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DURBIN, Thomas Wayne, was called home to the Lord on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at Bay Pines Veterans Hospital at the age of 77. He was born at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY to Col. Rollin B. Durbin and Helen Mahan Durbin. “Big Tom” proudly served the United States of America as a sergeant in the Marine Corps. He was a dutiful leader and follower. One could not ask for a more loving and devoted son, brother and uncle. He was truly loved and respected. He enjoyed reading history and historical novels and had an encyclopedic knowledge of Yankee baseball and Notre Dame football. He loved baseball and spent many summer days instructing his younger brothers in batting and fielding. He would say “Be aware of the game situation. Don’t be one of those guys afraid to have the ball hit to you. Instead, hope for the batter to hit the ball your way because you know what to do with it.” Excellent advice that goes beyond baseball. He traveled extensively both for work as a researcher first for Lereta Corp. and later Tycor and for pleasure, visiting all 48 of the contiguous United States.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers William, Edward and Michael. Survivors include brothers Donald (Wilma) of St. Petersburg, Robert of Seminole and Patrick (Carol) of Gainesville and sisters Jeanine McMahan (Arthur) of Chatham, NJ and Elaine Durbin of St. Petersburg. Also nephews Arthur McMahan (Stephanie) of Cincinnati, Devin McMahan of Chatham and Blaine Durbin (Catie) of Gainesville; nieces Alana McMahan Henderson (Cabot) of NYC, Kyla Durbin of Charlotte, NC and Janelle Durbin of Tampa; grandnieces Darcy McMahan, Cordelia Henderson and Kiera Durbin and grandnephew Cabot Henderson.

Arrangements are by Memorial Park Funeral Home, St. Petersburg. Those who wish may donate in his memory to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.



Events

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Graveside Service

Friday, July 19, 2019

10:30 AM ET

Memorial Park Cemetery
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



Cemetery Details

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(727) 369-8228





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Vince Tullo posted:

I'll Miss you Big Tom. Condolences to the entire Durbin family from Vince Tullo and my entire family.

July 18 at 1:16 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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