



## Thomas John Turner III

October 5, 1936 - April 6, 2026

Thomas John Turner III, 89, of West Chester, PA, passed away peacefully on April 6, 2026, surrounded by his family. Born in New York City in 1936 to Thomas and Anna, and raised in Albany, NY, Tom lived a life defined by altruism, independent thinking and free-ranging curiosity.

Tom earned an electrical engineering degree from MIT and spent the balance of his career in the defense industry. Making Long Island, NY his home, Tom followed a free-spirited, outdoors-centric path that led to open-ocean sailboat adventures, amateur car-racing (gymkhanas), and ski-club camaraderie. And it was at a ski-club event where he met his beloved wife, Erika.

As a husband, father and friend, Tom was selfless and imaginative, exhibiting that rare quality of doing the right thing—often, the exceptional thing—without regard for credit or acknowledgement. He was also a passionate teacher. Having picked up windsurfing in his fifties, Tom can be credited with introducing innumerable people to the joys of windsurfing on the serene waters of Lac Ouimet in Saint Jovite, Québec. By all measures, for Tom, this was home. This was happiness. Harnessing the wind beneath a Canadian sky. His wife holding a parallel tack close at hand.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Erika (Ricky) Turner; his children, Mark and Scott and their wives, Lisa and Karen, respectively; and his

beloved grandchildren, Stella and Logan, whose respective adventures in ballet and golf brought joy to his heart.

Family and friends are invited to a visitation on Saturday, April 11th at 1:00 pm at Ardmore United Methodist Church (200 Argyle Road, Ardmore, PA 19003), followed by a funeral service at 1:30 pm. Interment will be private. He will always be loved. And he will be missed.

# Previous Events

## The family will receive guests

APR 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Ardmore United Methodist Church  
200 Argyle Road  
Ardmore, PA 19003

## Funeral Service

APR 11. 1:30 PM (ET)

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200 Argyle Road  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas John Turner III.*



April 10 at 06:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas John Turner III.

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“ *The Mullens, Farrells, and Melody purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas John Turner III.*



**The Mullens, Farrells, and Melody** - April 09 at 10:42 PM



“ *The Mullens, Farrells, and Melody planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas John Turner III.*

**The Mullens, Farrells, and Melody** - April 09 at 10:42 PM

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“ Joe and Riina Bathish and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas John Turner III.



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**Joe and Riina Bathish and Family** - April 09 at 06:11 PM

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**Joe and Riina Bathish and Family** - April 09 at 06:11 PM

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“ Riina and I wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the Turner Family on the loss of their beloved husband, father and grandfather. He will be dearly missed. Even though we knew Tom very briefly in the last few years, his loss will be felt by all of us. We hope it comforts you to know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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**Joseph and Riina Bathish** - April 09 at 06:00 PM