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Thomas Joseph Holman, Sr. 1930 – 2014 On Friday January 17, 2014 Tom Holman passed away in his home at the age of 83, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born in New York City on May 30, 1930 as the only child of William and Anna Holman. Tom was raised in NYC and in 1948 graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School in Brooklyn. He immediately joined the Army and served his country as an Infantry Specialist. Tom, and his now wife of 56 years, Elizabeth (Betty) Grant Holman, wrote to each other every day while he was serving in the Army. He met Betty at the age of 13 when they both vacationed at the New Jersey Shore. They ended up dating for 13 years and only ever dated each other. In 1949 Tom finished his year of military service and started attending St. John's University in New York. After only 1 year he was drafted back into the Army to serve during the Korean War. Once his service was complete he took a job with Betty at James Talcott Incorporated as an account executive. They eventually married on February 23, 1957 and moved to New Shrewsbury, New Jersey where they started their family. In 1964, after having their 4th child they moved to California, where they had 4 more children. In California Tom predominantly worked in the cemetery business, starting out by answering a blind ad for a salesperson and was soon promoted to sales manager and eventually to Director of Sales. He worked in that capacity for three separate cemeteries over a 40 year span. During this time he earned numerous awards for being a stellar salesman and manager, including the first ever "Advance Planning Hall of Fame Award" for which he was most proud. Tom retired from the business in January of 1998. However, he was so admired and respected he was asked to come out of retirement to lead the sales team again in 2000 and in 2004, at the age of 74 he finally retired for good! Although Tom spent much of his time working he always made time to spend with his family. He especially enjoyed their annual trips to Disneyland and Sea World, playing "pickle" and eating breakfast on the beach, and



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attending his children's sporting events. He rarely, if ever, missed any of them and attended every awards banquet and school function in support of his children. He couldn't have been more proud of each of them. Tom was also an avid baseball fan and followed his beloved New York Yankees throughout his entire life. Tom is preceded in death by his parents, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He is survived by his loving wife Betty, His daughter Kathleen Anne Idomoto and her husband Masataka and children Amanda and Thomas; son Thomas Joseph Holman, Jr. and wife Pam; son William Alexander Holman and his wife Shawn and children Collin, Zachary and Kellsie; daughter Elizabeth Holman Hill and her husband John and children Joshua and Andrew; son Douglas Steven Holman and his wife Kim and children Emily and Grant; son Robert James Holman and his wife Rosemary and children Matthew, Joshua and Molly; son Christopher Andrew Holman and his wife Heather; son Michael Grant Holman. Tom will be greatly missed by all those who knew him!



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GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

I love you, Papa! I will remember the good times that we had together, like playing dice baseball and cribbage. I will miss you.

February 1 at 5:00 PM

CG

Charlie And Judy Groshek posted:

Tom, you will be missed by all. You did a wonderful job in life. You will be in our thoughts forever.

January 24 at 5:00 PM

FZ

Fred And Elaine Zarse posted:

Hello Betty- As you can guess, Elaine and I were saddened by the news of Tom's death. We wanted to be there today at Greenwood, but are unable to get there. We don't have your home phone or address. Elaine wondered if you could call her when things settle down. Our house phone is 619-659-5050. My office cell phone is 619-579-9456. Elaine doesn't work, so she is usually there. Wishing you the best- Fred and Elaine Zarse

January 24 at 5:00 PM

JT

Julie Tunnell posted:

Rest in peace Mr. Holman. I will always remember your booming voice and constant smile. You raised a wonderful family and now can rest in your eternal reward. God Bless.

January 24 at 5:00 PM

GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

Mr. Holman, your sense of humor and warm spirit remains in all who are blessed to have known you. You are loved and cherished. Anne Marie Ruta Buchanan

January 24 at 5:00 PM



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BW

Betsy Winters posted:

I will always be grateful for Tom's friendship and good advice when my husband, John Winters, died. He was so kind and helpful—a true friend. My love and prayers to Betty and all of his children. May he rest in peace.

January 24 at 5:00 PM

JG

Jane Cerny-Gill posted:

Mr. Holman's smile always made those around him happy. He remembered everyone's name and never met a stranger. I only met him a few times but will always remember his stories, smile and laughter. I know he was a wonderful husband and father. Hugs!

January 23 at 5:00 PM

GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

So sorry to read about Tom's passing. I remember his wonderful stories that kept us laughing. A great guy! God Bless! Barara Octon

January 23 at 5:00 PM

KV

Kenneth Varner posted:

Tom was a special man that helped many people to grow and reach their potential myself included very grateful to have had known a man like Tom for his positive encouragement, wisdom and knowledge. He will be remembered by others and myself for years to come. My condolences to Betty, Doug and all the Holmans'.

January 23 at 5:00 PM

GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

Thanks for treating me like your own daughter. I loved that you walked me down the aisle to marry your son Bill. I love ya Pops! Shawn

January 23 at 5:00 PM



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GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

Salt of the earth parent and gentleman...we will miss his wit and honesty. RIPStephen

January 23 at 5:00 PM

CG

Collin Gioia posted:

Grandpa you let me in your life and in your heart. You accepted me as your own. You will be greatly missed. I love you.

January 23 at 5:00 PM

DO

Doug posted:

Thank you for sharing so much and always being there. Love ye pop!

January 23 at 5:00 PM

GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

Wonderful, caring man. Knowing Tom was a blessing. Joyce McMahon

January 22 at 5:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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