

Thomas Frederick Shaffer Jr.

Tom passed away in Victoria BC on September 3, 2014. He was 82 years old. Tom was born on July 19, 1932 in Apollo Pennsylvania to Thomas and Louise Shaffer. He was raised in western Pennsylvania with his younger sister, Joyce. He married Ann Irwin in 1954. After serving in the US military as a member of the peacekeeping force in Germany, Tom and Ann raised their three young children in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Connecticut, eventually making a move to Mississauga, Ontario in 1968, where they lived until 2003. In retirement, the west coast's mild climate beckoned and Tom and Ann made the move to Victoria.

In his professional life, Tom was a self-employed mining industry consultant with a specialization in Zinc. Prior to venturing out on his own, Tom spearheaded the establishment of the Canadian office of the New York City-based Zinc Institute. Tom was active in the church and enjoyed his many years as a member and Commodore of the Mimico Cruising Club in Toronto. Tom was passionate about singing and he thoroughly enjoyed many years of performing with the Toronto Mendelsohn Choir.

Tom lost his wife Ann in February 2014. He is survived by his sister Joyce (Ken) and three children – Fred (Susan), Martha (Dan) and Amy (Scott) and six grandchildren; Carolyn, Erin, Nick, Megan, Cameron and Lauren.

Tom will be fondly remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. With broken hearts we wish Tom well in what he called his 'next adventure'.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 680 Courtenay Street (corner of Douglas Street) in Victoria BC. Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The Toronto Mendelssohn Choir or St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church or a charity of your choice in Tom's memory. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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