



Thomas Allen

May 20, 1947 - October 19, 2020

Thomas Howard Allen (Tom) was born on May 20, 1947, in Lakewood, NJ. Tom passed away suddenly but peacefully at the Hospice Center of Delaware on October 19, 2020. He was 73 years old.

A lifelong resident of New Jersey, Tom was raised in Toms River, NJ and graduated from Toms River High School South in 1966. After high school he enlisted in the United States Air Force and honorably served our country. Most recently, he worked as a safety officer for the Awisco Corporation in Northern NJ before retiring to his dream home in Delaware just last month.

Tom loved nature and all animals. He was an extremely proud Father and Grandfather and enjoyed spending time with them. He also enjoyed working on projects around his home and very rarely found a problem that he couldn't fix. Tom was looking forward to starting his new life in Delaware, exploring new adventures and having his children and grandchildren visit.

He is survived by his beloved partner Nancy Zalick, his three children and their spouses, Jeremy (Lindsay) Allen , Sarah (Thomas) Paturzo , Sean (Christine) Allen; and his seven grandchildren, David , Morgandy, Riley, Kamryn, Emily, Alexis, and Steele.

A special thank you to the staff at Beebe Healthcare Hospital in Lewes, DE as

well as the staff at Delaware Hospice of Milford for their loving care and support during his final days. Also, the family would like to extend their sincerest gratitude towards Bennie Smith Funeral Home for being very accommodating, kind and understanding during this difficult time.

We all live on borrowed time. People come and go so unexpectedly; we sometimes forget that nothing really lasts as long as we hoped it would. Live life to its fullest and always tell people how you feel. A memorial service will be held for Tom at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Animal Rescue or Animal Charity of your choice.