



Mr. Thomas Adner Souter Jr.

May 6, 2013

Thomas Adner Souter, Jr., aged 82, died on May 6, 2013, at Westminster Oaks in Tallahassee, Florida.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, at First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee.

Tom was born in Adel, Georgia, in 1930, to Thomas Adner Souter and Ruth CoCroft Souter. He grew up in Perry, Florida, and graduated from Taylor County High School in 1947. He received a B.S. from Florida State University in 1951. During the Korean War Tom served in the U.S. Army, 1st Cavalry Division, 7th Cavalry Regiment, from 1951-1954, with the rank of Sergeant. Following his military service he attended graduate school at Florida State University and received a master's degree in library science in 1957. Tom then worked for four years at Florida State University Library . From 1960-1962 he was Head Librarian at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, New Mexico. The next fourteen years he worked at the Indiana University Libraries in Bloomington, Indiana, first as Head of the Circulation Department and then as Assistant Director for General Services. From 1975 to 1985 Tom was Associate Director of Libraries for Virginia Tech. Following his retirement from Virginia Tech, he took another position as Dean of Libraries for Troy State University, where he retired in 1995, just in time to clean up Hurricane Opal Damage on his seven-acre yard. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Tom was frequently called upon to consult on various library

building projects, and he actively promoted the development and implementation of library automation.

During his years in Bloomington, Tom served as a Boy Scout leader and was selected for membership in the Order of the Arrow.

Tom and his wife Jean moved to Tallahassee in 1997, where he has served as an elder on the Session of First Presbyterian Church and a member of its Property Council. Tom and Jean recently moved to Westminster Oaks.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Janet Osborn Souter, and his three sisters, Ruth Souter, Merle Souter Doran and Anne Souter Cothran. He is survived by his wife, Jean Tanner Souter, his son, Charles Osborn Souter (Carrie), grandsons Thomas Loren Souter and Joseph Kenyon Souter, step-grandsons Edward Corey Miller (Mandy) and Douglas James Miller, and step-granddaughter Newt Elizabeth Sherwin (Christopher), as well as four step-great-grandchildren, Dorothy Jean Sherwin, Thomas Avery Sherwin, Gerald Hazelton Sherwin, and Ruth Annabelle Sherwin, a niece, Pamela Marsh (David), a great-nephew George Spencer Marsh, a nephew William Calhoun (Mary Ellen), and his brother-in-law George Edd Cothran. Tom dearly loved his family, who have fond memories of his affection, generosity, and humor.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Marks Refuge Association, P.O. Box 368, St. Marks, FL 32355, or to the Endowment Fund of First Presbyterian Church, 110 N. Adams St., Tallahassee, FL 32301.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
110 North Adams Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dean Souter was a true gentlemen and a man that I enjoyed working with for 10 years. Memories that he made will never be forgotten. Charlie remember the pimp car, we all had lots of laughs and his dog named dog, boy could he get upset with him., but he loved the dog. Good memories for a great man. He now walks and talks softly in heaven.*
xoxo
Maurice Tillery

Maurice Tillery - May 08, 2013 at 09:21 AM

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“ *A great friend and mentor. Warmest thoughts & prayers for Jean & family. Theresa Trawick. Brundidge, AL*

Theresa Trawick - May 06, 2013 at 06:37 PM