



Thomas Charles Smith Jr.

November 21, 1958 - June 25, 2024

Thomas Charles Smith Jr. (aka Tommy) passed away on June 25, 2024 in Sarasota, FL. He was born November 21, 1958 in Glen Cove, New York. He moved to Florida in 1983, where he met his wife Jill.

Thomas was a Golf Pro and a very active member in the PGA. While he and his wife lived in Maryland he was also a coach for First Tee (golf for children) and the Special Olympics golf program. He started his golfing career in Oyster Bay, New York at age 12 as a caddie and worked his way up to assistant Golf Pro. He has worked at many golf courses from New York to Florida, and was well known in the golfing community.

Thomas was a faithful Christian and devoted to his wife, Jill, who lost her battle with cancer 3 years ago. Their "children" were their nieces, nephews, and First Tee students. When he wasn't golfing or coaching, he enjoyed fishing and spending time with their families. He and his wife Jill also loved playing Santa and Mrs. Clause for children during the Christmas holiday season.

Thomas is preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Florence Smith, brother Kevin Smith, and wife Jill Paulana Caswell Smith.

Left to cherish his memory are his brother Michael and Catalina Smith and nephew John Anthony Appicelli; brother Billy Smith; sisters (in law) Cindy Jolin and Phyliss Wilson; nieces Kandi, Kristi, Brandi, Erika, Charity, and nephew Neil, Jr.; 4 great nieces and 3 great nephews; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends.

A celebration of life will be held in Thomas's honor on a date to be announced.
Memories and condolences may be left for the family at www.MFHcares.com