all, Sue (Warrington-Doud)

Sue Warrington-Doud - May 05 at 02:15 PM



“ It sounds like your father/father in law lived an exciting and full life. I want to extend my deepest condolences to all of the Marshall and Miller clan. Bill Walls

Bill Walls - May 05 at 01:21 PM



“ I KNEW AND LIKED TOM, HE LEFT THIS LIFE TO SOON, GOD SPEED, I WISH HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES



DAVID VESSELS - May 01 at 06:24 PM



“ Sail the skies, Tom. I'm so sorry to hear you have left us so soon. Rest easy and be at peace. You will always be in the hearts of those of us from Lewes who had the honor and pleasure to know you.

Dawn Petterson - May 05 at 04:30 PM



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Dawn Petterson - May 06 at 08:33 AM



“ Rest easy, Tom. My prayers are for your peaceful repose and the comfort of your loved ones left to mourn your loss.

Shelly Souder - May 06 at 08:43 AM



“ I am truly saddened to learn of Tom's premature passing. He was part of my extended "gang" in the late '60s. I recall a memorable party(parts of it) at the aforementioned farmhouse out in the country, as well as being introduced by him to the Cream album "Disraeli Gears" in 1967 at his cousin Jim's house in RB, copying lyrics of the Band's The Weight for his band, comprised of Tom, Steve Coleman and Gene Trisko to play a gig at The Purple Sock. I was blown away by his Renaissance Man skills; art, song writing and performing. I especially recall a song called, I believe, "Thunder in the Morning Skies". I appreciated that he reached out to acknowledge my twin Robert's passing about two years ago, although we had not seen Tom in decades. I was shocked to learn he was just 70 this year. He packed so much living into his lifetime. My heart goes out to his family and close friends at this sad time, and hope they are comforted by many wonderful memories.

Sturges Dodge - May 07 at 09:59 AM



“ Reading the previous comments and remembrances of Tom triggered a kaleidoscope of images and stories for me.

I spent countless weekends at the farm in the early 1970's his tuxedo cat Phlatts, the Goldfish named Gill, playing catch with a fastback frisbee, the rope swing, goats and music, always music.

Many years ago I found a box of Kodachrome slides I'd taken at the farm. There was one image in that bunch that will always be the Tom I remember. I had prints of that image

made just last year and got them to him.

Tom was easy to like and will be deeply missed. My sincere and heartfelt condolences to Tom's family and friends.

Danny Stokes

Dan Stokes - May 09 at 03:07 PM