

**Thomas E. Blaine**  
CDR USN (Retired)  
*October 6, 1931 - May 24, 2016*



Thomas E. "Tom" passed away May 24, 2016 at Suncoast Hospice Care Center in Pinellas Park, FL. He Was 84.

Tom was born in Buffalo, NY to Margaret and F. Edward Blaine. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Theresa; his sister, Carolyn Lamar (Charles); and his children, Sheryl Wright (Walter), Lisa Avery, Laura Smith (David), Hutch Hepinstall (Amy) and Brandon Hepinstall (Ashley); cousins, nieces and nephews; 10 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren,

Tom graduated from Hamburg High School with a Regents Degree, went on to graduate from Cornell University with a Bachelor's of Science degree, and obtained his Master's degree from the Naval War College. He served 24 years in the U.S. Navy as a designated naval aviator. Among his tours of duty in the Navy were combat missions in Vietnam, Command of Patrol Squadron 26 and service in the White House as Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

Upon retirement from the Navy, Tom joined his father's real estate company; F.E. Blaine Realtors. In 1989 he was the President of the Greater Buffalo Board of Realtors (GBBR). Tom was a Director of the New York State Association of Realtors (NYSAR) for six years where he chaired various committees. He also served as the Secretary, Vice President, and President of the NYSAR Commercial Investment Division. He was an active member of the National Association of Realtors, a Court Qualified Appraiser, Past President of the Hamburg Rotary Club and the Retired Officers Association of Western New York.

A Celebration of Tom's life was held at the Buffalo Yacht Club, One Porter Ave., Buffalo, 14201, Sunday, June 26. Funeral services were conducted by Perna, Dengler, Roberts Funeral Home 1306 Hertel Ave Buffalo.

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