

Donations in Memory of Tom Holzbach

In lieu of flowers, we recommend donations to the following nonprofit organizations that meant a lot to Tom Holzbach.

Westminster Manor Residents Appreciation Fund

To make a donation for the wonderful and dedicated Employees of Westminster Manor,

- Make checks out to “Westminster Manor Residents Appreciation Fund” or “RAF”
- In the notes, please write: “In memory of Tom Holzbach”
- Send to: Westminster Manor Residents Appreciation Fund, c/o Sharon Verlander, 4100 Jackson Avenue, Apt. 237, Austin, TX 78731
- Questions? Email sharonverlander@gmail.com

AND

Conspirare: A Company of Voices

Tom loved music and especially Conspirare.

Main Website: <https://www.conspirare.org/>

- Donate Online at: <https://www.conspirare.org/donate/>
- Donate by Phone: 512-476-5775
- Donate by Mail/Checks: 1812 Centre Creek Dr., Suite 110, Austin, TX 78754
- Make checks out to “Conspirare”
- In the notes, please write “in memory of Tom Holzbach”

More info at <https://tomholzbach.com>

Celebrating The Life Of

Raymond Thomas Holzbach



August 19, 1929 - January 19, 2024

Saturday, January 27, 2024
Harris Bell Hall, Westminster Manor
4100 Jackson Ave., Austin, TX 78731

<https://tomholzbach.com>

OBITUARY

Raymond Thomas Holzbach, known to his friends and family as Tom, passed away on January 19, 2024, in Austin, Texas at the age of 94. He was born on August 19, 1929, in Salem, Ohio. Tom was a beloved father, grandfather, and companion. He dedicated his life to advancing medical research, especially in the field of gastroenterology.

Tom is survived by his loving partner, Mary Kevorkian of Westminster Manor; his daughter, Ellen Holbrook of Berkeley, California; his sons, Mark Holzbach of Austin, Texas, and James Holzbach of San Antonio, Texas. He was a proud grandfather to Alex Holzbach and Andrew Holzbach who are currently enrolled at Rice University in Houston, Texas. He was preceded in death by his late wife, Lorraine Cozza Holzbach, of Cleveland, Ohio.

During his long and distinguished career, Tom's work earned him numerous accolades, awards, honors, international visiting professorships, and lectureships (in the US, Europe, New Zealand, and Japan). His grant-supported work at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, exemplified his commitment to advancing medical research and patient care and resulted in hundreds of published papers, abstracts, and presentations. Tom also served as Medical Service Captain and Chief in the U.S. Air Force in Idaho at Mountain Home Air Force Base Hospital from 1957-1959, and with the U.S. Air Force Reserves through 1962.

In addition to his professional achievements, Tom had passions for various hobbies including golf, skiing, hiking, world history, keeping current on events with newspapers, and reading his beloved The Economist. Tom devoted years to researching his family history spanning generations and continents, resulting in an impressive "Blue Book" publication that he disseminated to relatives in the US, Europe, and even South America. His devotion to his family, and his enthusiasm for sharing knowledge, were evident to all who knew him. While residing at Westminster Manor since 2011, Tom and his partner Mary were avid music-loving concert-goers, and domestic and international travelers, together enjoying 15 years of exploration and adventure, sometimes with other family members. Their travels brought joy and enriched their lives immeasurably.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to his doctors including his final attending physician Dr. Michael Pelligrini, all his caregivers including Westminster skilled nursing staff, Hospice Austin staff, Halcyon staff, and the remarkably multi-talented and devoted staff at Westminster Manor for their unwavering support and care in his final years.

Tom's passing marks a significant loss to the medical community and all who knew him. His legacy of kindness, dedication, and impactful work will continue to inspire for generations to come.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE PROGRAM

Slide Show by Mark Holzbach
Background Music: Conspirare: A Choir of Voices

Emcee: Janet Maykus

Solace by Scott Joplin, performed by Milo Kevorkian, Mary's grandson

Introduction

Wayfaring Stranger, performed by Jamie Kinscherff and Martha Pinto

Family Members:

Mary Kevorkian, partner

Ellen Holbrook, daughter

Mark Holzbach, son

Jim Holzbach, son

Alex Holzbach, grandson

Andrew Holzbach, grandson

Audience Memories of Tom

Conclusion

Maple Leaf Rag by Scott Joplin, performed by Milo Kevorkian

