



Thomas Savage Corbitt Jr.

October 28, 1943 - October 27, 2023

Thomas Savage Corbitt, Jr, was drop-kicked through the goalposts of life and sailed into the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, October 27, 2023, a few hours shy of his 80th birthday. He was born on October 28, 1943, in Philadelphia, PA, to Thomas Savage Corbitt, Sr, and Sally Virginia (Hughes). He suffered for several years from Alzheimer's disease. The family heartily and deeply thanks all of his caregivers who were so careful, kind, and supportive during his illness.

Tom was raised on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in Pocomoke City; he graduated from Elon College with a degree in History, and followed with a graduate degree of Social Sciences from Appalachian State University. At ASU, he met the love of his life, Martha Elaine (Deese) Corbitt. They married in 1968 at Amity Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC.

Tom and Elaine lived in Charlotte, NC, where Tom worked as a regional reporter for The Charlotte Observer. He followed his love of sports to Western Carolina University, and then later, back to his alma mater, ASU, where he headed the Sports Information office and performed Public Relations for Horn in the West, Hound Ears, and Appalachian Ski Mountain. Tom became the Director of the News Bureau at ASU. Tom and Elaine later moved to Oak Island, NC, with their two children, Tom III, and Sarah. Tom continued his Public Relations work at CP&L. From Oak Island, they moved to Charlotte, NC once again, and then to Cary, NC.

Tom had a wacky sense of humor, and joked that he wanted his gravestone to read, 'Keep 'Em Guessing'. We're working on that. He approached life calmly, and with a perpetual sense of how funny daily life can be, and greeted most friends with eye rolls, hugs, and gifts of books. He loved his family dearly.

Tom is predeceased by his parents, aunts, uncles, beloved nephew Robert Deese, and beloved cousin John Edwin Corbitt III of Oakton, VA. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Elaine, son Tom (Lucy Waldrop), daughter Sarah (Jimmy Fountain), and most beloved granddaughter Mary Elaine Corbitt and cousins, Mary Anne Cesario and Alec Oliver

A memorial service is being planned, and details will be shared as they are confirmed. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memoriam to the Alzheimer's Association. Tom's tribute page is: https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Events/Tributes-AlzheimersChampions?pg=fund&fr_id=1060&pxfid=851770

Tribute Wall

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“ Elaine and family....my sister, Nancy Crutchfield called me just now to tell me about Tom and we shared memories! I loved seeing the pictures on this page. The black and white one is just as I remember him when we lived in Boone. I was a toddler, but so loved Tom, and Elaine, you haven't changed one bit! You are just as a beautiful as I remember you! Tom would lift me up so high I felt like I could touch the ceiling!! I'm very active at ASU now as we endowed a scholarship for the Geography Department, the Faye and Moses Crutchfield Scholarship !! I drive by the old house every time I visit. It is the only one left on 105! I may have been a toddler, but Tom Corbitt was my hero! And Elaine was, and still is his princess! I'm so very sorry for your loss. The pictures are wonderful and show his humor. Mom and daddy were so proud of him and loved you both so very much!

Carol Crutchfield Carter - April 10, 2024 at 08:46 PM

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“ My friend Joyce and I taught school with Elaine. We three ladies would take trips every year. We might fly to New Orleans or drive to sites in North Carolina. Tom would go online and discover restaurants and sites of interest for us to visit. He was so interested in our "girls trip" being a success for us!!! He also bought us books that pertained to our interests. He did enjoy a visit to the book store. Tom will be missed. Love and sympathy to his family!!!

Bleeka Ashcraft - December 04, 2023 at 07:53 PM

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Sarah Corbitt - November 07, 2023 at 12:34 PM

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Sarah Corbitt - November 02, 2023 at 03:41 PM

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My deepest sympathy Sarah, to you at the loss of your father. Dick May.

Dick May - November 05, 2023 at 06:09 PM

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In 1974 "Dr. T. Savage Corbett" took this college freshman "Booney" under his arm and taught me many things. I remember many lively games of "zip-dog" during our many football game travels. Late night travels in "nowhere" even converted to "zip-mailbox." I passed these on to my kids when they were traveling. Tom taught me how to write "newspaper style" reversing my years of English teachings. A great person and mentor, I am sure he is watching over us. Miss Elaine, my condolences.

Wayne Henson - May 21, 2024 at 01:38 PM