



Thomas Joseph Duffy

August 10, 1943 - September 9, 2011

Thomas Joseph Duffy, a man who enjoyed his family, a good book, his football and his time on the coast of Maine, died Sept. 9, 2011, at the age of 68 of complications from pulmonary fibrosis. Duffy, of Roswell, Ga., was born on August 10, 1943, in Columbus, Ohio. He enjoyed telling his family tales of life growing up in the city, including walking to school through snowstorms during the winters and other tall tales. He was an accomplished football player in high school and graduated from Harvard University in 1965. Duffy met Barbara Swanton during college and the two married in April 1966. They celebrated 47 years together. Duffy worked for many years at International Harvester in various locations across the Midwest and South. He and his family settled down in Roswell, Ga., in 1978. He also worked for Volvo White before retiring from the Internal Revenue Service, as a manager in their call center in Chamblee, Ga. Duffy loved college football and any other sport, so long as it was played with a ball—often watching from a giant, green recliner big enough for two to three grandchildren. Other hobbies included pruning Bonsai trees and working on Suduko puzzles. Duffy also enjoyed bird watching from bird feeders next to his big, green recliner. Grandchildren were delighted when they could help “Grampy” fill the birdfeeders with seeds for the many birds that would visit the window. Perhaps more than anything, Duffy loved travelling every summer to a small cottage that sits on the tidal waters of Westport Island, Maine. For many years, he would “open” the cottage in May and see what troubles had arisen over the snowy, windswept winter. He

enjoyed fixing the skewed doorjambs and loose boards that would inevitably greet the summer guests. The “houseboat” will surely miss his calm, steady presence on its screened porch overlooking the Sheepscot River. Duffy leaves behind a beloved wife, Barbara, and five wonderful children, Ann Duffy, Kathy Khanjar, Rebecca Bush, Martha Gardner and John Duffy. His children have all married equally wonderful spouses who, in turn, have produced 11 grandchildren so far: Lydia and Jake Duffy; Niya, Trent, Brin, Reeve and Ford Khanjar; Aidan, Finley and Amelia Bush. The latest grandchild, Leo Duffy, came into the world on the day his grandfather departed. The funeral service will be held Tuesday, September 13, at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas in Alpharetta, GA. In lieu of flowers, the Duffy family asks for donations to North Fulton Community Charities, 11270 Elkins Road, Roswell, Ga. 30076, www.nfccc.org. The Duffy family will receive friends on Monday, September 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, Roswell 770-645-1414 www.northsidechapel.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Service

SEP **13.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
535 Rucker Road
Alpharetta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Joseph Duffy*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Dear Barbara,
I was surfing the web when I saw that your husband had passed away. Please accept my sincere condolences.
Yours,
Susan Gissler Ruggles
J'65##imported-begin##Susan Gissler Ruggles##imported-end##*

October 28, 2011 at 02:07 PM



“ *Dear Sweet Barbara,
Your family remains in the prayers of so many people at this time of great sadness. Hold each other close and feels God's love as He promises to be by your side always.
With love,
Tana##imported-begin##Tana Riddell##imported-end##*

September 13, 2011 at 04:34 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your husband's passing, Barbara. And to each of your children, I ssend my deepest sympathy on the loss of their father. I know he will be truly missed by all of you. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Wilma Stump##imported-end##*

September 13, 2011 at 12:05 AM



“ It is with a heavy heart that I send my sincerest condolences to the Duffy family. I remember him as a great Girl Scout Dad, and a great father to the kids, as well as a wonderful and loving husband for Barbara. My ptayers will be with the family, and please know that I will think of you often as you miss such a wonderful man.##imported-begin##Kelly Bagwell Stewart##imported-end##

September 12, 2011 at 09:35 PM



“ We pray God's blessings on you , Barbara, and your wonderful family. We are so saddened by the loss of Tom.##imported-begin##Rick and Pam Page##imported-end##

September 12, 2011 at 09:07 PM



“ Thoughts of deep and sincere sympathy are with you and family at this time. May God's love and peace shine on you and give you comfort.##imported-begin##Anita Hurst##imported-end##

September 12, 2011 at 06:42 PM



“ I pray that Mr. Duffy is in a better place and continued strenght for the family to cope with thia huge loss.

Peace and blessings
Habib##imported-begin##Habib Mbye, Fulton County Housing CDBG Project Manager##imported-end##

September 12, 2011 at 04:25 PM



“ So, so sorry or your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jacquie Tracy##imported-end##

September 12, 2011 at 03:15 PM



“ We pray for the Duffy family in this very difficult hour. Our prayer is that the comfort our God's presence and rich legacy that Tom left will give you the strenght to carry on. We stand with you.
Charles and Minnie Buffington##imported-begin##Charles Buffington##imported-end##

September 12, 2011 at 10:32 AM



“ To Barbara and the entire Duffy Family,
We send our love and and condolences on behalf of the Little family and the Board of Trustees of St James United Methodist Church.
May God give you the peace he promises in His Word upon your loss.

Blessings,
Stan Little##imported-begin##Stan Little##imported-end##

September 12, 2011 at 10:00 AM



“ Dear Barbara, May you find peace and comfort in all of the wonderful memories you and your family have made. Kathy and Charlie Swahn##imported-begin##Kathy Swahn##imported-end##

September 12, 2011 at 09:38 AM



“ *Barbara,
We send our love , prayers, thoughts and hugs to you and the family. May the Lord comfort all of you.##imported-begin##Lon Gratz & Jane Schiff##imported-end##*

September 12, 2011 at 09:22 AM



“ *Dear Barbara and Family,

Our sincerest condolences for your loss. We hope that you will find comfort in a life well lived and in fond memories of wonderful times together.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you,

Charles Hendricks and Family##imported-begin##Charles Hendricks and Family##imported-end##

September 11, 2011 at 06:08 PM



“ *I was a classmate of Tom's at Rosary High School in Columbus, Ohio. I will remember Tom and the Duffy family in my prayers. May the Lord give you the peace that surpasses understanding.##imported-begin##Dennis Killips##imported-end##*

September 11, 2011 at 04:23 PM