



Thomas Orin Maine

September 4, 1925 - February 27, 2022

Thomas Orin Maine, "Tom", age 96 of Carbondale, passed away Sunday, February 27, 2022 at the Cottages of Lake St. Louis.

He was born September 4, 1925 to Ralph and Bernice (Thomas) Maine in St. Louis.

After his birth, his family moved to Des Moines, Iowa. He graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School in June of 1943.

In August of 1943 he reported for duty to the United States Navy, serving his country proudly. He received his Navy Wings and commissioned on Ensign USNR. He went to Florida for advanced flight training and carrier qualifications, then on to San Diego for permanent duty. He was released from active duty in 1947.

In November of 1945 he married Florence Bright and she preceded him. On April 11, 1987 he married Shirley Lillard and she preceded him on February 26, 2021. His brother, Richard Maine, preceded him in death as well as his grandson, Coulter Willis, on June 13, 2019.

He attended Iowa State University, graduating with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering in 1952. He then took a position as an Aerospace Design Engineer with McDonnell Aircraft Company which later merged with Douglas

to become McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company.

He was a member of AARP and traveled to many annual national conventions throughout the United States. He began swimming with the Senior Olympic Competitions in Missouri, Illinois and National meets. He also joined the Masters swimming organization and swam in meets locally, nationally and internationally in Finland, New Zealand, Italy and Sweden. He holds world and national records as a Master swimmer and Senior Olympic swimmer. On September 23, 2016 Tom was inducted into the International Masters Hall of Fame.

Over the years, he and Shirley enjoyed boating on their cruiser and sailing. He became a lifetime member of Crab Orchard Boat and Yacht Club.

Tom is survived by his sister, Dorothy "Dot" (John) Cachiaras; his children: Larry (Donna) Maine, Scott Maine, Jerri Maine and Suzanne (Bob) Theismann; step-children: Anne (Mike) Teymouri, Patrick (Brenda) Lillard, Daniel (Sheril) Lillard and Eric (Diane) Lillard. He was loved by his 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 11 step grandchildren; 13 step great-grandchildren; and many relatives and friends.

Visitation for Thomas O. Maine will be Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 10:00 am at the funeral home with Rev. Dr. K. Stephen Combs officiating. Interment will follow at 1:30 pm in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO with full military honors by the United States Navy.

The funeral service will be live streamed on the Crain Funeral Home facebook page.

Memorials can be made to the donor's choice and will be accepted at the

funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

St Louis, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
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Interment

MAR 8. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery
2900 Sheridan Rd
St. Louis, MO 63125-4198
(314) 845-8320

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Orin Maine*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Tom and Shirley were both friendly and positive to everyone they met.*

Tom was a role model and quiet Superman to all in the masters swimming community for decades. He competed in the most difficult events with seeming ease, even with very little rest between them. I was honored to participate with him on many relay events in which we always won and usually set national and world records (mostly because of his speed and age). Shirley was always in the stands at competitions, showing her steadfast support for Tom and with a smiling “hello” for all of us, his teammates.

They will both be sorely missed by the Masters Swimming community.

Catherine Kohn - March 15, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Orin Maine.*



March 05, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Orin Maine.*



March 04, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Orin Maine.*



March 04, 2022 at 03:54 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Orin Maine.*



March 04, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of waiting on Tom and Shirley for years at Tres Hombres, and they were always so pleasant and kind. They were beloved regulars. I was always so impressed by their swimming accomplishments! I'm sorry the world has lost these two. But they had wonderful (it seemed) long lives!*

Amelia - March 03, 2022 at 12:40 AM



“ *LoVette's and O'Connors purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Thomas Orin Maine.*



LoVette's and O'Connors - March 02, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Thomas Orin Maine.*



March 01, 2022 at 02:10 PM