



## Thomas Arthur Reilly

March 30, 2025

Thomas Arthur Reilly was born June 2, 1940, in Rahway, New Jersey, to Arthur and Suzanne (Van Liew) Reilly. He departed this world on March 30, 2025, at 84 years of age.

Tom attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and Rahway High School in Rahway, New Jersey, graduating in 1958. After high school, Tom attended Seton Hall University, graduating in 1962. While in college, he was co-captain of the men's soccer team. His love of soccer would be passed down to his children, who both took up the sport when younger and who now follow it from the sidelines (meaning any proper pub which is airing the match.)

After college, Tom joined the United States Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Lejeune, among other locations. His service was from 1962-1965, where he was OCS Company Honor Man, a member of the 1st Battalion 6th Marine Regiment Infantry, Platoon Commander, Executive Officer, 1st Battalion 6th Marine Regiment (also known as: "Platoon Commander T, Company 1-6, Exec officer C Company 1-6".)

Tom's service included deployment to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, where the United States flew in Marines and Army to support the foreign government in place during Vietnam. His battalion was kept in the Caribbean

as a measure to be prepared for unexpected conflicts. He was part of the American expeditionary force.

After serving in the Marine Corps, Tom received his Master's of Arts Degree at Seton Hall University, setting him up to join the teaching profession at Woodbridge High School in Woodbridge, New Jersey, where he taught American History for two years.

In September 1964, Tom married his high school sweetheart, Carol Ann Starkowsky, in Rahway, NJ. They were blessed with two children: Tara in 1968, and Brent in 1971.

After school teaching, Tom joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent in 1970, where he served with honor and distinction until his official retirement in 2000. He was assigned to the Memphis and Nashville offices before arriving at the Washington Field Office in 1971. He then charted a distinguished career path in foreign counterintelligence that included stints at WFO, FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. From his early days on the Soviet Squad conducting foreign counterintelligence operations and espionage investigations, to later instructing FBI personnel and defense contractors in the intelligence space, he left an indelible mark on this community. His direct involvement in landmark investigations and prosecutions for acts of espionage committed during and after the Cold War, including the Pitts and Trofimoff cases, garnered him prestigious counterintelligence awards from the Director of Central Intelligence, the Director of Military Intelligence, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Post-retirement, Tom continued his service as an instructor for the Joint Military Counterintelligence Training Academy (JCITA), the National Security Agency (NSA), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and at FBI HQ. He

never did stop teaching.

Tom was a beloved member of the AOOOC Club, a service organization dedicated to fellowship and “esprit de corps”. He actively participated in their annual summer conference in Ocean City, Maryland, where he and fellow members would engage in challenging extracurricular activities and team building exercises. His family hopes to carry on that tradition and continue helping “plant the flag” in future summers.

He was a proud Irishman, for whom March 17 was a national holiday. He would spend months planning “destination St. Patrick’s Days” for our family, trips which expanded to include family friends and friends of friends. These annual celebrations took place across the country, in cities such as New York, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Columbia, Savannah, Tampa, Key West, Mobile, New Orleans, San Antonio, Kansas City, and San Diego. These excursions brought him so much joy and happiness, as did vacations by land and by sea in Canada, Ireland, the United Kingdom and across Europe, and shorter hops to New York City, Charlottesville, and rural Virginia.

He loved nothing more than working in his yard, tending to his flower beds and constructing a masterful rock wall with stones he collected from all over the world. We are thrilled that he was able to showcase his craft to friends and family who attended Tom and Carol’s 60th wedding anniversary celebration at their home last fall.

Tom is survived by his wife and the love of his life Carol; his brother-in-law Paul Starkowsky of Stafford, Virginia; his daughter Tara and her husband Carl of Austin, Texas; and his son Brent of Springfield, Virginia, and his partner Marci Garrison. He is preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Suzanne Reilly.

We love you, Dad. You'll Never Walk Alone.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.  
3200 Golansky Blvd.  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
703-878-CARE (2273)  
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

## Service

APR 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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3200 Golansky Blvd.  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
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<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

## Interment

APR 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico  
18424 Joplin Road  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ My sincere condolences to Carolann, Tara & Brent. I am just now finding out about Tom. Our friendship started in Rahway High School, we all resided in Rahway. As Carolann & Tom relationship became more serious I was lucky to be Carolann’s maid of honor, later Godmother to Tara & shared in welcoming their son. As life took us both in different directions we stayed in touch at class reunions & many birthdays & Christmas cards. Shared many laughs, stories of family trips & picnics. Would love to hear how you are Carolann. Marghy Allan

Marghy Allan - November 18, 2025 at 11:50 PM

TM

“ Happy Father’s Day, Dad. The beach won’t be the same without you this year.



