



Thomas T. Chesnut

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Thomas T. Chesnut, 88, a life long resident of Clearwater passed away July 17, 2018 at home surrounded by his loving family. Tom was born to John Sr. and Ellen Stanley Chesnut on April 16, 1930. He was a Clearwater High School alumni, class of 1949 and a Marine Corp veteran. He also worked for Blackburn Brothers Land Development until retirement in 1985. Following retirement, Tom and Marilyn enjoyed 20 plus summers in Franklin, North Carolina. He was a fine southern gentleman and a lifetime member of Episcopal Church of the Ascension. His greatest joys in life were his faith, love of family and laughter. Tom is preceded in death by his parents, John Sr. and Ellen Stanley ; his brothers, John Jr. and Arthur. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 60 years, Marilyn ; daughters, Ellen Chesnut Ayo, and Terri Keever (Kevin); grandchildren, Thomas John "TJ", Alexandra "Allee", and Kelly; sister-in-law, Joyce Chesnut ; cousin, Kappy Koch and several nieces and nephews. A Memorial service will be held at Church of the Ascension on Friday, August 3, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m. For online condolences please visit www.mossfeasterclearwater.com. In lieu of flowers you may make a donation to the charity of your choice.




Events


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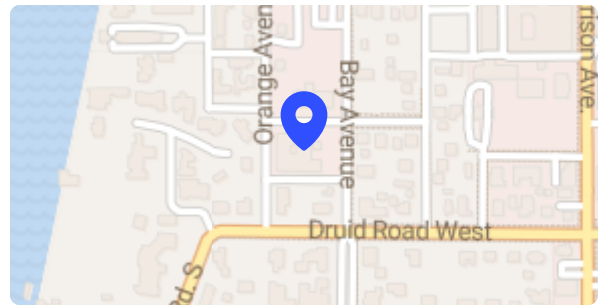
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Memorial Service

 **Friday**, August 3, 2018

 2:00 PM ET

 **Church of the Ascension**
701 Orange Avenue, Clearwater FL 33756





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RS

Raymond J. Smith posted:

Charlotte and I enjoyed the special times that we spent with Tom and Marilyn along with Phyllis and Millie and others that I can't remember. Tom always had stories to share about growing up in Clearwater along with a joke or two. He was a special person. My condolences to Marilyn and the family. May Tom Rest in Peace. Raymond J. Smith

August 4 at 6:03 AM

PL

Pamela Lee lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



August 3 at 4:21 PM

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August 3 at 4:20 PM

AC

Artie Chesnut posted:

Uncle T. I don't know where to begin to describe my memories of you and aunt Marilyn. Obviously, when we were kids all the family gatherings during the holidays. All the jokes and tricks you played on everyone. You were an equal opportunity offender for sure. Ha! I still tell jokes and sing songs you told me back in the day. Then we go to the Homosassa days at the fish camp when we were young. I still talk about all the guys skinny dipping in the river to take a bath at night because we only had 1 shower. And of course that was reserved for the girls. Good food and laughter. A Chesnut tradition for sure. There is much more that I will certainly reflect on as the weeks go by. You are the last of the Chesnut boys of Nee Nee and Papa. I try not to be sad about that but I am. What a tremendous job they did raising you, Art and John. We all have learned work ethic, always help people in need and to always do the right thing. I am very thankful for this. We have certainly passed this life style to our children. Aunt Marilyn, I know you will draw strength from your memories of Uncle T. He is so fortunate that you said yes on your first double date. You had a tremendous love for each other that other people can only envy. God bless the family and friends and thanks for the memories Uncle T. Artie Chesnut

July 31 at 3:40 PM



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MK

Ms. Kappy Koch And Ky Koch sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Chesnut family.

July 25 at 4:03 AM



VR

Vicki Roza posted:

Dearest Marilyn, It was a pleasure to get to spend time with you and that "Southern Gentleman" you called husband. He will be SO missed. I've been blessed to have your wonderful daughter and son-in-law Terri and Kevin to live next door to. Tom was even more blessed to have Terri in his corner. I've never seen such devotion as I have in Terri. We should all be lucky enough to have someone like her in our corner. My prayers are with you now and I love that you have the love of God to help you get through all this. I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME. Philippians 4:13. Love and sympathy, Vicki Roza

July 24 at 5:26 PM

VL

Vicky Latonie posted:

My memories of Uncle Tom started when I was in high school and I came to Florida for the first time with my parents and sister...He was just so much fun and such a Southern gentleman..from that point on he always held a warm spot in my heart..I will miss you Uncle Tommy....all of us will...love you always

July 23 at 3:54 PM

RB

Renate And Bill posted:

What a great, passionate, loving and caring human being Tom was! I met you Marylinn when you have been on an all time low with your insured leg! There was no men in my surrounding who would have been more patient, loving and caring than your husband Tom. I had the pleasure and honor of knowing you both and your incredible daughter Terrie. Every human being is blessed to have an advocate like her, who has been fighting to the extend of nearly her own destruction, to help, defend, fight and care for you Marylinn and for her beloved Dad!! know you all can rest now and so is he! He will rest in peace and be you Guardian angel when needed! God bless you all, Renate and Bill

July 23 at 5:16 AM



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PK

Pat & Beryl Keever posted:

We admired Tom for his family values. He was a devoted family man, especially to his wife Marilyn, daughters Terri & Ellen and grandchildren Kelly, TJ and Allee. Tom was one of the nicest people we know. Tom was always great to be around, especially if you have a sense of humor. Beryl called him "a little dickens." He loved being around kids, and could get them going. Our children and grandkids enjoyed how much fun he was to be with. Tom enjoyed sports. Tom, Terri's husband (Kevin) & I could talk sports all day long. He was a good Tampa loyalist. Our thoughts and prayers will be with him; especially during the holidays when we would all get together. Pat, Beryl Keever & family.

