



Mr. Thomas S. Reif

February 3, 1958 - May 13, 2017

Thomas Steven Reif, 59, of Roswell, Georgia passed away on May 13th, 2017 after a long fight with cancer and a short illness.

Tom was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on February 3, 1958 and graduated from Milford High School in 1976. He graduated from the University of Chicago with a BA in Public Affairs in 1980 and Northwestern Law School with his doctorate of jurisprudence in 1983. He practiced law, most recently with Waypoint Residential in Atlanta, until his death and was a beloved colleague and friend to all who worked with him. Tom met his wife, Ann, in 1987 and they were married a year, a month, and a day later. He was devoted to his family, and loved spending time with them wherever they happened to be. Tom was a talented musician, playing piano, organ, and the carillon, and he was a member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America. Tom was a lifelong Christian whose faith informed every aspect of his life. He was an active member in the Presbyterian Church (USA), most recently at Wellshire Presbyterian Church in Denver, Colorado, where he lived before moving to Georgia. He served the church and denomination faithfully and with distinction, serving on various committees and offering his talents as a lawyer and musician to both.

He is survived by his wife, Ann McDavid Reif, of Roswell; his daughters Betsy Reif Soto (Ed Soto) of Altavista, Virginia and Maggie Reif of Carrboro, North

Carolina; son Donald Reif, of Roswell; sister Amy Reif, of Bloomington, Indiana; and parents Jack and JoAnn Reif of Milford, Ohio.

A memorial service is planned for a later date. In place of flowers, memorials may be made in his name to Wellshire Presbyterian Church of Denver, Colorado or to the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Rd
Roswell, GA 30075

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas S. Reif*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *"Tommy" as I knew him was a second cousin who I did not see often in recent years. His mother is my mother's youngest niece. Since we lived in Kentucky and they in Ohio visits were usually during the summer either at our home or his grandparents home in Indiana. I think he enjoyed coming to our home in the country. Our family was always large and the food plentiful including homemade ice cream most visits. I am confident of his faith and where he is spending eternity. Heaven truly gained an angel when "Tommy" went home. Prayers continue for the family.*

Becky Hess Ailstock - May 24, 2017 at 03:36 PM



“ *I am shocked to hear of Tom's passing. He, Janet, Eric, and I were good friends in high school, and had such fun together! Where did those 40 years go? I cannot believe he is gone. I still have a photo of him wearing his Oktoberfest outfit, along with his sister, Amy, when we were all working at Kings Island amusement park near Cincinnati.*



I will always remember Tom for his soft-spoken manner, his sharp wit, and his intelligence. I am so blessed that I got to meet up with him again in person a couple of years ago, just to talk over old times and catch up. I am heartbroken to hear of his passing, and he will truly be missed. But I know that God will watch over him until all of his family can be reunited again.

Kim Caudill - May 24, 2017 at 10:33 AM

DH

“ I met Tom more than 10 years ago through work when he joined Archstone. What started as a work friendship became a personal friendship. I was lucky to work with Tom for many years. He supported me through work and as I dealt with personal health issues with one of my sons over several years. Many people at my firm came to know Tom and all had the greatest respect for him as a lawyer. A few also knew him as he dealt with cancer and all were amazed by his stoicism. I was fortunate to be with his family in the hospital before Tom passed and saw the love his family shares. Unfortunately, Tom was not awake, and I did not get to say goodbye to Tom. I will miss him.

David Hall - May 23, 2017 at 04:52 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas S. Reif.



May 15, 2017 at 11:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas S. Reif.



May 15, 2017 at 05:16 PM

CB

“ I am stunned and deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Tom. I have so many memories of this remarkable man. He had a keen intellect, a quick and lively sense of humor, a curious and inquisitive mind, and a heart of gold. Working with him came so naturally and easily. He was totally dependable, always willing to go above and beyond the call of duty, thorough and precise, careful and insightful. And he had so many other wonderful qualities that made him the extraordinary person that he was. Throughout his battle with cancer, he was rock solid, brave and never complained. In every aspect of his life, he set an example we could all learn from on how to be a good and gracious human and how to enhance the lives of all with whom we come in contact. This he did and this is why so very many people will miss him terribly. My heart aches for this loss and for the pain his tremendous family must feel.
Carrie Brower

Carrie Brower - May 15, 2017 at 04:11 PM

PF

“ I am sorry to hear about the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my condolences at this painful time. Losing a loved one is distressing and as comfort is needed from family and friends, we have assurance from the Bible that "death will be swallowed up forever" at Isaiah 25:8. It is my hope your family will find strength to endure during the days ahead.

Phillips Family - May 15, 2017 at 08:50 AM