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Thomas “Tom” Mehler Ludwig, consummate salesman, people-person, and loving husband, father, and grandfather, passed away July 19, 2018 in Charlotte after a short battle with cancer. He was 75.

Tom had a salesman’s sensibility and made fast friends with just about everyone he met. Even at the end of his life while sick in the hospital, nurses came to visit “my guy.” Throughout his life, Tom loved his job, his friends and customers, visiting the beach, gardening, grilling, scotch, and cheap cigars — unless you bought him the good ones.

Tom was born in Philadelphia on August 22, 1942, to George T Ludwig and Marian Mehler Ludwig. When he was a few months old, his family moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where he lived until he moved to Darien, CT in his teen years, graduating from Darien High School.

He served three years in the Marine Corps and received his bachelor’s degree in business from New Haven University in New Haven, Connecticut.

He met the love of his life Marianne Parker, and they were married on August 26, 1967.

Tom was owner and president of Ludwig, Smith and Walker, a manufacturer’s rep firm in the plumbing industry for nearly forty years. “He was the first person in and the last person out. He loved every minute of it,” said his son, Stephen.

Tom was active in his community, serving Park Rd Moravian Church, whether it was roof repair, or serving Christmas Lovefeast. He was active on the Boards of Atherton Park, and Latta Heights Condominiums, and was always willing to help friends, and neighbors.

Tom’s daughter Leigh was determined to be married in his hospital room, where the family shared a precious yet bittersweet ceremony, and are grateful Tom was able to be present.



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Tom is survived by his wife, Marianne Ludwig; his son, Stephen (Megan) Ludwig; his daughter, Leigh (Jason) Staton and grand-daughter, Natalie Clinard; his sister, Lynne Glennon; his brother, Stephen J. (Cecilia) Ludwig, and his extended family Art (Barbie) McIlravy , Charlie (Gay) McClain, Dr Stanley (Susan) Fellman, and his constant morning companion, 6-year-old rescue cat, Emmy.

Tom's family would like to thank everyone at Atrium Health Main, especially the 10th floor MICU and the entire staff of Doctors and Nurses of Tower Three Oncology.

Because Tom was not fond of funerals or suits, there will be an informal gathering of friends to celebrate his life August 19 from 3-5 p.m. at The Depot, 1610 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28206. Donations may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society or Levine & Dickson Hospice House in Huntersville, NC (hpccr.org).

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com.



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SL

Stephen Ludwig posted:

Goodby, big brother. I regret we did not keep more in touch these past few years. But, we have always lived such different lives. It is very hard to think of you gone. You were always there, and it seemed you always would be. The many people whose lives you touched are blessed. Rest In Peace. Love, your little brother, Steve.

August 1 at 10:33 AM

GA

Gary, Jane, And Amy posted:

Marianne, Steve, and Leigh, We read with much sadness the news of Tom's passing, but it also brought back a great many very happy memories of him, and your entire family. Even after our various moves, we have often thought about those terrific times with you all at our first home on Lawrence Orr. All our best, and with sincere sympathy,Gary, Jane and Amy

July 31 at 9:04 AM

MH

Mandy Holland posted:

We have enjoyed getting the chance to know and work with Tom through Rectorseal over the past years. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace.

July 31 at 2:33 AM

CL

Cecilia Ludwig posted:

Tom was a very fine man. He was the kindest and most welcoming member of the family to me. I will always appreciate the warmth and understanding he extended to me.My condolences to Marianne, Steve and Leigh, it is very hard to lose a beloved parent and it is quite obvious he was a great, very accomplished husband and father. Rest In Peace, Tom.

July 28 at 7:59 AM

GT

G.Town posted:

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May the God who "binds up the brokenhearted" and "comforts all who mourn" sustain your family during this difficult time. Isaiah 61:1,2

July 28 at 6:35 AM



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RW

Roy W. Walters posted:

My most sincere condolence on your loss. It was a privilege to have known Tom throughout the years. He had a great sense of humor, joy to talk too, and I will miss that. My God console your aching hearts and keep everlasting wonderful memories, and bring a smile knowing Tom is with our Lord in Heaven. God bless your family!

July 27 at 3:54 AM

VW

Van Ward posted:

i have known tom for a lot of years and shared a lot of lunch outings with him. he was a great salesman and friend and he will be missed by all who came to know him. to the family you have my deepest condolences for your loss may he rest in peace with the lord. van

July 26 at 1:36 PM

AM

Anne Miller posted:

As unbelievable as it is to even fathom, the day will come when the memory of Tom will bring a smile to your lips before it brings a tear to your eye. My prayer for all of you is that that day will come sooner than later. So sorry for your loss and our loss in exercise class. May you feel the comfort and peace of those who are surrounding you in love...anne

July 21 at 6:47 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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