



Thomas White Slater

March 24, 1936 - December 3, 2010

Thomas Frederick White Slater, 74 of Hamden, died at home December 3, 2010 surrounded by his loving family, after a long battle with cancer. Tom was the beloved husband of Noreen Kelly Slater. He was born in New Haven March 24, 1936. He is the son of the late Dorothy Egan Slater and Howard White and step son of William Slater. Tom is survived by his three sisters Margaret Ottenbreit of New Haven, Martha Warner of North Branford, and Jusith Barera of Hamden. He is also survived by his four children David Slater of North Carolina, Mark Slater of Hamden, Donalee Slater of Clinton, Michele Dingus of Hamden, and son in law Edwin J. Dingus, as well as his 3 grandchildren Andrew LaFogg, Mark Slater-Colburn and Lauren Slater-Colburn. Tom served in the United States Navy for five years during the 1950's. He was a Yale University employee for thirty eight years and was a valuable and beloved part of the Yale Community. During his career at Yale, he employed many Yale students and developed lasting relationships with them. He was a member of the New Haven Gaelic Football and Hurling Club for thirty years and was treasurer for several years. He was the chairman of the Irish Festival in 1991, a member of the Connecticut Irish American Historical Society for twenty years as treasurer, and served on the Board of Directors until his death. He was a member of the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee since 1980, Grand Marshall in 1990, and served as the Parade Coordinator for ten years as well as Parade Committee historian. He was a member of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists for

twenty five years. Tom also was a member of the Town of Hamden's Veterans Commission, the Town of Hamden's Memorial Day Parade Committee, and served as an advisor for the Columbus Day Parade Committee. Tom received the Seton Elm and Ivy award from Yale University in 2002 for community service, the 1990 Grand Marshal award and the 2006 Irish Appreciation Award from the Associated Irish Societies, and the 2003 Irish Cultural award from the West Haven Irish Club. Tom loved genealogy, travel and photography. He took pictures of Yale football and softball teams, family and friends weddings, producing prints of the events at the end of the game or before the bride and groom left for their wedding. While at Yale, Tom had an innate ability to recruit excellent student staff, from the Yale football and soft ball teams, and his pitching skills on the Facilities Co-Ed Softball Team were remarkable. His family and friends will miss him deeply and will always remember his impact on their lives. Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden Monday at 9:30 am. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am in St. Joan of Arc Church. Burial in All Saints Cemetery. Friends may call Sunday from 3 to 7 pm. In lieu of flowers contributions to the Connecticut Irish American Historical Society, 270 Fitch St. New Haven, Ct. 06511

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Dear Noreen and Tom's entire family, It is with great sorrow that I learned of Tom's passing. He was a wonderful person and great gentleman, and brought high honor to the Irish community. The sharing of his knowledge and friendship were so appreciated by all of us at the Gaelic Club and IACC. You have lost a special family member; we all have lost a marvelous friend. With deepest sympathy to you all. Sincerely, Susan McGowan

Susan McGowan - December 13, 2010 at 11:24 AM

CH

“ My deepest sympathy to Noreen and all of Tom's family. I was so sad to hear of Tom's passing and felt bad to be in CA with no way to stand along the parade committee at mass and at the cemetery today. He was fabulous with sharing his love of his Irish pride and his love of the parade and I am thankful for the time he spent with me and telling the stories.
May he rest in peace.
Colleen

Colleen Hines - December 06, 2010 at 01:30 PM

KM

“ I WILL ALWAYS, ALWAYS REMEMBER TOM AS A GENTLEMAN....A GENTLE MAN.
WE GO BACK A LONG WAY AND I TREASURED OUR FRIENDSHIP. OUR 55TH CLASS REUNION WAS ESPECIALLY MEMORABLE BECAUSE HE TOOK THE TIME TO COME TO MY HOME TO SEE MY HUSBAND WHO IS ILL. THANK YOU TOM. FRED IS NOT DOING WELL AND HAD A NASTY FALL WITH A BRAIN LEAK. WE ARE HOPING FOR THE BEST.

KATHERINE MEROLA - December 05, 2010 at 08:27 PM

JK

“ Noreen, My deepest sympathies to your and your family. I will miss Tom, especially his wonderful sense of humor. God Bless. June from Dr. Lundberg's office.

June Kelly - December 05, 2010 at 01:55 PM

FW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Fran & Kevin Woods - December 05, 2010 at 10:29 AM

BH

“ I am very sorry for loss. Noreen and Michele our thoughts and prayers are with you. We love you.
Betty David Michael Brittney Jacob

Betty Heath - December 04, 2010 at 10:24 PM

KR

“ Dear Noreen and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He has been a wonderful friend to me over the years. He was a valuable source of support as we rose through the chairs of the Parade Committee together. I will never forget his friendship.
In Deepest Sympathy, Kathleen Reilly 1989 Grand Marshal

Kathleen Reilly - December 04, 2010 at 06:27 PM

JM

“ Noreen and Family. Please accept our deepest sympathy. May the road rise-with you and the wind be-ever at your back and may the lord hold you in the hollow of his hand. Jane and Honoria.

Jane B McGuire - December 04, 2010 at 10:49 AM