

Thomas Earl Weaver

August 3, 1937 - June 3, 2023

Thomas Earl Weaver, 85, of Bloomington, died Saturday, June 3, 2023 at IU Health Hospice House. He was born August 3, 1937, in Richmond, Indiana, the son of Earl and Marjory (Darland) Weaver. Tom graduated from Richmond High School and Indiana University. With a degree in business economics and public policy, most of his professional career was spent as as vice-president/chief financial officer for Independent. Life Insurance Company in Jacksonville, Florida.

After his freshman year at IU with funds unavailable to continue his education, Tom left IU to work a variety of jobs. Those jobs plus a stint in the US Air Force and a student loan put college back on the map. Even so, he worked as a sorority house boy and delivered pizzas while a student. He was a member of Acacia Fraternity.

At IU for his second and final go round he met his future wife, Janet Vaksdal, in a Ballentine Hall study room. They were married 58 years. Janet, daughters Alison Hilton (Josh), Portland,OR, Christina Lachenmeyer (Nathaniel) and children Arlo and Nina Lachenmeyer, Marietta, GA will forever miss their dear Tom/Dad/Grandpa.

With a natural comedic bent, Tom was known and loved for his humor. He had an uncanny ability to proliferate cartoon ideas. From as early as his Air Force

days he discovered his humor was marketable. He wrote daily, mostly for cartoonists that drew and published Dennis the Menace, Marmaduke and Lockhorns.

Tom enjoyed golfing and attending IU sports events. He loved birds and wild animals He kept neighborhood birds supplied with seed and suet and never tired of watching them.

In addition to his immediate family, Tom is survived by his sisters Carol McGrotty, Plainfield, (her children - Kevin McGrotty, Heather Shade, Erin Dotson) and Nancy Gray, Winter Springs, FL (son Rick Cassel, his wife Arlene and their daughter Morgan) sister-in law Debra Weaver, wife of Tom's late brother, William Weaver. Also surviving are Janet's sister, Corinne Perez and her husband, Bill of Denver, CO.

He was preceded in death by niece and nephews, Terri Gray, Bobby Cassel, Mike Cassel and Sean McGrotty.

At Tom's request he will be cremated and not have any service. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37, Bloomington, is fulfilling these wishes. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Anyone wishing to donate in his memory please give to WWF at www.worldwildlife.org or WildCare Bloomington at wildcareinc.org.

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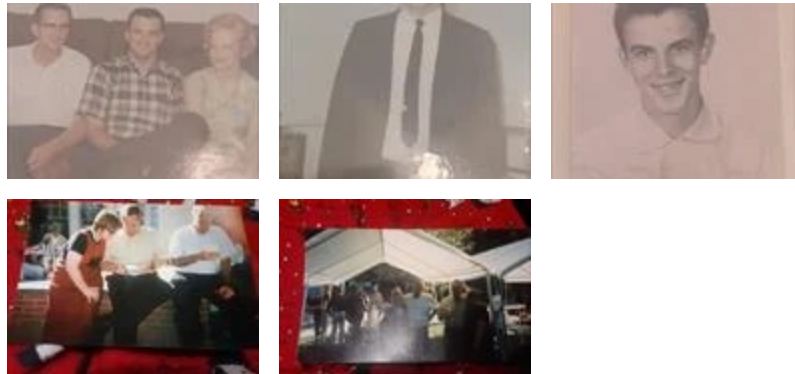
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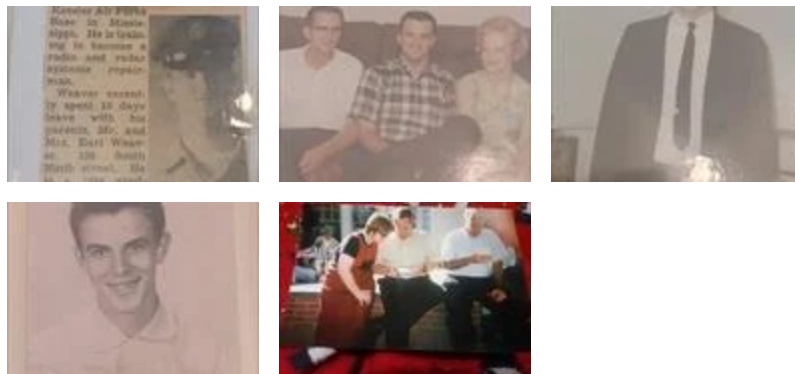
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JW

“ Since writing Tom’s obituary I’ve anguished about forgetting to mention my dear husband's love of running, Until he was no longer able to, Tom ran almost daily and competed in many races including the New York City Marathon several times He was president of the Jacksonville Track Club and race chairman of that city’s River Run, a premier 15K race.

Janet Weaver - August 01, 2023 at 05:53 PM

JH

“ To say that Tom was a "character" would be an understatement. He was a part of our pickleball group. You never knew what he was going to say! I have, on order his book "I hope I don't see my Grandma naked in heaven. He just always had a positive attitude and encouraging words for everyone. To say that he will be missed would be an understatement. I'll miss his laughter, his wit, and always positive attitude. Paddle up, my friend !

Jeff Holland - June 13, 2023 at 03:09 PM

JP

“ My dear Janet. I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Tom. He was a wonderful friend and a great guy. I’m sure he and Dave are up there talking about the Hoosier or arguing politics. He will be dearly missed. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love to you Jeannie

Jeannie Pratt - June 09, 2023 at 06:36 PM

JS

“ Tom Weaver was a member of my USGA Golf Course Rating Team for the Indiana Golf Office. People think it was such a good deal because we got to play golf courses all over Indiana for free. Although playing the course was part of the process, a rating project involved seven hours of on-course measuring and another four hours of calculation. Tom was a delight, making the hard work fun. One particular day stands out when we rated Fuzzy Zellers’ Covered Bridge Golf Course in Sellersburg. It was 105 degrees that day and Tom decreed we all earned the “Fuzzy Flambeau Award” for baking at 105 degrees for 7 hours. We’ll all miss that wonderfully, companionable, funny, kind, gentle giant of a friend.

Jim Stark - June 09, 2023 at 10:13 AM