



Thomas F. Gorman, Jr.

Commander Thomas F. Gorman, Jr., retired USN, died unexpectedly on 4 October 2023 in Knoxville, TN. He was 72 years old.

Tom is preceded in death by parents, Thomas F. Gorman Sr. and Joan Daly Gorman, and sister, Kathleen Rurak. He is survived by wife Shannon, daughters Jill Gatz, Kelly (Chris) Sharp, and Tara (Eric) Webster, and son Thomas (Lisa) Gorman, III, and 12 grandchildren. He is also survived by his loving sisters, Ellen Bowden and Joanne (Ron) Conley, and many nieces and nephews.

Tom received his appointment to the United States Naval Academy (USNA) from West Virginia based on his perfect SAT score. Tom was sworn into the Navy with the Class of 1973 in June of 1969. He was a Physics major. Tom was a member of the '73 7th Company Seadogs.

Upon graduation, Tom selected the submarine service. He served on Barb (SSN596) and Ethan Allen (SSBN608). He was chief engineer of Swordfish (SSN579), Executive Officer of Chicago (SSN721), and Commanding Officer of Indianapolis (SSN697). Tom retired from the USN in 1995.

Tom worked for Y-12 in Oak Ridge TN. He led the start-up of the Pickering nuclear power plant B, Ontario Power Generation. He then started his own consulting company, Trident Technologies, before retiring in 2015.

Tom loved his family, his dogs, and his time on Norris Lake. Tom will be buried at sea. A celebration of life was held in Knoxville on 21 October 2023. Seadogs were in attendance and provided tremendous support and encouragement for the family.

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