Tara Mica - June 15, 2025 at 07:05 PM

TM

“ Happy Heavenly 85th Birthday, Dad 🌸💖



Tara Mica - June 02, 2025 at 07:46 PM

TA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



tara - May 06, 2025 at 12:23 AM

TA

“ 2 files added to the album Dad



Tara - April 20, 2025 at 06:29 PM

TA

*Lisbon & Budapest with friends & family*

Tara - April 20, 2025 at 06:31 PM

TA

“ Tara lit a candle in memory of Thomas Arthur Reilly



Tara - April 11, 2025 at 10:19 PM

TA

“ 4 files added to the album Dad



Tara - April 11, 2025 at 10:11 PM

TA

*What a beautiful send-off for my Dad at Quantico National Cemetery. A base for his branch of service and home of the FBI Academy where he taught. Thank you to everyone who attended and honored him on Wednesday.*

Tara - April 11, 2025 at 10:14 PM

TR

“ *I served with Tom both in the Marine Corps and the FBI. Tom was a great person who was truly dedicated to his family, the Marine Corps, and the FBI. Rest in peace my friend. Semper Fi Marine. Tom Reilly, Denver, CO (As we used to say "the other Tom Reilly")*

Tom Reilly - April 09, 2025 at 05:47 PM

TA

*Thank you leaving this tribute to Tom, Tom. It's amazing that you both served in the Corps and the Bureau together. We had forgotten that and were pleased and comforted to hear from you.*

Tara - April 10, 2025 at 01:25 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.*



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April 09, 2025 at 08:28 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.*



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April 08, 2025 at 10:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.*



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April 08, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Arthur Reilly.*

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April 08, 2025 at 03:43 PM

JT

“ John, Raymon, Dan & the entire NRA team!  
purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of  
Thomas Arthur Reilly.



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**John, Raymon, Dan & the entire NRA team!** - April 08, 2025 at  
12:16 PM

CM

“ 89 files added to the album Tom Reilly



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**Carl Mica** - April 07, 2025 at 09:30 PM

RS

*So many beautiful photos of your family's adventures. I especially  
loved seeing Tom and Carol's wedding. Sending love and peace. -  
Rachael*

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**Rachael S** - April 08, 2025 at 10:38 PM

TA

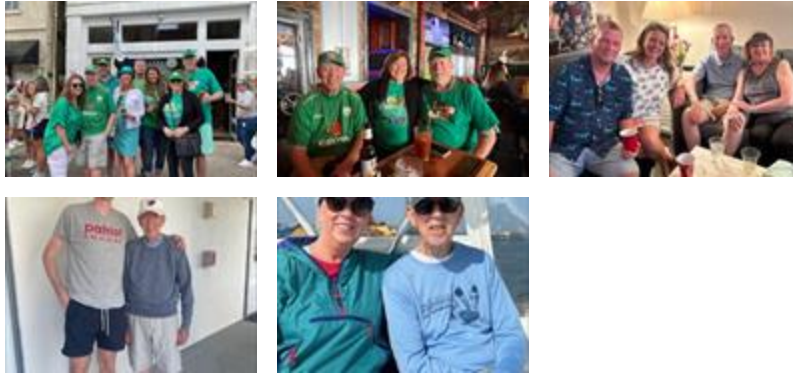
*Thank you, Rachael! Tom and Carol were both thrilled that I'm now  
getting to partner with such an amazing friend.*

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**Tara** - April 10, 2025 at 01:28 PM

TA

“ 5 files added to the album Dad



Tara - April 07, 2025 at 08:44 PM

TF

“ Dear Carol, Brent, Tara & Carl, Needless to say, our hearts are broken! Not only have we lost a dear friend, but the world has lost an amazing and kind human being! He will surely be missed, but we will find comfort in all the wonderful memories and times shared with him and all of you. Tom was truly a “gentle” man!! 🙏❤️- The Hartung Family

The Hartung Family - April 07, 2025 at 10:41 AM

TA

Your family has been such a blessing to us and to Tom over the years. We love you all to pieces!

Tara - April 07, 2025 at 08:32 PM

BS

“ Bob Sama purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.



