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Thomas Clifton Cosper, Jr., aka “Kingfish”, passed away at home on December 8th, 2018. Tom is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marilyn Foley Cosper, daughter Kim C. Krecicki, son in law Mark Krecicki, their children; Kyle, and Nikki, son Paul Cosper, daughter in law Lisa Cosper, their children; Shelby, Katie Beth, Madelyn and Nicholas, daughter Lynne Cosper-Lainis, her son, Harreson, brother John Cosper and sister in-law Carol, and brother David Cosper. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas C. Cosper, Sr., mother Jeanette, sister Jean, brother James and daughter Donna Jean Cosper.

Tom was born on December 2nd, 1938 in South Beach Miami, Florida, where he developed a fondness for the outdoors and fishing that would remain constant throughout his life. Tom also enjoyed sports, including playing football for the Miami Edison Raiders. Tom also excelled academically in High School and was a valued member of the Key Club, graduating in the class of 1957. In 1959, while attending North Park College in Chicago, Tom married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Marilyn. Their family started in 1960 with the arrival of a baby girl in April, with additional blessings arriving in 1962, 1964, and 1966.

In 1969, his employer Black & Decker promoted him to a corporate Sales position that relocated him and his young family of 6 to Chicago. Tom quickly advanced within the company and was promoted to a Marketing position in Baltimore, MD. While in his Marketing role, Tom made significant contributions within a product development team, whose achievements included the “Workmate”® work bench and the first cordless drill used on NASA’s Apollo 13 mission. Tom’s appetite for learning during this time guided him to John Hopkins University where he completed two semesters of business classes, as well as taught a couple of Marketing courses.

As a rising star in his field, opportunity came knocking once again, in 1975, with Homelite a Division of Textron in Jacksonville, Florida. Homelite would promote him two more times, resulting in relocations to Hackettstown, New Jersey in 1977, and Charlotte, NC in 1981. Tom later



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took a position with an Italian based tractor company, BCS Mosa, where he was General Manager of North American operations. With BCS, Tom enjoyed numerous trips to Europe and Italy, but his dream was moving back to his home state of Florida and opening his own business.

In 1992, Tom established Cospers Construction Management, Inc. in Clearwater, FL, specializing in custom homes and small commercial projects. Ever at his side, Marilyn handled the interior design piece, while his beloved brother Jim oversaw the day to day office operations. After 20 years of building multi-million dollar and award-winning custom homes, Tom decided to semi-retire and relocate to Denver, NC, where he and Marilyn would be close to family and friends.

Tom's personal hobbies included following football, baseball and basketball, fishing, hunting, shooting, gardening, wood working, traveling, reading and making memories with his family. Though he was not able to make one last hunting or fishing trip, we like to believe he is relaxed on a dock with a line in the water, a good book and cold beverage by his side, while watching a gorgeous sunset.

Tom left us and went to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on the morning of Saturday December 8th, 2018.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at Webbs Chapel United Methodist Church in Denver, North Carolina (4640 Webbs Chapel Church Rd, Denver, NC 28037).

Memorials may be made to Webbs Chapel United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 116, Denver NC 28037, or to the charity of your choice.



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RH

Rob And Sue Hamill posted:

Tom and Marilyn hold a special place in our hearts. Tom is in Heaven looking down and watching over Marilyn and his family. Blessings and condolences. Rob and Sue Hamill

May 20 at 4:29 AM

TS

Theresa Staffetti posted:

Marilyn, Joe and I did not know Tom passed away. We are devastated by the news. We are so sorry. You and Tom will always be part of our extended family along with Don B. You were our family when we built our home and again when we remodeled. The house you built is a home and has given us comfort and joy every day. We've missed you since you left Palm Harbor. Please be well and we will send our emails through Don. Love, Theresa and Joseph Staffetti

October 16 at 6:37 AM

SH

Sara Hood posted:

Prayers to the Cospers Family. I will always cherish the time spent with our extended family. Some of my favorite memories growing up were traveling to Charlotte, or Palm Harbor on Spring Breaks to spend time with my favorite family, The Cospers. Uncle Tom and Aunt Marilyn, Kim Paul Donna and Lynne would always open their home for visits. Uncle Tom would grill out, or take us to one of his favorite places, and as I grew older we shared a drink or two. His stories were timeless, he will always hold a place in our memories for years to come. Love to all..

December 16 at 2:14 PM

LY

Lynne posted:

Terry & Judy, What can I say except I am SO, SO, glad we got to see you all recently. Dad cherished his friendship with you both! Such awesome memories we have of our young families and we hope to see you again soon. LOVE you both! Lynne xoxo

December 13 at 4:23 PM

LY

Lynne posted:

Dana, Thank you so much for your kind words. Dad thought the world of you and your family! His Homelite Crew was never far from his mind and he cherished the last get together you all had out here at the lake. Best, Lynne Cospers-Lainis

December 13 at 4:20 PM



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TD

Terry Dow posted:

Tom and I shared emails late Friday evening and little did I know he would pass a few short hours later. We're deeply saddened by his passing and will miss him as will all of his dear friends and family. We'd been friend's for 50 years with Tom and his wonderful family and shared like his friend Dana above.... many sales, hunting, fishing and countless other stories to numerous to mention. To say he was one of a kind doesn't begin to touch on the truly unique man and true friend that Tom was through the years to both my wife and myself. Tom left us with his indelible wit, wisdom and good old fashioned Southern charm and we'll think of him often and hope to meet him in the not too distant future on the other side...You may be gone but certainly not forgotten by any of your many close friends and family....We're thinking of you Marilyn.....Terry....aka Sven

December 11 at 1:35 PM

DA

Dana Anthony posted:

I am deeply saddened by the news that my dear friend of over forty five years, Tom, has passed away so suddenly. I have so many wonderful memories from years past of the entire Cospers family, from Jacksonville to Charlotte and the lake. Tom and I shared a bond from our days in sales together, to decades as Home builders. I will so miss our conversations and many email messages. My prayers and love go out to the entire family during this difficult time and beyond.

December 11 at 2:07 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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