



## Thomas Murphy,

February 9, 1951 - January 7, 2012

Thomas W. Murphy VI, 60, of Hamden died peacefully Saturday January 7, 2012 surrounded by his loving family. He was the cherished husband and best friend of Mary Murphy. Loving father of Thomas W. Murphy VII, of Pittsburgh, Michael P. Murphy and his wife Erin of Boston, Taylor J. Murphy of Hamden and Kerrigan M. Warnook and her husband Kevin of Rye, NY. Brother of Robert Murphy of Guilford, William Murphy of Andover, CT and Linda Smith of Chatham, MA. Tom was born in New Haven February 9, 1951 son of the late Thomas W. and Dorothy (Lukie) Murphy V. Mr. Murphy was a life-long spokesperson for education. His career in public service began right out of college when he worked as communication director for Mayor Robert Johnson in West Haven. He worked at the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and for six years at the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, and worked closely with the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents. For the last 19 years. he served as spokesman for the State Department of Education. Tom had attended Amity High School in Woodbridge and earned his degree in Sociology from the University of New Haven in 1975. As a long-time member and an avid tennis player, he also served on the Board of Directors of Paradise Country Club as tennis chairman for many years. Tom was a fiercely devoted husband and father, who was as proud of his children's accomplishments as his own. He taught them the importance of hard work and family. He instilled in them his selflessness, his characteristic charm and wit, his love of building things, of teaching, and of tennis. He will be

greatly missed. Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden Thursday at 9:30 am Mass of Christian Burial at 10 am in St. Joan of Arc Church. Burial in Beavertdale Memorial Park. Friends may call Wednesday from 4 - 8 pm. In lieu of flowers contributions to the Thomas W. Murphy Scholarship Fund of Connecticut Technical High School System 60 Daniels Rd. Middletown, CT. 06457 or to the Eli Whitney Museum 915 Whitney Ave. Hamden, CT. 06517

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Murphy family. I worked with Tom all of his 20 years at DOE. Tom was first rate in every way, and a guy you would do anything for. He will be sorely missed both personally and professionally.*

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**Al Richmond** - January 11, 2012 at 05:41 PM

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“ *Sincerest condolences to your entire family. Tom helped me with so many stories over the years with his always helpful, knowledgeable, dependable, even tempered approach. He was the best in the business and a cherished friend.*

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**Mark Davis** - January 10, 2012 at 10:28 AM

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**Marge** - January 10, 2012 at 09:25 AM

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“ *Whenever I heard Tom on the radio or read quotes from him in the paper, his extensive knowledge and his compassion for the students of Connecticut was always obvious. His enthusiastic support of education extended to the Arts, as he was so gracious and supportive at local performances such as the Hamden Salute to Young Artists. As a teacher who taught his children, it was evident what a wonderful family environment that Mary and he provided for their children.*

*My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the entire family.*

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**Richard Hicks** - January 09, 2012 at 04:15 PM