



Thomas W. Lane

January 28, 1932 - May 4, 2023

Thomas W. Lane of Orange, passed away on May 4, 2023. He was the husband of Dorothy O'Mara Lane. Born in New Haven, he was the son of the late Joseph and Anna (Kelly) Lane. He graduated from Hillhouse High School and in 1954 from Boston College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. After college he served for two years in the Army stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. After the Army he worked at Sargent Company in New Haven. In 1959, he began work at Shelton Roofing Company, a commercial roofing company, eventually purchasing it and serving as its president and chief executive officer until his retirement several decades later. He then formed T.W. Lane Associates and served as a manufacturers' representative for roofing products. He was a former president of the Roofing Contractors Association of Fairfield and New Haven Counties and a former director of the Connecticut Building Congress. He was a corporator of Hewitt Memorial Hospital in Shelton and a member of the Derby-Shelton Rotary. Tom was a parishioner, former trustee and usher at the Church of the Holy Infant. Tom was a long time member and former president (1980-81) of Race Brook Country Club. Growing up across the street from Race Brook's third green, he began working there as a caddy. Tom not only learned to play golf at Race Brook, he also learned to skate on the Club's second hole pond. This led to his becoming a goalie for the hockey teams at Hillhouse HS (captain) and Boston College. He also played on the Hillhouse golf team and was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

Tom was well known in local golfing circles; an accomplished player at his course he won multiple major tournaments at Race Brook including the Club Championship in 1963. He qualified and played in the 1965 U.S. Amateur Championship at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, OK. Tom was a former president and secretary of the Race Brook Realty Company and was an “on-site manager” during the rebuilding of the Club in 2001-2002. He served tirelessly for his beloved Club. In 2007, he became a half-century member of Race Brook; in 2010, he was named an Honorary Member.

Tom was a member and former president of both the Connecticut State Golf Association (1993-1994) and the New England Golf Association (2004). He remained active in these organizations. He was a rules official and traveled throughout New England serving at various Golf Association sponsored tournaments. He was inducted into the Connecticut State Golf Association Hall of Fame in 2012.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three children Daniel, Katherine and Sarah; his sister-in-law Charline Lane of Ansonia and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers Joseph of Ansonia and Ralph (Mary Pat) of VA. A mass of Christian burial was celebrated May 9th in the Church of the Holy Infant and burial followed at the Orange Cemetery. Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Avenue, Hamden was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to CSGA Scholarship Fund c/o Connecticut Golf Association 35 Cold Spring Road, Suite 212, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.