



Thomas Patrick McNamara

December 11, 1954 – December 7, 2024

Thomas Patrick McNamara, 69, of Riverside, California, passed away on Saturday, December 7, 2024, with his family by his side.

Tom was born in Boston, a son of the late John and Catherine McNamara. He grew up in Attleboro where he graduated from Attleboro High School. He earned a B.A. Degree in English from Worcester State College. He worked as an independent field claims investigator in Southern California for 35 years. He possessed exceptional communication skills and established productive industry relationships with claims staff, attorneys, law enforcement and co-workers.

Tom was an inaugural resident of Chandler Village (Bldg. 13) when the WSC residence halls opened in January 1973. He developed lifelong relationships within Chandler Village and the WSC community. Following college he relocated to Southern California to be near his older brothers John and Jerry. He remained a devoted fan of all Boston sports but especially the Red Sox. He belonged to a men's senior league baseball team and never gave up on his boyhood dream of making it to the Majors! In 1997 he met his soulmate Dianne, and they were married on June 16, 2001. Together, they raised their two beautiful daughters and cherished their time with family and friends.

Tom had lifelong friends from coast to coast. He liked everybody (except Bucky Dent) and everybody enjoyed being in his company. He was a wonderful story teller. He was always interested in what everyone was doing and made you feel like your relationship with him was the most important one! He was honest, selfless, a great listener and friend.

Tom is survived by his wonderful wife Dianne and their two daughters, Kristynne Rodriguez and her husband Jesus and Cynthia Sheppard and her husband James, grandchildren Clayton and Claire, sister-in law Madeline McNamara and nieces Kerri McNamara-Scheckles married to Mike, Erin McNamara-Lyons married to Tim and great niece Alexandra. He is sadly predeceased by his brothers John and Jerry.

Rest in peace friend, you made it to the Majors!