



Thomas Michael Todd

October 12, 2025

Thomas Michael Todd passed away on October 12, 2025, at the age of 86 — leaving behind a lifetime of love, laughter, and more sports trivia than most of us could ever hope to remember.

Born on September 6, 1939, in Pierre, South Dakota, Mike made his entrance into the world just ahead of his twin brother, Pat — a fact he may or may not have reminded everyone of for the next eight decades. He was the beloved son of Loretta Kappenman Todd and Thomas Raymond Todd. As World War II came to a close, the Todd family moved west to California and Oregon before settling in Arlington, Virginia, in 1947, where they joined their dad after his service in the Navy.

Mike graduated from Gonzaga High School in 1957 and went on to earn a degree in Economics from South Dakota State University — solidifying his lifelong devotion to the Jackrabbits. Later, he earned a master's degree in counseling from Troy University in Alabama.

In 1963, Mike entered the Air Force Officer's Training Program and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. His service took him from Bunker Hill Air Force Base in Peru, Indiana, to Turkey — where he met his wife, Virginia (Eichhold) Todd. Together they built a beautiful life and raised two children, Michelle (Todd) Snyder and Jeffrey Todd, and he became

a very proud grandfather to Reilly Snyder, Ava Snyder and Juliana Todd.

Mike was adored by his family — and the feeling was mutual. He loved his wife, children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews, and anyone who was lucky enough to be part of his world. His affections were matched only by his loyalty to his favorite teams: the Gonzaga Eagles, the SDSU Jackrabbits, and Washington Commanders — though he'd be the first to admit that his enthusiasm depended on whether they were “any good that year.”

A lifelong counselor, coach, and encourager, Mike never stopped mentoring, cheering, or occasionally embarrassing his loved ones by “attempting” to perform actual cheers. He coached soccer, offered advice freely (and usually wisely), and was the ultimate cheerleader in every sense of the word.

He was also known for his famous “60-second calls” — quick daily check-ins to relay the day's sports schedule, share a bit of family gossip, or simply remind you that you were loved. Every call ended the same way: “Give so-and-so (or the dog) a hug for me.”

Mike's passing leaves a deep hole in our hearts, one that no amount of cribbage rematches or sports commentary can fill. His kindness, humor, and unshakable optimism will echo in every phone ring, every game day, and every small act of love we share in his honor.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to:

<https://www.gonzaga.org/support-gonzaga/make-a-gift>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
12975 Purcell Road
Manassas, VA 20112

Interment

NOV 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery
18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172

Tribute Wall

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“ Todd families, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Mike will be very much missed and the memories we have from the summers on Raymond's porch will remain in our hearts forever. The "grumpy Teddy bear" as Dan would call him usually mellowed out after a beer or two. Our friendship with the Todd family is something we will treasure forever. Rest in peace Mike we will miss you. Clayton and Judy.

Judy Hemminger - November 06, 2025 at 09:57 PM

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“ Mike was the best "oldest" brother ever!! I am lucky and blessed to have been born into this family of mine and so thankful to have been the recipient of a phone call or two from him. I will miss my brother beyond measure. Cindy Todd Roof



Cindy Todd Roof - October 27, 2025 at 05:41 PM



“ So many wonderful memories of Mike. Kapp Reunions. His visits to our farm. His phone calls about our St. Mary's teams. And Katie/Lexi's softball teams----he could watch our sports on his computer. Then we would discuss the outcome of the games the next day. He was a very Special cousin and sure do miss him. May Mike Rest in Peace. God's Blessings on all his Family. Bernadette Scherff

Bernie Scherff - October 27, 2025 at 12:40 PM



All deaths carry a sadness but some create a bigger lump in your throat than others. Mike's passing is in the big lump category. We were buds from Little Major and Junior Major baseball at Four Mile Run Park in Arlington to Gonzaga High where Mike was a catcher and I a pitcher to all the years since which included parish meetings, school reunions and golf outings. Through it all Mike was fun, caring, and a joy to be around. He will be sorely missed. Tony Trodden

Tony Trodden - October 28, 2025 at 01:22 PM



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Ed Dohrrty - October 24, 2025 at 07:18 PM

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“ I served with Mike at Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana, in the mid-1960s. I left the AF after four years. Mike went on to make the AF a career, retiring after 22 years as a LtCol. Years later Mike and I re-connected and had a life-long friendship. We frequently talked over the telephone, often reminiscing about our days at Bunker Hill and recalling the people we knew back then. I cherished our friendship and was so saddened to learn of his passing. I will remember Mike with great fondness. Rest in Peace, my friend.

*Ed Doherty
Hampstead, North Carolina*

Ed Doherty - October 24, 2025 at 11:21 AM