



Thomas Leroy Chambers,

July 31, 1943 - September 9, 2017

Thomas Leroy Chambers, Jr., beloved husband of Patricia Jackson Chambers and devoted father to his three children, Daniel Jackson Chambers, Matthew Jordan Chambers, and Claire Catherine Chambers, died peacefully Saturday, the 9th of September 2017, at age 74. Tom was a true gentleman, loyal to his family and friends, kind to all, generous of spirit, and always striving to lead a Christian life. Tom was born on the 31st of July 1943, in Laredo, Texas, to Ella Bertha and Thomas Leroy Chambers, Sr., while his father was stationed at Fort McIntosh U.S. Army base in Laredo.

Tom graduated from South Park High School in Beaumont, Class of 1961, where he served as a class officer and yell leader. He then graduated with a degree in Industrial Engineering from Lamar University. While at Lamar he was a class officer, a yell leader, and an officer of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the Interfraternity Council, among other activities. Tom pursued graduate studies at Purdue University, earning a Master of Business Administration degree.

Tom began his career as an engineer at Bell Aerospace during the moon race era. He then became a Certified Public Accountant, later adding Certifications of Management Accountant, Fraud Examiner, and Internal Auditor.

Tom was a partner with several leading accounting firms during the mergers of the firms from Haskins & Sells, Deloitte Haskins & Sells, and Deloitte & Touche. After then serving as a vice president of a major worldwide energy company, Tom returned to public accounting as a partner with Arthur

Andersen. The last decade of his career was spent as a founding Managing Director of Protiviti, a risk management and consulting company. He enjoyed being a team leader and mentoring young professionals.

Tom served on the Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church Vestry where he and Tricia were married 50 years ago. He was a member of the Houston Ballet Board and a longtime member of the Petroleum Club, the Briar Club, and Lakeside Country Club . Tom joined and contributed to many nature and wildlife organizations, his favorite being The Nature Conservancy. He was active in Boy Scouts of America, primarily with the Golden Arrow District Troop 354. He also served the Sam Houston Area Council in several capacities as well as being a member of the Council's Board of Directors. He enjoyed his travels with the scouts, canoeing the Minnesota Boundary Waters, and hiking at Philmont in New Mexico. He was awarded the BSA Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth. He was proud that both sons were Eagle Scouts.

Tom loved both cultural travel and adventure travel: biking in Scandinavia, skiing in Colorado, kayaking the Texas river ways, and hiking in the Himalayas. His last adventure abroad was an African safari.

During the last few years, Tom enjoyed participating in the Gatherings, an Interfaith CarePartner outreach program, at several Houston places of worship. The Gatherings, a program for people with dementia, allowed him to continue favorite activities: socializing and dancing and dining with friends. He was a wonderful dance partner until the end.

Special thanks are given to Tom's Christ Church Cathedral family, his friends at Protiviti, and special friends Mary and Ron Robins and Dorothy and Duane McCarthy who gave Tom so much pleasure by including him in so many travels and events. All of these people truly blessed Tom's journey.

In addition to his wife and children, Tom is survived by his grandson Thomas Stephen Chambers, daughter-in-law Amelia Glasby Chambers, brothers The Reverend Fred Chambers and Jake Chambers, nephew Jordan Chambers. and other relatives. He was predeceased by his parents Ella Fojt Chambers

and Thomas Leroy Chambers Sr., his grandparents Arleigh Jordan and Roy Francis Chambers, grandparents Olga Sebesta and Joseph Frederick Fojt, and many aunts and uncles.

A memorial service will be held at eleven o'clock in the morning on Saturday, the 21st of October, in the sanctuary of Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Avenue, in Houston, where The Very Reverend Barkley Thompson is to officiate. Immediately following, all are invited to greet the family during a reception in the Sanders Hall at the Cathedral.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family welcomes contributions to Interfaith CarePartners, 701 N Post Oak Road, Suite 330, Houston, Texas 77024 or Sam Houston Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, 2225 North Loop West, Houston, Texas 77002.

For those reading this obituary, please invite someone you know who is dealing with dementia---the diagnosed or their caregiver---to lunch or dinner. (Gospel of Matthew, chapter 25: verse 40).

