



## Thomas Lavell Secrest

May 21, 1949 - January 27, 2020

Thomas Lavell Secrest of Pawleys Island, South Carolina passed away on January 27, 2020.

He was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, and attended the United States Military Academy at West Point from 1966-1970. After graduation, he served in Germany and Fort Knox, and resigned his commission in 1975. After graduation from the University of Texas Law School in 1978, he joined the law firm of Fish & Neave in New York City where he was a patent infringement trial lawyer.

Tom married Elizabeth Weug Secrest in 1981 and they resided in Brooklyn and Briarcliff Manor, NY until retiring to Pawleys Island, SC in 2004.

He is survived by his wife, his son, Laurence Lavell Secrest (Jennifer); two grandchildren, Sarah Secrest and Johnathan Lavell Secrest; his brothers, John Secrest (Claudia) and Randy Secrest and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 1:00 PM Monday, February 3, 2020 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. Burial will be at the United States Military Academy at West Point at a future date to be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel

# Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Lavell Secrest



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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - January 30, 2020 at 10:12 AM

MA

*May he rest in eternal peace. Michael and I send our deepest condolences to your family, the entire Secrest family and his friends. Michelle Secrest Ayers and Michael Ayers*

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**Michelle Secrest Ayers** - January 30, 2020 at 12:35 PM

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*My condolences to the Secrest family. Though we did not know each other well at West Point, I remember Tom at Law School at UT. I was in my second year when Tom was a first year. I distinctly recall when he shared with me that he, a Texan, was going to my hometown, NYC, for an internship. I shared with him that it would be an adjustment for him to be around brash, fast talking (but slower thinking) New Yorkers. He like, in all things adjusted, very well. May it be said, "Well Done!" Be thou at peace.*

*Dominick Crea G-4, 70; UT Law 77.*

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**Dominick Crea G4 '70, UT Law 77** - February 03, 2020 at 12:03 AM

GB

“ Hello Liz. There aren't many words to say. Tom was the greatest man I've ever met. Kind and passionate. I will always love him. You guys always made the Super Bowl the highlight of each year. I could go on and on. I send my love to you. I miss you. God Bless You.  
Gary B.

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**Gary Broughton** - March 12, 2020 at 07:28 PM

FH

“ Elizabeth and family,  
We have been away for the last three weeks, arriving home after the services for Tom. We wanted you to know we are thinking of you and praying that you will find comfort in your remembrances of Tom. We send our condolences and love.  
Faye Hayes and Bob Radcliffe

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**Faye Hayes** - February 05, 2020 at 07:40 PM

MS

“ May he rest in eternal peace. Michael and I send our deepest condolences to your family, the entire Secrest family and his friends.  
Michelle Secrest Ayers and  
Michael Ayers

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**Michelle Secrest** - February 03, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Lavell Secrest.



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February 02, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Thomas Lavell Secrest.



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February 02, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Thomas Lavell Secrest.



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February 01, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Thomas Lavell Secrest.



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January 31, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Thomas Lavell Secrest.



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January 31, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas Lavell Secrest.*



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January 30, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ *Liz and the Secrest family, we are so sorry to hear of Tom,s sudden passing. Know you all are in our thoughts and prayers and send our deepest sympathy. Tom will be remembered for his wonderful dry sense of humor, his easy going friendship and his legendary golfing skills! We are so glad we are able to share fond and fun memories of you both from the West Point Golf Outings...especially the wonderful tour at Pawley's Island you both set up for the 1970 class! We hope the memories the family shared with Tom will comfort you all at this sad time. We can't help but think, Tom is sharing his favorite scotch with his buddies up in heaven! Love JoAnn and Jim*

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**Crawford** - January 29, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Lavell Secrest.*



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January 29, 2020 at 12:53 PM

TM

“ Liz and family,

*Karen and I were so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. We always enjoyed spending time with you two on the West Point Class of 1970 Golf Tour! Tom was a very fine golfer and an even better classmate and friend. We send our deepest condolences and know the wonderful memories that you and Tom made over the years will carry you through this difficult time.*

*May it be said, "Well Done" Tom; be thou at peace.*

*Tom and Karen Maertens  
Class of 1970*

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**Tom Maertens** - January 29, 2020 at 12:08 PM

VM

“ Liz:

*You won't know me, but please know my thoughts are with you. I loved my USMA classmate Tom. He was kind, congenial, smart. If he called you a friend, you truly were. God rest his lovely soul. I already miss him.*

*John M. Vermillion  
St Petersburg, FL*

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**Vermillion John M.** - January 29, 2020 at 10:42 AM

HG

Liz:

*I'm so sorry for your loss...I remember Yom from school, where we were classmates from '70.*

*One small thing that I always remember was/is the fact that except for me, Tom would have been the Class "baby"! Tom was, of course, born May 29, 1945...I was born 8 days later, D-Day, June 6th!*

*God Bless Tom, you and your entire family.*

*Howard Guy (Howie)*

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**Howard Guy** - January 29, 2020 at 11:36 AM

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*(Sorry...May 21st, 1949...I was born 16 days later...)*

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**Howard Guy** - January 29, 2020 at 11:40 AM

CH

“*Mrs Secrest ,I'm so sorry for loss.My prayers go out to you and your Family.Mr Tom was such a Humble Sweet man.I will truly miss seeing him at Coastal Chevrolet.Bless you.*  
*Candy Hartley*



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**Candice Harrley** - January 28, 2020 at 10:10 PM

PC

“*Liz, Paulette and I are so sorry to hear about Tom's passing. We remember sitting near you at Army Football games when we all lived in NY and then working on the Fisher House Golf tournament and attending the founder's day dinner here in SC. Unfortunately, we will be away and unable to attend the services for Tom. You will both be in our thoughts and prayers.. Please call if we can be of any assistance or if you just need someone to lean on. My number is 845-499-7194. Paul and Paulette Cunningham*

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**Paul Cunningham** - January 28, 2020 at 08:40 PM

BL

*Liz, so very sorry to hear about Thomas' passing. As we grew up in Robstown, Texas, our families were the closest of friends. "Piper" was his handle as a young man, and he was outstanding as a student and leader. His loss brings back many memories of the day and times our families spent much time together, Jim and Sarah being close friends with my parents. I am thankful to have grown up with him and send our deepest condolences.*

*Ben Liska and Caroline Liska Thompson.*

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**Benjamin Liska** - February 11, 2020 at 01:50 PM