



Mr. Thomas E. Tabor

August 2, 1933 - January 25, 2021

Thomas Edwin Tabor 87 of Hurricane, WV died January 25, 2021 at his home in Hurricane, WV of natural causes.

Mr. Tabor was born in Charleston, WV, August 2, 1933 as the only child of the late Edwin W. Tabor and Gwelda Mallory Tabor of Charleston, WV. He married Marjorie Y. Miller of Belpre, OH, November 28, 1954, who preceded him in death in 2002. In April of 2004, Tom happily married a high school classmate, Barbara Currey Fisher, and moved to Hurricane, WV.

Mr. Tabor is survived by his loving wife, Barbara (Bobbie). He is also survived by his beloved children: son, Randall A. (Vicki) of Powder Springs, GA, and daughters, Lisa M. Tabor of Woodstock, GA, Vicki J. Zahand (Abe) of Houston, TX, and Cynthia T. Hayes (Doug) of Longwood, FL, ten grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, as well as stepdaughter Pamela Willis (Terry) of St. Albans, WV, step-son David C. Fisher, MD (Mitch), of Columbia, SC, one step-grandson and three step-great-grandchildren. Also surviving, his cousins, Sharon Mallory Griffith (Don) and Judi Mallory, whom he loved dearly like sisters. He was loved by many near and far.

He was a proud 1950 graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School in Charleston, WV, attended Morris Harvey College (nka University of Charleston) and graduated from Duke University in Durham, NC, in 1956 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering.

After graduation Tom worked for North American Aviation in Columbus, OH, as a Flight Test Engineer for Power Systems from 1956 to 1963. He returned to Charleston in 1963 as a design engineer and contractor at Goff-Matthews Plumbing Company, later Tabor, Inc. until 1972. He then moved his family to State College, PA, to work for Pennsylvania State University as a Professional Engineer, later a Senior Engineer, and then an Energy Conservation Engineer in the Office of Physical Plant until his retirement in 1996, in the Design and Utility sections. During this time, his family's blood began to turn true blue & white! WE ARE!

Music was a big part of Tom's life. He was a skillful piano player, with extensive piano study from early elementary school through high school. In college, he sang in and traveled with the Duke Men's Glee Club, as well as in the Duke Chapel Choir. Tom directed Sweet Adeline's barbershop choruses in both Charleston, WV, and State College, PA. He was most famous for family sing-alongs around the piano!

Mr. Tabor was a member of Masonic Lodge Kanawha # 20 A.F.& A.M., Scottish Rite Masons, York Rite Masons, and Beni Kedem Shrine Temple all of Charleston, WV, and visited various lodges, including No. 700 in State College.

He formed and was the first president of the Berwick Park Civic Association, in Columbus, Ohio.

He was active in the Soap Box Derby in Columbus, OH, Charleston, WV and for 20 years in State College, PA. He was a Charter-Founder and Life Member of the Kanawha Valley Soap Box Derby Association, and was elected the first President and Derby Director of the Central Pennsylvania Soap Box Derby Association

Tom had been an avid bowler and golf enthusiast.

He was an active member of the Penn State University Emergency Squad for Beaver Stadium and Recreation Hall for 21 years and was a committed volunteer for the State College Area High School marching band for 14 years. Tom became a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association in 1976 and taught for many years. As an avid fan of the Lady Lion Basketball team in the 1980s and '90s, he and Marjorie became early members of the Penn State Lady Lion Cager Club. They were also American hosts for numerous foreign students who came to Penn State, keeping in touch with many of them even after they moved away. He had been a member of the State College Presbyterian Church and later the Gateway Church in St. Albans, WV.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2:00 p.m. prior to the funeral service. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 28, 2021 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans with Pastor Jeff Ranson and Pastor Joel Copley officiating.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 1, 2021 in Centre County Memorial Park, State College, PA with Masonic graveside rites.

In lieu of Flowers, donations should be made to: HospiceCare WV, 1606 Kanawha Blvd. West, Charleston, WV 25387 (hospicecarewv.org, 304-414-5170) or Shriner's Hospitals for Children, c/o Beni Kedem Temple, 100 Quarrier Street, Charleston, WV, 25301

You may visit Mr Tabor's tribute page at BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Tabor family.

Cemetery Details

Centre County Memorial Park

1032 Benner Pike
State College, WV 16801

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AT

“ Oh Bobbie, Randy, Lisa, Vicki and Cyndi--We have such fond memories of Tom. We delighted in his mechanical expertise and willingness to help with most any project. His enthusiasm for the Lady Lions was contagious. He was a wonderful storyteller and his love of family knew no bounds. Even in this time of grief, we join you in celebrating his life well lived. Jim and Anita Thies

Anita Thies - January 30, 2021 at 07:42 PM

CY

Thank you Thies family! We drove by the Cornwall house, but in the weather (and C19) we didn't stop. You were such gracious neighbors! We are thankful for your love and prayers! ❤️

Cyndi - February 03, 2021 at 08:36 AM

MC

“ Out deepest Sympathies to your family. Tom was a good neighbor when he lived on Cornwall Road, in State College Marge and Bob Carline

Marguerite Carline - January 28, 2021 at 01:53 PM

CY

Thank you! You were good neighbors.

Cyndi - January 28, 2021 at 06:10 PM

FM

“ Tom was a great friend and neighbor when we both lived in State College.

Franklin Marsh - January 28, 2021 at 05:37 AM

CY



Cyndi - January 28, 2021 at 07:06 AM

BW

“ The Tabors were our neighbors on Autumn Rd, Charleston for many years and our children grew up together. We remember Tom very well and have so many wonderful memories of him and Marge! With love from all the Jacquets.

Betsy Jacquet White - January 27, 2021 at 06:59 PM

AB

“ At this sad time, may you always find comfort in remembering all the things that made Tom so special. Tom will be missed by his wife, family and friends because, his loss is so great. I am remembering the part he played in my life. As a foreign student back in the early 80's, Tom and marge welcomed me into their home. I have so may found memories of holidays spent with them and their children. His care and concern for me is now expressed and felt for you all now.

Our deepest sympathy,
Ali Broukhiyan & wife Sylvia

Ali Broukhiyan - January 27, 2021 at 04:40 PM

CY

Thank you Ali! ❤️

Cyndi - January 28, 2021 at 07:07 AM

LS

“ Love, Your Consumer RE Hub Staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Thomas E. Tabor.



Love, Your Consumer RE Hub Staff - January 27, 2021 at 03:22 PM

KL

“ Sending love and hugs to you all! So many memories of your daddy!
Kevin & Kippi Laws, Katherine and Thomas

Kippi Laws - January 26, 2021 at 10:18 PM

CY



Love you Cuz!

Cyndi - January 28, 2021 at 07:07 AM

SG

“ A deserving and beautiful tribute to my “big brother.” I cherish our family times together...eating turkey that your dad carved, you serenading us with after dinner piano music, allowing me to play with your choo choo trains, and taking me to a college dance while I was in high school. TT...Save me a place in Heaven so we can create more memories. Maybe you can play the drum and lead the band. I'll tag along. Love you and will see you again!

Sharon Mallory Griffith

sharon griffith - January 26, 2021 at 09:58 PM

CY



I always told daddy when I left "I will see you again..."

Cyndi - January 28, 2021 at 07:09 AM

LI

“ I Love You, Daddy. ❤️

Lisa - January 26, 2021 at 09:05 PM

CY



Cyndi - January 28, 2021 at 07:09 AM