

Michael T. Merrigan

October 14, 1930 - March 3, 2020

Michael T. Merrigan, (Tom) 89 sadly passed away on Tuesday, March 3. Son of Patrick Merrigan and Elizabeth (nee McEntegart), he was born and raised in NYC along with his brothers John and Matthew and sisters Claire, Josephine, and Ruth.

From an early age, his intelligence was undeniable. He was quickly promoted through each grade in school, eventually graduating high school as its Salutatorian at just 15. He chose to attend NYU's engineering program where he truly found his calling. While attending the university he joined the ROTC where he also excelled.

He graduated college at 19 as the Korean War was occurring. He married his longtime sweetheart, Dorothy, and they soon enjoyed a European honeymoon, compliments of the military when he was called to active duty by the US Army.

After the War, he came home and began working at Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) Inc. which was located in NYC at the time. When the company decided to move out to Long Island, Tom and Dot went with them. It was here in Melville, NY that this amazing, loving couple forged a life together raising their four children: Nancy, Susan, Michael and Kathy. He was then blessed to become Grandpa/Boppy to six grandchildren: Kristina, Courtney

(Mark), Brittany (Hank), John (Margot), Lorraine (Peter), and Kasey. And his blessings did not end there. He was able to be great-grandpa to Joseph, Madison, Christiana, Mikalya, Constantine, and Lola.

For 20+ years of his career at UL, he was instrumental in championing the annual blood drive as its captain, helping set record high donations multiple times. After 44-1/2 years of dedicated service at UL, he retired as an Associate Managing Engineer and enjoyed relaxing with his wife, and spending time with friends and family.

Known throughout his life as Tom, he was always a source of wisdom, knowledge and understanding to everyone. His sense of humor, dry and subtle, could always make you smile and laugh. His love of NY sports teams – the Yankees, Knicks, Giants and Rangers was devout. And his deep appreciation of history, music, movies and so much more truly made him a Renaissance man.

He and Dot were steadfast in their Catholic faith, attending the same church for 57 years and raising their four kids to believe in God and to do what is right, even when it is not popular. He was not an “on the sidelines” Dad. He was very much involved in the lives of his children and grandchildren, often helping with homework, preparing meals, answering questions, applauding their accomplishments and consoling them through defeats. He tried to be there for every event, and if he could not be, he made sure he acknowledged it in some way.

He was a true example of character, dignity and quiet strength. Though he was often the most intelligent person in the room, he would not let you know it or feel it. He was simply the kindest man who truly loved his wife and his family, and he will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to any of the following charities that Tom gave to generously: MercyFirst, www.mercyfirst.org, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org/, American Legion support. Donate to Help Veterans The American Legion www.legion.org, or Covenant House www.covenanthouse.org/donate.

Previous Events

Thursday Visitation

MAR 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.
1380 New York Avenue
Huntington Station, NY 11746
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jacobsenfuneral@gmail.com

Thursday Visitation

MAR 12. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Gathering at Funeral Home of Family and Friends

MAR 13. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Burial

MAR 13 (ET)

Pinelawn Memorial Park
2030 Wellwood Avenue
Farmingdale, NY 11735
(631) 249-6100
<http://www.pinelawnmemorialpark.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael T. Merrigan*

November 27, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *Donna and I are very saddened by the news of Tom's passing. I've known and/or worked with Tom for over 50 years and I am a better person for that. I believe he had a great life complete with a great family and friends. Still, a feeling of sadness and loss exists within us.*

To Dot and the family please accept our condolences,

Joe and Donna Murnane

Joe Murnane - March 13, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael T. Merrigan .*



March 12, 2020 at 06:47 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Michael T. Merrigan .*



March 11, 2020 at 10:57 AM

LC

“ Love, Binney, Ron, and Carolee purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Michael T. Merrigan .



Love, Binney, Ron, and Carolee - March 10, 2020 at 06:15 PM

ME

“ Maura, Juan Carlos, Danny, Elisabeth purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Michael T. Merrigan .



Maura, Juan Carlos, Danny, Elisabeth - March 10, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael T. Merrigan .



March 10, 2020 at 05:56 PM

AA

“ Amanda (Lily) Payne and Cassandra Anderson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Michael T. Merrigan .



Amanda (Lily) Payne and Cassandra Anderson - March 10, 2020 at 04:40 PM

LC

“ Love, Carolee purchased the *Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum* for the family of Michael T. Merrigan .



Love, Carolee - March 10, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael T. Merrigan .



March 09, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael T. Merrigan .



March 09, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Michael T. Merrigan .



March 09, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael T. Merrigan .*



March 09, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ *Sincerest condolences to the Merrigan Family. Tom was a wonderful man and a pleasure working with at UL. He was more than courteous in his mannerisms and always willing to help on a minutes notice. He was an inspiration to all who were fortunate to know and work with him. May Tom's memory be eternal. May he Rest in Peace.*

John Tsavalos

JOHN TSAVALOS - March 07, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ *"For those who mourn the loss of Michael Merrigan, my family sends prayers and condolences. Losing someone you cherish is never easy. Knowing he has been a part of your life, may you realize how blessed you truly are to know his love and constant presence in your lives. May our heavenly Father, grant you understanding, comfort, and peace during this time and in the days and months to follow."*

DawnMarie James

DawnMarie James - March 07, 2020 at 11:26 AM

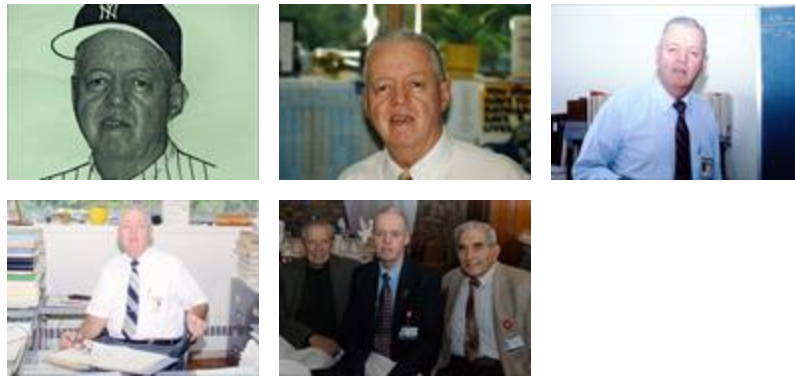
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“ We pray that your heart and soul will find peace and comfort during this difficult time. Despite the loss of the physical presence of your father. We know that God has assigned him to watch over you throughout your life. May my condolences bring you comfort and may my prayers ease the pain of this loss .Terrance Walker and family.

Terrance Walker - March 06, 2020 at 02:42 PM

CG

“ 21 files added to the album UL



Charlie Garufi - March 05, 2020 at 09:10 AM



“ Deborah Vander Maas lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Merrigan



Deborah Vander Maas - March 05, 2020 at 07:50 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Michael T. Merrigan .



March 04, 2020 at 10:39 PM