



Thomas Robert Young

August 8, 1944 - November 30, 2019

Thomas R. Young, 75, of Englewood passed away Saturday, November 30, 2019 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital after a long and well fought battle.

Born on August 8, 1944 in Massillon, Ohio to the late Donald and Martha Steiner Young, he had been a resident of Sarasota County for fourteen years coming from St. Louis, Missouri.

A 1967 graduate of The Ohio State University on a ROTC scholarship, he joined the U.S. Navy and went to fighter pilot flight school in Pensacola. He was next assigned to fly F4 jets off aircraft carriers. After two tours in Viet Nam (one year on the Coral Sea and nine months on the Midway) he was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1973 and joined the Memphis Naval Reserve in until 1977. He received an interdepartmental transfer to U.S. Air Force and joined the Missouri Air National Guard where he flew F4 jets until his retirement in 1992. Tom was the proud recipient of his Gold Navy Wings and his Silver Air Force Wings.

He worked in aerospace advertising for McDonnell Douglas/Boeing from which he retired in 2006 as the director of corporate branding and advertising.

A member of the Boca Royale Golf and Country Club he served as the President of the Advisory Board in 2011. Tom enjoyed the warm community atmosphere, his golfing and walking his dogs.

Survivors include his loving wife of thirty-one years: Janet Young; and his beloved dalmatian, Murphy; dear cousins: Richard Wagner, Robert Wagner, Douglas Wagner and Richard Wagner, Jr. and their families.

Interment with honors will be in Sarasota National VA Cemetery on Monday, December 30, 2019 at 10:30 Am.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Post Office Box 1000, Department 142, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or Sun Coast Humane Society, 6781 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL 34224 in memory of Tom Young.

Englewood Community Funeral Home with Private Crematory has been selected to handle arrangements. You may share a memory with the family at <http://www.Englewoodfh.com>

Comments



“ Massillon Washington High School class of 1962 sends their deepest condolences to the family and friends of Tom Young, our classmate.

Nancy Keller Cerana - December 09, 2019 at 11:06 PM



“ To Tom's wife and friends - A friend and fellow classmate of mine - Joan Smith Caviness - and her husband own a condo in Venice, FL which is right next door to Englewood. She saw Tom's obituary in the Sarasota newspaper and sent me a picture of it, asking if I thought this was the Tom Young who graduated with us - Massillon Washington High School, Massillon, OH, class of 1962. After some checking, I was pretty sure it was but I placed the obituary on our class page on Facebook - Obie 1962 WHS - and other people also confirmed this was our classmate. Some people have written some very nice things about him and shared some memories plus sending thoughts and prayers to Janet. I'm writing in hopes that Janet or a friend can call up that class page and read everyone's thoughts of Tom. He was very well thought of and such a nice guy. Our deepest condolences to Janet and his many friends. My husband and I winter in Venice at the same condo complex as our friends. Since Englewood is so close by, I now wonder whether our paths ever crossed over those 14 years we have been going ~ we probably wouldn't have recognized each other! Respectfully, Nancy Keller Cerana

Nancy Keller Cerana - December 09, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ It was a dark and rainy night when Tom led our two-ship flight onto Lambert Field runway 30 for an air refueling training mission. His glasses had fogged over bad enough that he could not read the instruments, so he hand signaled me to take the lead. With the kind of mutual trust we shared with our fellow airmen, no explanation was needed, and off we went into the dark, black yonder. The recent regular Air Force ***** on mobile control duty recognized that it was not Tom's voice calling for brakes, burner, gear, burner, and flaps, so when we came back into the squadron, we were threatened with dire consequences for not following orders. Our response was that if he needed an explanation he could join us for formal mission debriefing at the Officer's Club bar, which he wisely declined. Pretty sure we spent most of the debriefing discussing if he should give up the bachelor buffoonery, and marry Janet. I endorsed Sandra's advice that he would be a damn fool to let her get away. Good move, Tom; now rest in peace.

Dave Rolston - December 06, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ The best baldy I know! Always had a big smile and a great story to tell. Love him so much!

Kaity Wagner - December 06, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ Tom showed his strength through all the suffering he must have had, however GOD watched over him & has taken him to a far better place.
It's been an honor knowing you, Tom. Janet will be just fine with all of the memories you both shared over the years.

Respectfully,

June & Stew Beyer
Sarasota, FL

June/Stew Beyer - December 06, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ Jackie and I were fortunate to meet Tom as part of the Boca Royale family. Tom's natural charisma, zest for life and story-telling abilities made people gravitate to him. He was a wonderful individual, and while we will miss him we will also never forget him.

Jim and Jacqueline Reekie

Jim and Jacqueline Reekie - December 06, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ Staff and I were so saddened to learn of Tom's passing. His candle burned brightly during his all too short life here on earth. May you be reminded of all the wonderful memories you shared with him, Janet. Our prayers are with you. Take care of yourself.

Debbie and Staff

P.S. As a GM retiree, I have an inside track on such things and can assure you that there ARE Corvettes in heaven . . . and no speed limits!!! So we all know what Tom will be busy doing most days now.

Debbie Dunn - December 06, 2019 at 08:55 AM



“ Tom Young is an American hero who served his country with great courage and devotion. America is stronger because of Tom's accomplishments.

Ron and Anita Watts
Boca Royale

LTG (Ret.) Ronald Watts - December 06, 2019 at 06:16 AM



“ Tom was my dear friend for many years. We met in Rabun County, Georgia where we both had summer homes. He and Janet were great dinner and golf companions. They were the ones who introduced us to Boca Royale and the Manasota Beach Club years ago. In 2017 we built here and have had many wonderful times with Tom and Janet. We will sorely miss Tom, a true American Hero! We will carry on as he would expect .GOD SPEED TOM YOUNG. Jim and Elaine Yarbrough

jim yarbrough - December 05, 2019 at 08:49 PM