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Thomas Chase Burwell, 81, of Huntersville passed away on April 23, 2023. A native of Decatur, Illinois, he was born January 10, 1942, son of Helen Keller and Thornton Chase Burwell.

In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his brothers Ceil Burwell, Alan Burwell, and Bob Burwell, as well as his sister Ginger Fannin. His loving survivors include his wife Cheryl Cornwall Burwell; their sons, Thomas and wife Camille of Wilkesboro, NC and Todd and wife Kelly of Huntsville, AL; grandchildren: Keegan Burwell, McKenna Burwell, and Braden Burwell; and his sister, Sherie Stuecher.

Tom lived in Decatur until age 16 when his father retired and the family moved to Clearwater, Florida. Throughout his high school and college years, he was employed by Thom Mcan starting as a salesman and progressing to assistant manager of the store.

He began his college career at the University of South Florida in Tampa and graduated from University of Tampa in 1965 with a degree in Business Administration. While at University of South Florida, Cheryl's older brother Chet, Tom's fraternity brother, introduced Cheryl and Tom. They dated throughout college and were married in Winter Park, Florida in May 1966.

After college graduation, Tom joined Exchange Bank in Temple Terrace, Florida as a financial officer starting his banking career that would last 40 years. Afterwards, he joined the home office in downtown Tampa with further promotions. In 1988, when NationBank (soon to become Bank of America) acquired Exchange Bank, Tom was transferred to North Carolina where he finished out his banking career, ultimately becoming Vice President in Accounting, until he retired in 2005

Tom was defined by his love for family, his animals, and the outdoors. He was heavily involved in his children's and grandchildren's activities serving as Webelos leader, Cub Scout Leader, and



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Assistant Little League Coach among other roles, as well as being his kids and grandkids number one fan.

Known within his family as the "dog whisperer", Tom was rarely seen without one of his dogs or granddogs by his side. Tom thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors including yard work, boating, hiking, and camping with his family in the North Carolina mountains. In his earlier years, Tom was an avid golfer.

When not spending time with family, Tom and Cheryl loved going on cruises and to travel to new places. A Memorial will be planned at a later date. To leave a condolence or memory for the family of Thomas Burwell, please visit "obituaries" at www.jamesfuneralhme.com/obits.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is honored to care for the family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation alzinfo.org or Gordon Hospice House (Iredell County) www.hoic.org/Gordon-Hospice-House



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AD

Alisyn Stuecher-Dulaney posted:

When I think about Uncle Tom, I remember a loving & kind husband, father, & grandfather. A man of definite set patterns & habits who drank really strong coffee while eating breakfast and reading the paper...every morning. A leader of & provider for his family who went out into the world and went to work every day like clockwork. A gentle man who loved spending time with his dogs and looked forward to retirement so he could take long, leisurely walks with them on the greenway. A peaceful man who enjoyed doing yard work just so there would be grass in the yard where the grandkids could play on their swingset. I remember that his sense of humor always caught me off guard because he seemed so reserved and quiet. I wish I had been able to know him in his younger years, when he was the big brother looking out for his little sister in high school or when he was the frat boy falling in love with his soul mate in college. But, all I know of those years are the stories I've heard from Mom & Aunt Cheryl. I know there are lots of stories from his life, from his friendships & his adventures with his loving wife. Stories from time spent with his boys, their wives & his grandchildren. Stories from trips and vacations. Stories of holidays and birthdays, major life events and milestones. I know his family and friends will enjoy retelling those stories and cling to those memories of him. But for me, my favorite memories will be of quiet times, sitting on the back porch, talking about the simple happenings of life with a man who simply loved his life.

June 17 at 10:07 AM

GW

Ginene Winchester posted:

Cheryl, I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for peace and healing comfort in the days ahead.

May 7 at 12:45 PM

JG

Judy Godley posted:

Mrs Burwell. I am so sorry about Tom. I didn't know until today. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I love you sweet lady!

May 4 at 4:41 PM

DC

Denise And Jeff Carter posted:

Cheryl, May your family find peace by sharing wonderful memories of Tom.

April 27 at 6:16 AM



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Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Burwell family.



April 26 at 9:05 PM



Gerrie posted:

Will and I are so saddened to hear of Tom's passing. We will miss our Gators buddy.

April 26 at 11:37 AM



Pam Woodall posted:

The Woodall family are saddened to hear of Tom's passing. Prayers and hugs to Cheryl and family!

April 26 at 10:20 AM



Doug Knight posted:

Tom was so inviting to my wife and I. I enjoyed seeing him every time we met.

April 25 at 6:06 PM



Charlene Knight posted:

My memories of Tom are his gentle kind nature and love of his family and his Dog. We always felt welcomed with open arms when visiting them or joining them at an LR football game. I fondly remember the time we visited at Christmas and Tom sitting on the hearth petting his beloved dog or in the spring with the pet rabbit on the porch. Cheryl, Tom, Camille, Todd and Kelly and the Grandchildren praying for peace and comfort during this time.

April 25 at 5:17 PM



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Scout Cloud Lee posted:

Tom and Cheryl twice visited us in Oklahoma. I have sweet memories of us swimming in our pool and visiting about years gone by. Tom was the sweetest man I've ever known. Kindness preceded him wherever he went. On their second trip to Oklahoma we visited the Oklahoma City memorial and then raced back to the hotel for them to hunker down in the ballroom as a tornado struck the building. What a strong memory of coming to Oklahoma. You will be missed Tom none more so than your caretaker, best friend, and wife, Cheryl. Rest in peace Tom. Rest in peace.

April 25 at 12:40 PM



Dennis McGarry posted:

My love and prayers to you Cheryl. You and Tom made a magical couple. Not many people have enjoyed 56/57 years of marriage. I am proud to be his Arete Fraternity Brother.

April 25 at 12:40 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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