



Thomas Henry Ritter

January 9, 1945 - January 23, 2019

After 3 years of living with ALS, Thomas Henry Ritter passed away January 23, 2019. He was 74. Tom was a husband, dad and pop-pop (grandpa), trader, coach, sports fan and under the table dog feeder. Many will remember his strong yet gentle nature, quiet and thoughtful style, his wit, sly smile, quiet persistence, loyalty, passionate work ethic and fun loving and optimistic attitude.

Tom leaves his wife of 46 years Mary Sheppard Ritter; four children, Todd (Kate Bandler), Andrew (Katie Mahar), Colin (Jillian Sheppard) and Kate (Abby Peters) and seven grandchildren Grace, Ruby, Arlo, Adeline, Nathaniel, Coraline, and Jesse (an eighth grandchild expected in May); twin brother Tim, younger brother Jeff (Kathy); many nieces, nephews and in-laws. He is predeceased by his parents and brother John.

Born in Minneapolis and raised in Cleveland Heights Ohio, Tom was a long term resident of Lake Forest, Illinois. Tom received his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University in 1967 and an MBA from Loyola University of Chicago Quinlan School of Business in 1969. Tom traded commodities at Mid America Commodity Exchange then at Chicago Board of Trade for almost 50 years. He was a professional mentor to many, taught the business of commodity trading to clerks and friends alike. Tom coached a variety of youth sports, was President and a long time Board member of Lake Forest High

School Booster club, the proud first parent to receive a SUPER SCOUT award. Tom served as a Deacon at Lake Forest First Presbyterian Church and was on the Board of Directors of PADS Lake County, IL for a decade. Tom was sober through AA for 37 years.

Tom was especially grateful to all who supported him during his ALS journey.

A visitation is scheduled for 4-7pm, Friday, February 1, 2019 at Union Church of Lake Bluff, 525 E. Prospect Ave, Lake Bluff IL 60044. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 11am also at Union Church of Lake Bluff, with a reception to follow. Info – Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, 847-234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to PADS Lake County, PO Box 428, North Chicago IL 60064, (<http://www.padslakecounty.org/donate>) or to support ALS Research within the Les Turner ALS Center at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, 420 E Superior, Rubloff Bldg., 9th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611 (<https://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/alsresearch/about/giving.html>).

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Union Church of Lake Bluff
525 E. Prospect Avenue
Lake Bluff, IL 60044
<http://uclb.org>

Funeral Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

OR

“ We treasure our happy memories of all the good times we shared together. We will always think of Tom as the man he was, generous, creative, funny and fun to be with. He was full of joy and love and will be missed.

Orlyn, Paul, Ben and Julie

Orlyn Reese - February 12, 2019 at 12:43 PM

TM

“ Mary, Todd, Andrew, and the entire Ritter family, the Myers family wishes to express our deepest sympathy on your loss. Tom was a good man, and I appreciate all that he did for the LFHS community. I know something of the problems ALS presents. My father battled and lost to complications of ALS during the early 80s. Someday maybe this disease will meet its end. I believe both my father and Tom are now in a better place. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. God Bless, Tommy and Carol Myers

tommy myers - February 02, 2019 at 01:43 PM

NR

“ RIP Uncle Tom. Great memories working with you at the Board of Trade Summer 2005 and riding the train with you from Evanston to downtown every day. We attended many Cubs and Whitesox games together and got to know each other well during my 4 years in college at Northwestern. I will miss you

Nick Ritter - February 01, 2019 at 05:32 PM

CE

“ Chris & Amy; Megan, Mark, Madigan & Ellery purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Thomas Henry Ritter.



Chris & Amy; Megan, Mark, Madigan & Ellery - February 01, 2019 at 07:12 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Thomas Henry Ritter.



January 31, 2019 at 10:23 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Henry Ritter.



January 31, 2019 at 06:25 PM

TG

“ Miss Mary and your children,
Please accept my sincere condolences.
At University School, Shaker Heights, Ohio, we had lively times on
occasion. I knew both Tom and Tim from palling around and school.
Tom was destined to be successful. I am glad he had you all as a
family.
Best wishes to you in this time.

Tom Glendinning, Class of 1962

Tom Glendinning - January 30, 2019 at 12:58 AM



“ Mary and family. I am so sorry for your loss. It was wonderful
working with you both over the years. Peace to your family
Jill Murphy. LFHS Athletic Dept

Jill Parker Murphy - January 28, 2019 at 02:16 PM

MR

“ There is a special bond that the Class of '92 had with the parents of
our class and Tom was no exception. I cherished his support at ALL
of our games, his passion for his family and his genuine character. I
know he will be missed by Todd and the entire Ritter family. It has
been many years since I had seen Tom, but his impact on his kids
and their friends will last for generations to come. Thank you Tom
for being such a great role model for all you came into contact with.
You will be missed.

Rest in Peace,

Mike Ramseyer

Mike Ramseyer - January 27, 2019 at 01:57 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Henry Ritter.* ”



January 27, 2019 at 10:59 AM