



## Thomas Hugh Seymour

November 22, 1939 - June 30, 2020

Thomas Hugh Seymour, 80, of Port Tobacco, Maryland, passed away on June 30, 2020 at his home.

Born on November 22, 1939 in Baltimore, Maryland, he was the son of the late Dalton Hugh Seymour and Delores Justina Seymour. Tom was a graduate of Gwynn Park High School and knew the value of hard work at an early age, delivering newspapers, reaching the rank of Life Scout in the Boy Scouts, and serving as a volunteer fire fighter with the Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department. In college he also served as a volunteer with the University of Maryland Fire Department. It was his love for the Fire Service that Tom drew his interests. He got his degrees in industrial management and fire protection engineering from the University of Maryland, and a master's degree in engineering administration from The George Washington University. Serving as an Occupational Safety and Health Specialist Thomas H. Seymour was a registered professional safety and fire protection engineer with more than thirty years of experience with Federal Government regulatory agencies. He has held numerous senior management positions with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of the U.S. Department of Labor including Deputy Director of the Directorate of Safety Standards Programs. Using his talents to draft safety and health standards, regulations, and rules for the protection of U.S. workers, Mr. Seymour worked in private industry as an engineer and training instructor. He served as an Associate Professor for

the University of Maryland's University College, where he taught courses on environmental and emergency management preparedness and recovery. Tom also spent time overseas aiding in the reform of safety practices in various industries. This includes his time working with the Grain Manufacturers Association to develop safety and ventilation standards for the storage and processing of grains in grain elevators. These developments saved countless lives in the agricultural industry. However, his time and talent were not limited to his career. He became actively involved in the Boy Scouts which earned him the Silver Beaver Award that is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. His three sons followed Tom's footsteps in scouting by earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He was of the Methodist faith and occasionally taught Sunday School at church. In addition, Tom enjoyed sailing and visiting America's National Parks.

Tom is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carol Jean Seymour; sons Daniel Seymour and his wife Tracy, James Seymour and his former wife Jennifer Brock, Michael Seymour and his wife Silvia; siblings Kathleen and her husband Lou Frain, Robert and wife Dorothy Seymour; eight grandchildren; also survived by numerous relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Labre Indian School, 1000 Tongue River Road, Ashland, Montana 59003 or online at [www.stlabre.org](http://www.stlabre.org).

We welcome you to provide your thoughts and memories on our Tribute Wall.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Hugh Seymour*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Thomas Hugh Seymour*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Tom was a fine, fine man. He should also be remembered for making sure that the Capital Building evacuations on Jan 6, 2021 were safe and efficient. He inspected every inch and insisted on rehearsal after rehearsal. God bless his memory.*

*Kate Tapley*

**Kate Tapley** - January 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *I first met Tom when I started working at the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Standards (LSB) in 1966, which, as you know, ultimately became the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). I worked with Tom directly and indirectly during his tenure with the LSB and OSHA. Tom was a great and memorable individual. He was always polite and a gentleman. If he ever got frustrated the words "Judas Priest" were vocalized. He was one of my favorite people in OSHA – a truly dedicated individual. God Bless you Tom and your family – Rest in Peace.*



**Frieda Malone** - July 12, 2020 at 04:37 PM

BB

“ All who have ever worked with Tom know that the workers of America have lost a good friend. I hope a brigade of firefighters met Tom at the pearly gates to discuss fire safety. Most likely he is still talking about safety because he never stopped, not even at an office Christmas party. I have known and worked with Tom for over 50 years, beginning in 1966 with the Branch of Standards and Codes in the old Bureau of Labor Standards (before OSHA was created) and later through his career at OSHA. Tom was a well-respected safety and health professional, both inside and outside OSHA. He worked tirelessly to protect workers and encouraged all those around him to work a little harder, get a little more education, and always, always remember our task—protect the Nation’s workers. To his family, I send my deepest sympathy. I will always remember Tom as one of the good guys, the best. He will be missed.



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Barbara J Bielaski - July 12, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ Tom was a wonderful friend and neighbor...our thoughts and prayers are with him & his family....he will be missed...  
The Werking Family

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Muriel Werking - July 11, 2020 at 09:21 PM

DM

“ Professor Seymour and I have worked together at the University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) for more than 15 years. His students praise his dedication and commitment to teaching them about hazard management and emergency response. Professor Seymour was one of our most valued faculty members. He wrote and developed course content and made important contributions to the curriculum in countless ways.

--Debra McLaughlin, PhD, UMGC

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**Debra McLaughlin** - July 07, 2020 at 10:14 AM

GS

“ A great person and fellow fire protection engineer who made a positive impact on the world. RIP

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**Glen Saraduke** - July 07, 2020 at 10:07 AM

MM

“ Farewell dear friend. I was blessed to have known and worked with you for so many years. You were my mentor in both my personal and professional lives. Will never forget the time you joined Betty and me to go skiing at Killington so many years ago. May God Bless you and your family.

*Mike Moore*

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**Michael Moore** - July 06, 2020 at 01:44 PM

SP

“ My deepest condolences to the Seymour family. It has been a pleasure and an honor working with Tom.



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**Shonda P.** - July 06, 2020 at 11:04 AM