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THOMAS JEFFERSON (TOM) HADLEY 1940 - 2017 Obituary

Thomas (Tom) Jefferson Hadley left this world on April 1, 2017. Tom was born August 30, 1940 in Idabel, Oklahoma to Virginia Kemp Hadley and Rudolph Hadley. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Michael Hadley; and cycling buddy, Ivan Mukasa. He is survived by his wife Bobbye Hitzfeld; a daughter, Catherine Hadley Greenfield; son in law Brian Greenfield; a son, Joseph Hadley; grandsons Luke Thomas Greenfield and Cole Robert Greenfield; a brother, Robert Hadley; sisters, Sheila Hadley Chaney, Cindy Hadley Williams; and several nephews and nieces.

Tom graduated from Idabel High School in 1958. Followed by short stint at a local junior college, he joined the Navy along with his brother Robert. In 1962, he entered the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis. Determining "not a good fit for an independent guy" Tom went back to the ranks of the enlisted. His service was spent on aircraft, never once setting foot aboard a ship. Tom then spent several years in the Naval Reserves, and continued to serve by volunteering for the Navy Marine Corp Relief after his retirement in 2005.

Tom was a drummer in his high school swing band, lacrosse player at the Academy, expert downhill skier, and accomplished tennis, golf and racquetball player. He was also a marathon runner, cyclist, and private pilot. Tom was the complete athlete, excelling at every sport he tried. He found his passion in cycling while on a barge trip in France on a rickety old bicycle he borrowed from the barge. He loved to travel, and he and his wife Bobbye did so frequently. They fell in love with the south of France in the 1990s and vacationed there at least once a year, but Paris was his favorite city. He loved good food, wine, history, friends and teaching his grandsons Luke and Cole to play darts and embraced all with equal enthusiasm. Tom and Bobbye loved to entertain and did so frequently at their home. Tom was bright, funny, compassionate, challenging and loved. Catherine and Bobbye want to thank Junior, he knows why, and the many friends who cared and surrounded him. He will be missed by us all. Bye Elwood.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Navy Marine Corp Relief. A memorial service to remember (or celebrate) Tom's life will be held on April 29th, at 11:00am at St.Laurence Episcopal Church, located at 519 North Kimball Avenue in Southlake, TX, 76092. A reception will follow at the church.

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