



Thomas H. Meares

November 25, 1950 - December 3, 2014

Thomas H. Meares of Tallahassee died on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, after a long battle with coronary artery disease. He was 64.

Tom was born in Wilmington, NC, grew up in Fayetteville, NC, graduated from Campbell College with a baccalaureate degree in psychology, and served three years in the U.S. Army.

After moving to Miami in 1978, Tom became a hot-air balloon pilot. For the next 22 years he owned and operated Tropical Balloons, which offered balloon rides over the beautiful fields and groves of southwestern Miami-Dade County.

After relocating to Tallahassee in 2000, Tom continued his interest in aviation by piloting ultralights. He also operated a successful on-line business, THM Enterprise, using the website Healthy Comeback.

Tom was predeceased by his parents, Douglas and Dorothy Meares, and his brother Robert. Tom is survived by his brother Douglas Meares of Raleigh, NC, and his longtime friend and business partner, Bob Sanchez of Tallahassee.

At Tom's request, he will be cremated. His ashes will be scattered on Miami's Biscayne Bay, where he spent many happy days on his beloved sailboat. Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (www.bevisfh.com or 850-385-2193) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

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“ Tom was my cousin and we visited every year growing up. We reconnected after many years and we were planning a trip to Florida to get together. I had been trying unsuccessfully to reach him in 2015 after we made plans to go to Florida. Sadly I learned of his passing from finding his obituary online after trying to find a contact number when the one I had was no longer in service. Our family is small - Tom's mother and my mother were sisters and both passed away from cancer. I wish so much that we had been able to see each other one more time. The last email I got from Tom he said that he was having serious heart problems. Bob, if you read this, we were looking forward to meeting you as well.



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“ Keith Letts lit a candle in memory of Thomas H. Meares



Keith Letts - December 14, 2014 at 11:58 AM

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I will always remember all the great times we shared. You were filled with wisdom and I learned a lot from you over the years we shared the same home. Thank you for everything you did for me and my family may you rest eternally in peace. -Keith

Keith Letts - December 14, 2014 at 12:08 PM

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Tom and I served in the Army together back in the 1970s. WE were both assigned to the Preventive Medicine Unit at 5th General Hospital at Bad Cannstatt, Germany. We were roommates for a while and often hung out in free time. Oh, the tales I could tell about Tom! After the Army we went our separate ways and lost touch. I often wondered what became of him. Hot air balloons. Who would've guessed? I'm so sorry to hear of his death. I liked Tom, even though we were not cut from the same cloth.

Bob Foster - August 10, 2015 at 02:08 PM