July 22 at 8:21 AM

BS

Bill Snyder August 3 at 9:04 AM

Dear Marilyn. I am so sorry.. Tom was a great person and I am so happy to have known him. My prayers are for you and your family... Bill Snyder

SK

Shannon Keever lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

My heart is your family at this difficult time. Tom was one of the sweetest people I knew. I remember how happy he was last year at Thanksgiving watching all the kids running around and even jumping up and running in his lap. He just loves children. He will be missed.

July 21 at 9:00 AM





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AB

Andrea L. Butzon posted:

Dear Auntie Lynn, Ellen, Terri and everyone in your beautiful family.....Uncle Tommy and Auntie Lynn shared so many years in a loving marriage. Marilyn is my father's youngest and beloved sister. There was always a fun time to be had when we were with Auntie Lynn and Uncle Tommy. I so fondly remember the times we came to visit and they would be snuggling on the sofa as we kids played or watched television. The house was always full of laughter and joking and stories. I also remember when they were married and Auntie Lynn came down the aisle and winked at me on her way to the alter and her very handsome about-to-be husband. It was the beginning of such a happy marriage, lots of laughter, lots of fun, lots of love. We all adored Uncle Tommy and his love of life and laughter. I will always remember Uncle Tommy with so much love and a smile that lit up a room! He and Auntie Lynn always lit up the room,or the occasion, Everyone everywhere lucky enough to know them were blessed to share time with them. He will live on in his sweet and beautiful children and grandchildren and so many memories and hearts. I love you all so much.....arms around you all and prayers being lifted for you and for Uncle Tommy. My precious Auntie Lynn, you two were a very rare and special couple, so gorgeous and happy together. Nobody can take your memories away and I know you all have so many wonderful memories to cherish and share. God bless you all. I love you!Andrea Luce Butzon (Andy)

July 20 at 9:41 PM

LP

Lisa Peltz posted:

Dearest Marilyn, Terri and family. I am deeply sorry to hear of your beloved husband's, father's and grandfather's passing. While I unfortunately never had the opportunity to personally meet him, I feel as if I know a bit about him through the stories and memories of him I have had the good fortune of hearing through my dearest friend, Terri. Along with our cherished memories, our loved ones continue to live within us through all the things we have learned from them and from the little gestures we have picked up from them throughout the years, as well as through the sayings that they frequently said that we find ourselves also saying. We are blessed to have part of them eternally living within us and carried on in our daily lives, and can smile with a beautiful memory of them when we find ourselves carrying on and passing along part of them from within us. All my love and heartfelt prayers to you, Marilyn and Terri, and your lovely family. Lisa Peltz

July 20 at 7:51 PM

WS

Wendy Stone sent a Sympathy Fruits Abound to the Chesnut family.



July 20 at 5:20 PM



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Kelly Keever shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

"Grief is like an ocean, it comes in waves, ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn how to swim." - Vicki Harrison
On July 17th, my family said our Earthly goodbye to one of the most incredible men I have ever met, my PaPa. Everyone leaves something behind when they pass. My papa left behind memories filled with endless love, laughter, and only the brightest of smiles. It was truly an honor to be his granddaughter. We are grieving the loss of you Papa. You were the most devoted husband to Naw-Nee, a deeply loved and respected father to my mom and Aunt Ellen, and surely an adored grandfather to me, Allee, and TJ. The world without a doubt seems a less bright without you here. We find peace in knowing that you are no longer in pain, and are now in a place where you will experience only the best days in Heaven for the rest of eternity. Until we meet again Papa, I love you.



July 20 at 8:07 AM



Kelly shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.



July 20 at 7:52 AM



Renate And Bill July 20 at 4:36 PM

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PR

Patty Ruppel posted:

Dear Marilyn, Ellen and Terri, I am so sorry for your great loss of such a special man, husband, father and grandfather! I will never forget the first time I had the pleasure of meeting Tom and Marilyn, I had moved from Indiana at age 22 and hoped to start a new life in Florida with my father and stepmother. I was quickly hired by Community Bank and began my 40 year friendship with Ellen who was so sweet to take the new person under her wing. After meeting her dad and mom I could see where she gained her genuine kindness and loyalty. I will always be grateful that I was so fortunate that God blessed me with such a beautiful, sweet caring best friend and will cherish, as I always have, the fond memories and happy times spent with Tom and Marilyn!! Through the last few days when I think of Tom the first thing my mind goes to is that full heartfelt laugh that could bring joy to so many and will be remembered fondly by anyone lucky enough to have known him!!

July 20 at 7:22 AM

BK

Barbara Kelly posted:

Tom was a wonderful neighbor and we will miss his happy smiling face. Barbara and Bud

July 20 at 6:21 AM

CC

Charles Curls posted:

The Curls' family is very sorry to hear about the passing of Tom. Charlie has many fond memories of time spent with Tom in their younger days. Our thoughts are with your family during this time of loss. Charlie and Dottie Curls

July 19 at 7:24 AM

CG

Cindy Shea Glerum posted:

Marilyn I am so sorry for your families loss. I worked for Tommy at morning side swim and tennis club my dad was friends with Tommy (Bob Shea at telephone company) Tommy was the sweetest, funniest, nicest, happiest man I ever had the pleasure of knowing. I really loved working for him. I was just 17 when my teacher mr Davies from largo high school took me to meet Tommy and when he asked me if I was Bob Shea's daughter he said you have the job!! I was so happy. Love to you and your family. Cindy Shea Glerum.

July 19 at 4:26 AM



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Cindy Shea Glerum lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



July 19 at 4:10 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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