



## Clifford "Tom" Gordon

March 6, 1928 - July 5, 2023

Clifford "Tom" Gordon, 95, of Welcome, Maryland, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at his home with loving family at his bedside.

Born on March 6, 1928 in Plymouth, NH, he was the son of the late Ercell Gordon and Doris (Clark) Gordon. Mr. Gordon served in the U.S. Air Force for 3 years during wartime and was honorably discharged at the rank of Corporal in 1948. After marrying his high-school sweetheart, Pauline, the pair moved to Camp Springs, MD where they raised their three sons. He worked for the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) as a Nuclear Physicist and Oceanographer where he published numerous scientific papers, translated scientific Russian, and traveled the world completing research until his retirement to Knoxville, TN in 1990.

Mr. Gordon had a number of passions throughout his long life. He joined the Prince George's County Police Pipe and Drum Core as a bagpiper and went on to become Pipe Major of Tennessee's Knoxville Pipes and Drums. Mr. Gordon was also an active member of the NRL's Toastmasters during his time in Maryland and the Hibernian Society in Knoxville, TN. Later in his years, Mr. Gordon returned to Maryland to his youngest son's house, where he presided as "Lord of the Lower-Chambers" and became a member of the Mattawoman Creek Arts Society. Mr. Gordon was a lifelong learner. He enjoyed experimenting with cooking strategies and new recipes; he remained an avid

reader, language aficionado, and scholar of European history and always enjoyed completing the daily crossword.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Gordon was preceded in death by his wife Pauline Emily Gordon; his brother, Norman Ercell Gordon, and sister Eleanor (Gordon) Amend.

He is survived by his sons Michael (Sandra) Gordon, Mark Gordon, Thomas (Judith) Gordon; granddaughters, Ashton and Olivia Gordon; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 P.M., September 1, 2023 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, 8855 Chapel Point Road in Port Tobacco, Maryland. A Celebration of Tom's Life will immediately follow at the FOP Lodge #24, 10285 Rosewick Road, in La Plata, MD.

In lieu of flowers, should you choose, the family invites you to make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in his memory.

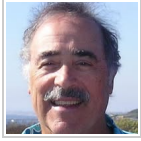
# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Ignatius Church at Chapel Point  
8855 Chapel Point Road  
Port Tobacco, MD 20677

# Tribute Wall



“ Tom hired me in 1969 to work in the Nuclear Oceanography branch at NRL. He introduce me to the Thomas Edison Toastmaster's Club, known for its humor, and Tom was one of the best. We continued to be friends after I left NRL, and offened met for lunch. I miss him.

James Repace - July 29, 2025 at 04:43 PM



“ Clifford "Tom" Gordon

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Clifford "Tom" Gordon

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ Mr Gordon was my neighbor for nearly twenty years. He was a very interesting person to talk to as he knew at least a little bit about almost everything. The one thing that I really enjoyed about having him as a neighbor was when he would come outside and play his bagpipe for all to hear. A truly great man that lived his life to the fullest. R.I.P. Rick.

Rick - August 31, 2023 at 08:18 AM

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“ *Mr. Cliff was a one of a kind man. He truly was the sweetest, most intelligent human being you could ever hold a conversation with. He did not have a mean bone in his body. He will truly be missed. Until we meet again- with lots of love Samantha aka your favorite Sherpa*



anonymous - July 08, 2023 at 10:57 PM

SM

*Such a remarkable & well lived life. Such an inspiration for Ashton & Olivia. Love to all.  
Sylvia*

sylvia mudd - July 09, 2023 at 06:43 AM

GL

*Aside my uncle Tom's keen intellect and graciousness was his sense of humor. Always fondly remember how he made me feel*

Glenn - July 09, 2023 at 08:56 AM

RW

*For the time that. I knew MR Cliff ,he was the kindness person. I have every met. he. I will truly miss him. Ruth*

Ruth wade - July 09, 2023 at 07:02 PM