



CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LOVE OF

Thomas William Maile

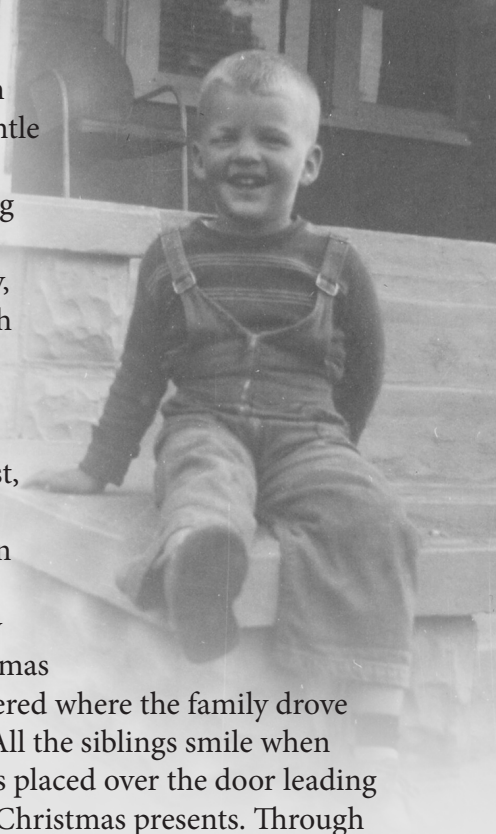
July 1, 1947 - January 22, 2025

Humble, Faith-filled and honorable, Tom Maile lived a life rich with faith, family and service. A man of quiet presence and gentle heart, he found his greatest joys in the simple moments of life; cheering on his Alma Mater at a local basketball game, working in his yard or serving his community. Tom was loyal, patient, reserved, reflective and stayed the course. He prayed his rosary, consistently gave of his time and resources and had a deep faith that spoke volumes about his character and devotion.

Tom's journey began on July 1, 1947, born in Covington, Kentucky to Edward and Mary Maile. He was the second oldest, with an older brother, Dick, and younger siblings, Mary Sue, Barbara, and Tony. Growing up, faith was instilled in Tom at an early age. The children all practiced the rosary every evening

before bed and never missed Sunday mass. Cherished traditions of Christmas Eve celebrations are fondly remembered where the family drove around to look at Christmas lights. All the siblings smile when recalling the infamous sheet that was placed over the door leading into a back room filled with hidden Christmas presents. Through the week, the kids all looked forward to ice cream floats on Saturday evenings. What special memories held dear for the Maile family. Tom attended St. Joseph Heights for kindergarten before attending Blessed Sacrament for elementary school. His middle school years he spent at the newly built St. Pius Catholic School before leading up to his high school years at Covington Catholic.

Ed, Tom's father ran a construction business and all three of the boys worked for him in the summers learning the trade. One summer day when Tom was around ten years of age, he and his brothers found a pile of lumber delivered to their house and piled in the front yard. They immediately began to build a treehouse. A couple days later, they discovered that the lumber was ordered and intended for one of their father's clients; a story the boys remember to this day. The construction business that Ed began remains in the family. Dick, Tom and Tony enjoyed working at Summit Hills Country Club as a caddy which paid for their tuition at Covington Catholic. The Maile children all quickly learned the values of hard work and determination.



Tom graduated from Covington Catholic in 1965 and attended Eastern Kentucky University for a year before entering into the service. He proudly served during the Vietnam War for the US Army in the artillery division from 1967 to 1969. After an injury, he was honorably discharged and upon his arrival home began working for Bass Lumber as a truck driver. Through his sister, Barbara, Tom met the love of his life, Liz. Barbara and Liz worked at the same company and Barbara invited Liz over for a party she was hosting. Liz and Tom came with other dates, but eventually the two ended up dating a month after the party and the rest was history. Tom was like no one she had ever met and Liz won him over immediately. He also adored his mother-in-law's authentic Mexican cooking! He asked for her hand in marriage and a year later the two married on May 19, 1972 in a church packed-full of family and friends. The young couple settled in Erlanger, Kentucky and Tom joined the union. He received his Commercial Driving License and began working for OK Trucking Company which would begin a 30 plus truck driving career. Working for several companies; Square D, Arkansas Best Freight (ABF) and KOI Auto Parts, Tom's work ethic was unmatched. He was a dedicated member of the Teamsters Local 100 where he gave of his time and energy. Tom was dependable and a valuable asset to each company and organization, making life-long friendships along the way.



In 1977, Liz and Tom joyfully welcomed a daughter, Maria. She was Tom's whole world and he worked hard to provide and protect both Maria and Liz. He was present at all her activities and jumped at the chance to teach her a new sport, discuss finance tips or to simply lend a listening ear. He never missed an opportunity to make her feel unconditionally loved and valued. Tom loved nothing more than to attend every Covington Catholic sporting event. He was in the stands beaming with pride supporting his alma mater. In fact, he lived his life closely in sync with their motto, "With a Spirit That Will Not Die." Tom was consistent, steadfast and tenacious.





To know Tom, was to love him. Throughout his life, he created many meaningful and authentic friendships. He led by example; mentoring, guiding and supporting those lucky enough to be around him. He never boasted and lovingly made those around him feel worthy.



Tom was a longtime member of Mary Queen of Heaven Church for over 40 years where he continuously gave back and deepened his faith. He was a devoted member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. Tom was a big UK fan, kept his yard immaculate and enjoyed getting together with his men's group every other week to attend mass together. Over time, Tom grew not only his faith, but deepened his relationship with his siblings. He played Euchre with his brother Tony at the senior center and met up with all his siblings the first Friday of every month. Tom experienced many memorable moments, such as a pilgrimage to France with friends and family, exploring other countries and cultures while on cruises with Liz and time spent with his grandchildren, Isaac and Grace. They were the light of his life!



In 2022, Tom was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. He bravely began each day in prayer and knew God would carry him through this diagnosis with strength and grace. The family



became closer than ever, rallying around him in support, making his days easier and brighter. Sadly, Tom passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. He will be deeply missed and his light will continue to live on in all those who knew him. His humility, faith and passion for community is the legacy Tom leaves his loved ones to proudly carry forward.

"Be Still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10



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