Tribute Wall

JG

“ *Thomas Leroy Chambers,*

Joyce Glivinski - October 30, 2017 at 11:55 AM

JG

“ *I was so sorry to read of Tom's passing. Ray and I had a number of years as Tom's business partners in various real estate dealings, as well as a very enjoyable friendship. I last spoke to you, Patricia, a couple of years ago and you mentioned Tom's condition. I told you that, unfortunately, Ray was also suffering the same thing. Ironically, they passed within a month of each other; Ray died a few weeks ago from Alzheimer disease as well as a broken hip. I thought of you over these last two years wondering how you were doing, knowing that we were both following the same difficult path. I was glad you were able to find good memory care facilities, as I did also. It was a true God send. Take care. Joyce Glivinski*

Joyce Glivinski - October 30, 2017 at 11:55 AM

KC

“ *In My Father's house are many mansions -- if it were not so , I would have told you . Jesus knows our hearts are depending on being reunited with all our family and friends who love Him . Tom - Tommy -my precious big boy cousin - I and 'my folks ' as Daddy would word it -are so proud of you -You recognized what matters -I love you ,big boy --see you later -my prayers are with your beautiful family -Kathy Chambers and Larry Vaughan*

Kathy Chambers - October 20, 2017 at 05:01 PM

MM

“ May the soul of brother Tom and the souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace. Our prayers are with the family of Tom, as we pray for strength and courage to face the days ahead with joy in your hearts.\nPeace,\nMike McKee

Mike McKee - October 20, 2017 at 10:49 AM

SG

“ Tricia,\nYou and were husband were part of my life and I feel blessed to have know him.\nI will be in Austin for my son's wedding and will not be able to be with you but my spirit will.

Suzy Greene - October 11, 2017 at 09:21 PM

CN

“ Tricia, my heart goes out to you especially. May you find comfort from our creator in this time of adjusting to life with out Tom. I cherish my memories at the start of the building of your family. His dedication to the family was beautiful. So happy your family grew and was a blessing to him as a father. Hugs to you all. So sorry for this great loss.

Cindy Utley Noori - October 10, 2017 at 08:09 AM

EC

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Elizabeth Cox - October 05, 2017 at 04:11 PM

LT

“ I know tricia and tom through my sister Donna Red. Very caring people. RIP Tom.

Linda tomlin - October 05, 2017 at 12:19 PM

TP

“ *What a sweet soul. Always a smile on his face and a genuine heart that cared how we were doing including our kids. He will be dearly missed. Praying for the Lord's peace and comfort.*\n*All our love, The Pettit Family*

Teresa Pettit - October 05, 2017 at 10:47 AM

GB

“ *Such a lovely man. Glad I had the opportunity to know him. Beautiful family and such a wonderful devoted wife. Well written tribute.*

Genie Bash - October 05, 2017 at 08:51 AM

SB

“ *we will remember our times with Tom and keeping everyone in our thoughts.*

Shannon Best - October 04, 2017 at 10:34 PM

SO

“ *Tom was truly a consummate gentleman, a contributor to any endeavor in which he was engaged, and a caring person. He was a strong leader whether the one in charge or the strong supporter of others. When I think of him, I see his smile and twinkling eyes.*

Sue Orrell - October 04, 2017 at 10:21 PM

DM

“ *Tom is an exceptionally nice person. Quiet, humble and always a complete gentleman ,and true friend A role model for many.*\n*Our travels with Tom and Tricia were always adventurous , interesting ,and great fun. He is a special person and will be greatly missed.*

Duane T. McCarthy - October 03, 2017 at 07:52 PM

AD

“ Claire I am so sorry for your loss of your dad.

Adrian - October 03, 2017 at 04:20 PM

BG

“ Just looking into the face of Tom was a joy. A dearer man never lived.

Bebe Gow - October 03, 2017 at 02:34 PM

EE

“ Tom will be missed.....a true gentleman, honest, trustworthy, loyal husband. I had the privilege of knowing him and his wife, Tricia, for over 40 years. Rest in peace, dear Tom. You are missed dear friend.

Elsie English - October 03, 2017 at 08:04 AM