



Thomas N. Markham

November 8, 1934 - August 19, 2021

Thomas Newton Markham, son of the late Clyde and Hazel (Brown) Markham, beloved father and brother, died quickly of a heart attack at home on August 19, 2021. Born in 1934 in Middletown, CT, Tom stayed in Connecticut through high school where he enjoyed academics, sports, and boy scouts (he achieved Eagle Scout). He graduated from East Hampton High School class of 1952. Tom continued his education at Tufts University in Boston where he attended as many baseball games at Fenway Park as possible. He went on to medical school at St. Louis University graduating as part of what is known there as the golden class due to the success and longevity of its members. He enlisted in the Navy and completed his residency at the University of Michigan where he also obtained a Master of Public Health Degree. His naval career spanned more than 20 years including his stint as the medical officer on the submarine USS Theodore Roosevelt stationed in Groton, CT, and his time as commanding officer of the Navy Environmental Health Center in Cincinnati, OH. After retiring with the rank of Captain of the United States Navy, Tom continued to practice medicine in the Cleveland, OH, area until finally retiring from medicine in 2018. He spent his last years in Murrells Inlet, SC, where he enjoyed the beautiful weather and his time with friends. Tom's greatest passions in life were travel, which he did extensively with his wife, Barbara, and baseball. Tom was predeceased by his wife, Barbara Halterman Markham, and is survived by his sister, Betty Merritt, and his daughters, Eleanor Wood, Cynthia Elizondo, and Julia Glazko as well as 4

grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and more friends than could be listed. Tom will be buried at the State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown, CT. Date and time of the services are still to be determined.

Please sign the family's guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is honored to have served Tom's family.

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Grand Strand Base of the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. send their sincere condolences to the Markham family for the loss of their loved one. To our departed brother submarine veteran: "Sailor - rest your oar".*

David Fischer - August 27, 2021 at 03:28 PM

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“ *Tom was a wonderful neighbor and friend. We loved hearing his many stories and sharing a bottle of wine.*
Tom and Deb Irvin

Deb Irvin - August 27, 2021 at 02:56 PM

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“ Tom and I were raised in East Hampton, Connecticut where we were playmates through grammar school and classmates in high school (EHHS), graduating in 1952. Tom went off to Tufts in Boston while I went 10 miles West to Wesleyan for college. Tom must have developed his travel interest early since he headed for Medical School in St. Louis while I stayed near home again by moving further West to New Haven and Medical School at Yale. I followed his later travels by reading notes in the then East Hampton News. I will never forget earlier trips to The Oakwood Stand in the summers where I found the very best hamburgers I ever had, To this day I have never found one anywhere that were as delicious as those! One adventure that I will never forget was a time when I was at Tom's home up the hill on South Main Street. We were doing some informal "chemistry" experiments in the kitchen. Tom was showing me the effect of a chemical put on another substance, turning the substance yellow. I was holding the "experiment" in a glass cup which slipped from my grasp and broke into sharp pieces in the sink. I tried to catch the falling cup, but was too late and my left 5th finger struck a piece of glass which removed a full-thickness piece of skin from the finger. It bled, and I knew nothing else to do but retrieve the piece of skin and place it over the bleeding wound on my finger---- Tom found some adhesive material and we taped the finger up. Unknowingly, it was the first skin graft I had performed, and it healed well! I had no idea:at the time, that many years later, after a 6-year Residency in Surgery, I would perform literally hundreds of skin grafts in my career as a Plastic and Reconstructive surgeon, and a Professor of Surgery at the University of North Carolina Medical Center in Chapel Hill. Tom was to enter much more hazardous career than I did and braved riding in a submarine in very deep ocean water, some times under the Arctic ice--- what a man. I am so proud of "Tommy" and my sadness when hearing of his death is being replaced by my joy of knowing him for more than about 80 years. He was diligent, incredibly bright and had a long and extraordinary life. I remember when Tommy and I (I was called "Biff" then) were inducted into the EHHS National Honor Society when we were both juniors in high school:

Memories of Tom are the things that soften, if you will, the the shock and sadness of learning of a life-long friend's death. As long as I live, I will cherish those many memories and hope you all, his family and closest friends will cherish your memories as well. His body is gone but his Spirit remains. Peace!

Abner G. Bevin, M.D. ("BIFF")

Abner G, Bevin, M.D. ("Biff" - August 26, 2021 at 08:49 PM

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“*Tom ("Tommy") was a particularly outstanding member of our 1952 High School class in East Hampton, Connecticut. I had the personal pleasure of being closely involved with him and his mother, sister, and aunt while working at The Oakwood Stand (and hotel) on Lake Pocotopaug in the summertime. Every one of our little gang of school chums was happy and proud to have Tom as a friend. I even had the opportunity to see him later while we were both college students in Boston and to especially enjoy his attendance at our regular EHHS reunions. The entire Markham clan made East Hampton a good place to live and a wonderful town in which to go to school.*

Bill Hennessey

Bill Hennessey - August 26, 2021 at 09:23 AM