



Thomas Charles Kimbrough

November 30, 1937 - June 10, 2021

Thomas Charles Kimbrough died Thursday, June 10, 2021. Born in Memphis November 30, 1937, Tom attended Pentecost Garrison, East High, Baylor Preparatory School and Vanderbilt University.

His entrepreneurial spirit began with the publication of the world's first Beatnik Dictionary (swinging syllables) which sold over a million copies. He subsequently owned several Drug Stores, Baskin-Robbins, Denver's Restaurants and Hallmark card stores.

Tom is best remembered for his successful career in real estate as a developer, investor and broker. He redeveloped family property at Poplar and Perkins Rd.

He also partnered with the late Lloyd Lovett where he was involved in developing projects that included Farmington Country Club and golf course and surrounding residential properties. They also developed Balmoral, Colonial Acres, Kirby Woods and others.

Tom was instrumental as Vice President of Crye-Leike where he opened multiple offices in Middle TN and managed the Nashville operation for several years. Tom opened the first Crye-Leike East Memphis office and he was a past President of the Memphis Board of Realtors. He served on the boards of numerous civic and charitable organizations and was a member of Memphis Country Club.

Tom always had a positive attitude regarding life. He was the consummate gentlemen and extremely well read. Tom's most genuine traits were his loving nature, great sense of humor, style, ability to tell great stories and willingness to help others in achieving their goals.

An avid outdoorsman, skilled skier, scuba & sky diver you never knew where or what you might see Tom accomplishing.

His love for family was paramount in his life. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years,

Joy. He is also survived by his sons Tom Kimbrough (YuAe), Keller Kimbrough (Eiko), Chris Fiedler (Becky), and seven grandchildren, Chris, Lucy, Josephine, Charles, Peggy, Allie and Paul. He was predeceased by his daughter Leigh Fiedler Marek (2020), and his parents Renan Kimbrough and Margaret Witherington Kimbrough.

He was a lifelong member of Second Presbyterian Church.

Visitation will be held at Canale Funeral Directors from 3PM to 5PM on Sunday, June 13th.

Graveside services will be held Monday, June 14th at 1PM at Elmwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to Church Health Center or the Mid-South Food Bank.

Cemetery

Elmwood Cemetery
824 S. Dudley Street
Memphis, TN, 38104

Events

**JUN
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Visitation

03:00PM - 05:00PM

Canale Funeral Directors

2700 Union Avenue Extended, Memphis, TN, US, 38112

**JUN
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Graveside Service

01:00PM

Elmwood Cemetery

824 S. Dudley Street, Memphis, TN, US, 38104

Comments



“ Tom was always so upbeat, positive, and there to support you in any way he could. He ran circles around those much younger than him (I was always so impressed by that). He genuinely cared for people, and was a very giving individual. He loved his family, and his real estate family, and he will be missed very much. They don't make men like Tom anymore - I was most fortunate to have known him. Much love, prayers, and peace in the coming days, weeks and months to his beloved family.

Paige Arnold - Realtor
CRYE-LEIKE RELTORS, INC.



Paige Arnold - June 13, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ Barney, Beth, and Rob Witherington purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Charles Kimbrough.



Barney, Beth, and Rob Witherington - June 12, 2021 at 11:13 AM



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June 12, 2021 at 01:34 AM



“ I share condolences with Mr. Kimbrough's family. Mr. Kimbrough and I worked together at Crye-Leike. He was always available to talk and share his real estate and legal knowledge with me. His willingness to converse on many subjects was only topped by his most polite, gentlemanly nature.

Julie Moss - June 11, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ Tom was one of my longest ,in time, friends -from childhood!! He was always upbeat and enthused about all subjects , and was always helpful in giving useful opinions! Just a wonderful long time friend. Liz & I will be there Monday to say goodbye.

Tommy & Liz Farnsworth - June 11, 2021 at 05:58 PM