



Thomas "Tom" Stanley

December 3, 1947 - December 25, 2025

Thomas "Tom" Grant Stanley, 78, passed away December 25, 2025. He was born December 3, 1947, in Kansas City, Kansas. He was the beloved son of the late Robert Overman Stanley Sr. and Margaretta (Gates) Stanley and the adorable little brother to the late Robert Overman Stanley Jr.

Tom came to Sarasota, Florida, in the 1960s to attend Ringling Art School. He left briefly to serve in the United States Army in Thailand. He then resettled in his beautiful Sarasota where he shared his gifts of interior design and culinary arts to bring joy to clients and friends.

Tom and his late partner in life, John Griggs, were both actively involved in fundraising for Sarasota charitable organizations for 30 years.

Tom was a gentle, kind, fun, and creative soul who will be missed by all who had the blessing of being his friend.

Left to cherish his memory are niece, Carrie Stanley (Chris) Roesner; great-nephew, Grant Roesner and companion Madison Thomas; great-niece, Evelyn (Kiegan) Vogt; and sister-in-law, Becky Stanley.

A celebration of life will be held in Kansas City and Sarasota, time and place to be determined. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a favorite

charity.

Tribute Wall

EP

“ To Tom's family. Please contact me Erika 941-376-0621. There's a group of us that are inquiring about his celebration of life in Sarasota.

Erika Prock - January 16 at 11:33 AM

SC

“ Tom had been someone whose life intersected with mine numerous times since I first met him in 1975. I remember well his holiday dinners and lavish decorations. He also helped look after our mutual friend, the late Robert Lampman, when Robert had undergone surgery. I saw Tom struggle to find his footing after his partner John's death, but he always enjoyed talking about all the projects he was busy with. Time to rest now, Tom. Scott Conrad, St. Petersburg

Scott Conrad - January 05 at 02:15 PM

TR

Thank you for your kind memory of Tom.

Tom's niece, Carrie (Stanley) Roesner - January 05 at 02:44 PM

MH

Tom was my wonderful friend. I will miss him dearly even though we have not been in contact constantly. He did email me a month or so ago I treasure his friendship so much.

Marlene Hauck - January 08 at 04:54 PM

JK

I have known Tom for many years. I come from Tampa every month to visit him and lunch. He had not returned my texts or calls for a Holiday visit. Fearing the worst, I checked the obituaries. He was a kind and generous soul and I will miss him. Joe Kuss. jpkussesq@yahoo.com and 813-244-1538. P.S. Carrie, he always spoke very highly of you. 😭

Joseph P. Kuss - January 11 at 11:31 AM

MJ

We knew Tom Stanley for almost 40 years during which time he assisted us with his unique talents. He would call if not every day around 8 A.M. frequently when we would talk with him about a myriad of topics. When he failed to call or answer his phone in the days just before and after Christmas 2025, we became concerned. Madeline went to his house to check into his status and learned the very sad news.

Tom Stanley over the years became a faithful friend. As we spread the word of his passing to persons he knew, the reaction was always the same, deep disappointment and then sadness. We will miss Tom very much.

Madeline & Dan Joy - January 18 at 10:04 AM