



Thomas M. Daly

Thomas M. Daly, 65, of Bryn Mawr, PA died on January 28, 2012, as a result of a ruptured cerebral brain aneurysm. He was surrounded by his wife and four children.

Tom was born October 10, 1946 in Plainfield, New Jersey to Francis James Daly Jr. and Rita Berry Daly. Mr. Daly was a 1968 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. In addition to attending the German General Command and Staff College in Hamburg Germany, and the Exec program at the Darden School, he received a Master of Science degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.

During his 20 years of service in the Navy he commanded two warships and was Executive Assistant and Naval Aide to the Secretary of the Navy. Additionally, he was awarded the Legion of Merit and he was awarded for combat action in Vietnam.

Shortly after retiring from the Navy in 1988 Mr. Daly became Executive Vice President of Operations at Tower Group International, a wholly-owned subsidiary of McGraw Hill, located in Buffalo, NY. While there he enthusiastically expanded the company to a highly successful U.S. customs broker and international freight forwarder.

In 2000 Tom became President and CEO of the American Revolution Center in Valley Forge, PA. He developed the Center from a vision to a critically acclaimed and approved land development plan. In more recent years he had been involved in several entrepreneurial ventures. He also served as a Board member of the Keffi Group in New York, NY and on the International Board of the Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the-lake, Ontario, Canada.

Tom had an unsurpassed passion and energy for life, family, and work. He ran six days a week, completed many marathons and thoroughly enjoyed golf. His family and friends knew and felt him as a loyal force of positive energy, a wonderful and humorous story teller, and one who relished the opportunity to excel in the face of all challenges.

Mr. Daly is survived by Elizabeth, his wife of 30 years; four children: Heather (Eric) Jones of Mount Desert, ME; CDR William (Andrea) Daly of Washington, D.C.; Sarah (Matt) Demitz of Reston, Virginia; and Nathan (Amy) Daly of Everett, WA; and eight grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers and a sister – William (Beverly) Daly of Smith Mountain Lake, VA., James (Eileen) Daly of Raleigh, NC., and Bea Rodgers of Turnersville, NJ.

A celebration of life will be held at Christ Episcopal Church Ithan, 536 Conestoga Road, Radnor, PA, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 4.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Naval Academy Foundation in memory of Thomas M. Daly '68, U.S. Naval Academy Foundation, 291 Wood Road, Beach Hall, Annapolis, MD 21402.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ Church - Ithan Episcopal
536 Conestoga Road
Villanova, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences and prayers to the family.##imported-begin##James R. Frezzell##imported-end##*

February 07, 2012 at 09:39 AM



“ *Rest in peace, classmate. My very best thoughts to your loving family at this very challenging time. With respect, Carl USNA '68.##imported-begin##carl ihli##imported-end##*

February 04, 2012 at 05:23 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Tom's family.*

As a classmate, it was my pleasure to have known Tom both in classes and on leave. We were both from New Jersey. The I last saw him was when I was OIC of a LAMPS helo det and he was XO of a Navy Frigate. I used to kid him about being the "red headed XO from NJ".

Always a gracious gentleman, he will be sorely missed by all.##imported-begin##Jack Smith##imported-end##

February 02, 2012 at 09:49 PM



“ *Tom was a great classmate and good friend at the Naval Academy... he had an energy and passion for life that was unmatched. My condolences to his Family... may Tom rest in peace. Marty Gunther, USNA '68.##imported-begin##Marty Gunther##imported-end##*

February 02, 2012 at 03:35 PM



“ Tom, I believe, was one of the first, '68er's to have a command at sea. His sailing prowess was always amazing. Fair winds and a following sea, Tom! Peace be with your family! Aloha! Denny Young '68###imported-begin###Denny Young###imported-end##

February 02, 2012 at 03:25 PM



“ It was a blessing to have Tom as a classmate at the Naval Academy. May his family find lasting peace in moving forward. And may we always remember Tom in our closet prayers.

Dennis and Susanne Rizzardi 'USNA 1968'###imported-begin###Dennis and Susanne Rizzardi###imported-end##

February 02, 2012 at 01:20 PM



“ A great classmate and friend. We will miss him.

Jim Brengle '68###imported-begin###James K. Brengle###imported-end##

February 02, 2012 at 08:25 AM