



Thomas Corbett Savage

February 25, 1933 - July 15, 2018

Thomas C. Savage, 85, passed away on July 15, 2018. He was born in Newport News, Virginia, on February 20, 1933 to the late Garnet C. Queensberry and Harry A. Savage. Tom earned a B.A. from the University of Richmond, a divinity degree from Wake Forest Baptist Theological Seminary, and a M.A. in Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His career focused on child care social work, including many years with Epworth Methodist Children's Home in Columbia. Tom loved playing the clarinet, had a keen interest in early aviation history, and became a ballroom dancing enthusiast. He was a long-time member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbia.

Tom is survived by his loving wife, Joan, of 57 years, two children, Deborah (Tim) and David (Stephanie), and four grandchildren, Jacob, Leah, Mari, and Noah, and a sister-in-law, Susan.

The service for Tom will be held at 1:30 o'clock, Thursday, July 19th, at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Still Hopes, One Still Hopes Drive, West Columbia, SC. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family. A reception will be held prior to the service beginning at 12:30 o'clock.

The family wishes to express its deep gratitude to the dear friends who spent so many wonderful hours with Tom over the last few years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Memorial Fund, St. John's Episcopal Church, 2827 Wheat St., Columbia, S.C., 29205.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 12:30PM - 01:30PM

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Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Still Hopes

1 Still Hopes Drive, West Columbia, SC, US, 29169

JUL **Service** 01:30PM

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Comments



“ Perhaps the best sentiment to reflect the spirit of Mr. Savage was that he devoted his working life and career to children who needed it the most, the young lives at Epworth Children's Home in Columbia, S.C., who had lost their parents. Mr. Savage helped provide care and structure to the lives of these boys and girls who otherwise would have been rudderless. I saw it first-hand as a teenager through my deep friendship with his son, David. Both David and his sister absorbed their father's example of caring as they have led their lives. Mr. Savage set an example of compassion - you can't leave a better legacy than that.
- Paul B. Johnson

Paul B. Johnson - July 29, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear this news..I have so many fond memories in my teen years of Mr. Savage coming to visit my dad and dad going to visit him over the years. He really was such a gentle soul and always interested in what we were doing. I know dad loved their talks and visits so much and saw him as often as he could. my heart aches for you all. Many prayers for comfort and peace.

LeAnn Pittman - July 21, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ Tom was a kind soul. I had the privilege of growing up alongside his children on many family adventures, because he was my dad’s best friend. Tom was a mentor to me in aviation, and model building. I never approached his skill level in model building, but I later went on to get my pilots license and I’m still an active glider pilot today. Tom gave me a large scale balsa model of an Open Cirrus glider to build. It was so big that I had to build it in pieces over a couple of years. When I finally got to the part where I was ready to join the fuselage and the wings together, I discovered that I had built two left wings. Tom never let me live that down, and reminded me of it often. Later in life I actually owned and flew a full size Open Cirrus glider for a couple of years.

One of our most memorable outings was supposed to be an easy overnight backpacking trip through the Linville Gorge. We lost the trail almost immediately, and ended rock hopping along the bottom of the gorge. At that point the easy hike turned in to more of a survival test. During a river crossing Tom’s son David accidentally threw one of Tom’s shoes into the river, Tom thought one shoe wasn’t going to do much good, so he threw the other one in the river and hiked out in his Socks. He talked about repeating that trip, but the rest of us decided it wasn’t best to tempt fate twice.
Scott Fletcher, Greenville SC

Scott Fletcher - July 19, 2018 at 02:29 PM



“ Scott - beautiful - I just read that out loud to my mom.

Deborah Savage - July 28, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ Thomas was my mom's Lottie Moul Pressley first cousin.I remember him all my life as a gentle soul. He would come and visit us and was always kind. My mom sends her love and prayers to the rest of the family. Thomas will be missed.

Michelle Frady - July 18, 2018 at 10:15 AM



“ Thank you Michelle. I remember visiting your grandparents Doris and Duke when I was a child, and I remember Duke’s stories of Pearl Harbor. My mom is wondering if you still live in West Columbia....

Deborah Savage - July 28, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ From the Open Road Renewables Team purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Thomas Corbett Savage.



From the Open Road Renewables Team - July 17, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ Tom was a deeply caring and generous man, who had many talents and interests and was beloved by many. I am grateful to have known him for 25 years and to have been a part of his family. Sure wish I'd been able to challenge him to one more game of chess.

Stephanie Savage



Stephanie Savage - July 17, 2018 at 12:49 PM