



## Mr. Thomas O'Connor

June 21, 1950 - March 25, 2019

Thomas Joseph O'Connor of West Chester, Pa. and La Quinta, Ca., passed away peacefully on March 25, 2019 at his residence in La Quinta, Ca. He was born on June 21, 1950 to Thomas J. O'Connor and Kathryn T. (Lynch), in Philadelphia. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Notre Dame and proudly wore his class ring his entire life. He spent a year abroad studying art and architecture in Rome, Italy, a city he fell in love with and visited numerous times. Tom was a retired partner in the architecture firm SOSH Architects based in Atlantic City and New York City. After retirement he traveled extensively and managed to visit five of the seven continents. He is survived by his beloved wife, Nancy (McLaughlin), and loving children, Dylan O'Connor and Caitlin O'Connor. He is a much loved brother of Kate DiLullo (Bob), and Michael O'Connor (Eileen). Tom is also survived by his nieces, nephews and many friends who will greatly miss him. Tom had a keen wit. Undecided as to what his epitaph should read, he narrowed it down to, "Not quite what I was planning." or, "I don't have time for this." A celebration of Tom's life is planned for this summer, date and time to be announced.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas O'Connor*

October 05, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *Tom and I spent four years together at Msgr. Bonner H.S. We had many classes together. In September of 1968, we were the only graduates of Bonner to attend Notre Dame. It was comforting to have a good friend and classmate in the Next door dorm when you are 750 miles away from home for the first time. Tom and I shared many a meal together in the North Dining Hall, and we flew back and forth from campus to home together several times. Rest In Peace my friend. Go Friars! Go Irish.*

**Bill McDevitt** - August 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ *It is so hard to grasp that Tom's dynamic presence is no longer physically with us. What gives us comfort is his rich legacy as a devoted family man, talented architect, wit, charm, and a shining vibrancy for life. That bright light will occupy a special place in our hearts forever.*

**Arlene Weissman** - April 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Knowing Tom since I was 14 years old leaves a lifetime of memories. As stated, he loved to travel and I was fortunate enough to travel with Tom and Nancy many times. One of my most recent trips to Italy started in Florence. Having arrived from the airport to the hotel, meeting up with them in the lobby I was immediately directed by Tom that I HAD to come to the rooftop bar and have a drink. Went to the rooftop and there was the most magnificent view of Florence. That was Tom, planning and designing your best experience of the city. Many wonderful memories and perfect restaurant selections. He truly lived his life to the fullest. Love and miss you dearly. Helene

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**Helene McDevitt** - April 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ A friend sent me this poem and it truly captures feelings when you lose a loved one.

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**Helene McDevitt** - April 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ He was always smiling. Rest In Peace.

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**Maggie Murphy** - April 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. Thomas O'Connor

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**Nancy O'Connor** - April 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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*“ I HAVE WORKED WITH TOM ON MANY PROJECTS SINCE 1983. I ALWAYS CONSIDERED HIM A WONDERFUL AND HONORABLE GUY TO WORK WITH AND A GOOD FRIEND TO HANG WITH ON OCCASION. I WILL MISS HIM.*

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**Tom Falvey** - April 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

HS

*“ I worked at SOSH in the early days.OC was a cool guy to work with.I would always tell him. "I still don't know what you do here".*

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**Harry Sroka** - April 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KB

*“ My condolences to you all. Tom was spark of brilliance and always a delight to work with. I have missed his AC / PA presence since his leaving, but he will always remain in my memory memories as one of the good guys.*

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**Karen Babb** - April 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JA

*“ I was saddened by the news of Tom's passing. It is rare to find an individual of his stature and with so much passion for the world of architecture. I was fortunate to work with Tom for 10 years while at SOSH. Tom had a special sense to interpret the client's goals in a way themselves did not realize until he explained. His passion for his work was always present and he always delivered as promised. He was a very compassionate man and treated all equally. He will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Nancy, Dylan and Caitlin and all who grieve his loss.Jeff Wynkoop AIA, Macau SAR, China*

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**Jeff Wynkoop AIA** - April 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM