



## Thaddeus C. Owings Jr.

December 24, 1930 - May 26, 2017

Thad Owings, a native of York, PA passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness on May 26, 2017. He was born in 1930 on Christmas Eve along with his identical twin Henry. He attended York Catholic High School and eventually graduated from Campion, a Jesuit boarding school in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. After high school, he attended Georgetown University, but left to enlist in the Air Force as a fighter pilot when the Korean war broke out. Following his military service, he returned to York and joined the family business, June Bug Feeds. He fell in love and married his lifelong partner Ann McCormick Owings in 1962. He worked in the animal feed business in Pennsylvania and in Paris, Texas prior to moving to Houston, Texas. Thad owned and operated Gulf Coast Feeds in Sugarland, Texas. He retired after selling the business in 1981.

As a young man, Thad enjoyed playing competitive ice hockey, football and swimming. Later, he became as an avid golfer and was a member of Pine Forest Country Club. Retirement offered Thad free time which he devoted to the American Cancer Society and working with Hospice patients. He was passionate about collecting early American antiques and loved gardening and was especially fond of hibiscus plants. In his later years, Thad enjoyed spending time at his home in Twin Lakes where he and Ann lived for more than 27 years. Thad was most proud of his military service and wore a hat with his squadron number on it daily.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ann Owings after all most 55 years of marriage; 4 sisters, Ann Halloran of Houston, Texas, Susan Kissel of Birmingham Alabama, Connie Hallinan of Vero Beach, Florida, and Rosa Eshelman of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; his twin brother Henry Owings of Houston, Texas; 3 children, Mimi Becker of Tallahassee, Florida, Thad Owings of Atlanta, Georgia, and Henry Owings of Houston, Texas and 9 grandchildren. Thad was preceded in death by his father Thaddeus C. Owings and his mother Mae Miller Owings of York Pennsylvania, his sister Mary Rogers Owings of Hot Springs Arkansas, and his granddaughter Katherine Elizabeth Owings of Atlanta, Georgia.

The Owings family will be present to receive friends Wednesday, May 31, 2017 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Holy Rosary being recited at 7:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079, at 10:30 am on Thursday, June 1, 2017.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions in Thad's memory to the American Cancer Society or the Continuing the Vision Capital Campaign at St. John Vianney.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
david@dettlingfuneral.com

## Rosary

MAY 31. 7:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
david@dettlingfuneral.com

## Funeral Mass

JUN 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079

## Reception

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JUN 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

Twin Lakes Clubhouse  
13200 Twin Lakes Blvd  
Houston, TX 77041

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thaddeus C. Owings Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Thaddeus C. Owings Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Thaddeus C. Owings Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Thaddeus C. Owings Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *To the Owings family,*

*Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Thad. We are members of the Twin Lakes community and have heard many wonderful stories of the Owings family and Thad in particular. We were sorry to hear of Thad's passing and wish your family strength and peace in the innumerable loving memories you have of Thad. With our thoughts and prayers, Denise & Mark Mannix (5402 China Doll Ct).*

**Denise & Mark Mannix** - May 31, 2017 at 07:51 PM

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“ *Mr. Owings I will miss you! You were a most generous and positive person with a great sense of humor. Thad and Hank, I hope on occassion you pull out a pair of Lily Pulitzer pants around the holidays in honor of your dad and I hope all friends and significant others of all the grandkids that come home at Christmas have to do a solo Drummer Boy... just because. I am there in prayer this evening and tomorrow while you celebrate a really great man.*

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**carolyn lamb** - May 31, 2017 at 05:45 PM

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“ *Our Christmas gatherings were always made so very special by Thad. His singing, cajoling and laughter will stay with me forever. We all looked forward to our Christmas Night gatherings like we did waiting for Santa Claus. So many happy memories. He was a good man and a good friend to our family. Always a smile on his face. We will miss him. Whitney Lamb Granata*

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**Whitney Lamb Granata** - May 31, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Thaddeus C. Owings Jr..*



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May 30, 2017 at 03:19 PM

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**Gil & Linda Lamb** - May 30, 2017 at 07:35 AM