

Thomas Michael Strait, 66, Lansdowne, Virginia, passed away July 29, 2017. Born May 7, 1951 in Fort Atkinson, WI, son of the late Victor and Barbara (Hall)Strait. Survived by wife Barbara (Baden/Ewanek), son Mark Victor of Newport Beach, CA, and stepdaughter Kimberly, husband John Manley and grandson Oliver also of Newport Beach, CA.

Tom Graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, with the Class of 1973, and served in the Marine Corp., from 1973 to 1980, as an artillery officer and adjutant. In 1981, he graduated from American University with an M.B.A. degree in Finance. Subsequently, he became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), and was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and a member of the National Society of Cooperative Accountants.

Following his service in the Marine Corps, Tom worked for the General Services Administration (GSA), and for Ernst & Young and Deloitte accounting firms, before becoming a partner in the Washington Utility Group LLC, from 1993 to 2011, where he specialized in providing tax services to rural electric and telephone cooperatives.

Tom's lifelong passions were faith, country, family, and his life's work in support of rural utility cooperatives, which he credited with dramatically improving the lives of his mid-west relatives when they were established in the early to mid-twentieth century.