Bob Sama - April 06, 2025 at 07:31 PM

BS

“ Bob Sama planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Arthur Reilly.

Bob Sama - April 06, 2025 at 07:31 PM

DS

“ Mr. Reilly was a great person and super angel. It was my honor to work with him and learn many things  
David and Mary Schnopp

David L Schnopp - April 06, 2025 at 07:12 PM

TA

Thank you for remembering Dad with this gracious post. He was an amazing man, and now he's and angel to us all.

Tara - April 07, 2025 at 08:33 PM

TA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tara - April 05, 2025 at 02:27 PM

TA

#GoHoos

Tara - April 05, 2025 at 02:52 PM

TA

“ 7 files added to the album Dad



Tara - April 05, 2025 at 02:25 PM

BH

“ Bill & Linda Holtkamp purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.



Bill & Linda Holtkamp - April 05, 2025 at 10:20 AM

BH

“ Bill & Linda Holtkamp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Arthur Reilly.

Bill & Linda Holtkamp - April 05, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.



April 04, 2025 at 02:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.



April 04, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ *Team Cruz- (Houston) purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.



**Team Cruz- (Houston)** - April 04, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ *Beverly Fetty purchased the Enduring Grace* for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.



**Beverly Fetty** - April 04, 2025 at 09:36 AM

ME

“ *Mary E. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.*



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**Mary E.** - April 04, 2025 at 09:18 AM

JW

“ *American Legion Post 364, Woodbridge, VA, sends our condolences to Thomas' family and friends.*

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**Jessica Wangner** - April 03, 2025 at 07:11 PM

TA

*Thank you to everyone at the Legion Post 364 from The Reilly Family*

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**Tara** - April 05, 2025 at 02:54 PM

GP

“ *George & Ali Patrick purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.*



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**George & Ali Patrick** - April 03, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.*



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April 03, 2025 at 05:25 PM

JD

“ Joe & Margie Devket lit a candle in memory of Thomas Arthur Reilly



Joe & Margie Devket - April 03, 2025 at 12:43 PM

TA

Bless you and thank you, Joe & Margie

Tara - April 05, 2025 at 02:55 PM

JW

“ Carol, Brent and Tara,

*My family was heartbroken when we heard about Tom's passing. He will forever be remembered as one of the kindest souls and his daily donut drop offs at the beach, along with his smile, will never be forgotten. He was such a wonderful friend to so many people and he loved his family endlessly. Rest peacefully, Mr. Reilly and Go Hoos ❤️*

*Love,  
Todd & Jenny Webb*

Jenny Webb - April 03, 2025 at 11:44 AM

TA

*Thank you for your kind words, Jenny & Todd. He will be missed by everyone at the annual AOC summer conferences in Ocean City, especially. The picture of him in the UVA hat is my favorite. He adored his family and loved the Hoos.*

Tara - April 05, 2025 at 03:05 PM

MC

“ *Mark and Kristen Caldwell purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.*



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**Mark and Kristen Caldwell** - April 03, 2025 at 09:40 AM

JS

“ *Tom, or "Mr. Tom" as affectionately known to our family was our neighbor before we moved. Our whole family adored him and loved to hear his stories. Our sons loved talking to him while he was busy gardening or building his amazing rock wall. Tom and Carol were the best neighbors anyone could have asked for. And we will all deeply miss our friend "Mr. Tom". Godspeed old friend, may you rest in peace! Josh, Teri, Nathaniel, David, and Caleb Strange*

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**Joshua Strange** - April 03, 2025 at 08:43 AM

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*Josh, Mr. Tom loved having your family living next door for many years. So glad you mentioned his amazing rock wall, it really is something to behold. He was very proud of his yard and his work in it. He mentioned your family frequently after you moved.*

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**Tara** - April 05, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.*



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April 02, 2025 at 10:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Arthur Reilly.

April 02, 2025 at 10:25 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.



April 02, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ Tom always introduced Carol as "My Bride". ... a beautiful expression of love.

Lorraine Hajeski - April 02, 2025 at 02:47 PM



Lorraine, thank you so much for your kind words during this difficult time. The parties your family threw every year were some of Brent and my favorite memories growing up! Bless you and your sons. Tara

Tara - April 05, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ Lorraine Hajeski and sons purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Arthur Reilly.



Lorraine Hajeski and sons - April 02, 2025 at 02:40 PM