



Thomas George Eccles, Jr.

July 22, 1937 - October 22, 2020

Thomas G. Eccles, Jr., 83, of Orlando, FL passed away peacefully Thursday, October 22, 2020. Tom was born in Boston, MA on July 22, 1937, a son of the late Thomas G. Eccles and Anne Prendergast Eccles.

He resided in Simsbury, CT for twenty-seven years and then Orlando, FL for the past twenty-four years. Tom was a graduate of Boston Latin School and Tufts University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. He earned master's degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Business Administration from the University of Connecticut. Tom also served in the Army Reserve, rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Tom was employed as an Engineering and Financial Manager in the Commercial Products Division for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft for 33 years until his retirement. He was actively involved in the community, serving with the Boy Scouts, Knights of Columbus and Simsbury Community Band. He also served in multiple ministries at Holy Family Catholic Church in Orlando, including Emmaus, Men of Holy Family and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound. Tom had a passion for gardening, photography and music. He is also remembered for making cookie care packages for family and brownies and muffins for various church ministries.

Tom is predeceased by his loving wife of 50 years, Patricia Daley Eccles, and

is survived by three children, Thomas G. Eccles, III and his wife Margaret of KY, Stephen R. Eccles of CT and Kathleen E. Anez and her husband Scott of FL. He also leaves four grandchildren, Bonnie R. Eccles, Henry T. Eccles, Mary E. Eccles and Christine M. Anez and several nieces and nephews. Tom's love and dedication to his family and kindness to all people will be treasured forever.

There will be a viewing to welcome friends and family at DeGusipe Funeral Home, 1400 Matthew Paris Blvd., Ocoee, FL 34761 on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 10:30am at Holy Family Catholic Church on Apopka-Vineland Road in Orlando. Interment will be at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Gotha immediately following the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Tom's memory may be sent to a charity of one's choice.

The family of Thomas George Eccles, Jr. invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his memory.

Previous Events

A Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
5125 South Apopka Vineland Road
Orlando, FL 32819

Graveside Service

NOV 4. 11:30 AM (ET)

Woodlawn Memorial Park
400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road
Gotha, FL 34734

Tribute Wall

ED

“ I just learned of Cousin Tom’s passing. I am so sorry to hear. As my mother’s first cousin, Cousin Tom was responsible for introducing my family to our Ireland Cousins. We were also gifted with so much information on our Eccles families. He was so kind and compassionate as was his dear wife, Pat. I am blessed to have had the opportunity to have learned more about my cousins, his children and our past along with stories from my Mom. Tom and Pat lead by example for generations to follow. Rest in Peace and God Bless.
Love Elayne, Kelly & Joe

Elayne Dudley - December 06, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of
Thomas George Eccles, Jr..



November 02, 2020 at 03:48 PM

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“ The Kildea, Stecher, Busch and Beazley Families
purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of
Thomas George Eccles, Jr..



The Kildea, Stecher, Busch and Beazley Families - November
02, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas George Eccles, Jr..*



November 01, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas George Eccles, Jr..*



October 31, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Thomas George Eccles, Jr..*



October 27, 2020 at 12:28 PM

MW

“ Tom was one of the kindest and truly spiritual men I have ever known. Though soft-spoken, his words always carried great weight in our Emmaus ministry because every man in the room knew that each word came from Tom's loving heart. Though we will miss his physical presence his spirit will live on within every person who was blessed to have been touched by a man of such faith. Peace be with you, Brother Tom. We love you!

Mike West

Mike West - October 27, 2020 at 12:01 PM

JG

“ I met Tom at Holy Family Church 5+ years ago
Over time, Tom became a role model for me, which led to me becoming an Emmaus Brother
Never a finer man have I ever known. Also, Tom made the best brownies I have ever tasted!!! I will forever miss Tom's Angelic smile, wisdom and friendship. God Bless my Emmaus Brother. 🙌
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Joe Grelish - October 27, 2020 at 08:50 AM

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“ To the wonderful family of TomEccles! Your dad was an awesome man who showed love to everyone. He supported so many ministries at Holy Family and most especially the men and women's Emmaus Ministries. We always looked forward to his brownies which he always had for palanca at the retreats. When His wife Pat, a very dear friend was alive they always provided cream for coffee and juices. Pat was my roommate when we had our retreats. I miss her so very much and now Tom. I'm sure Jesus was there to greet him (them). May God continue to bless all of you and your sweet families. Jesus Christ is Risen!

Louise & Bill Faust - October 26, 2020 at 06:01 PM