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Thomas P Scarpinato, 69 passed away peacefully in his home on March 19 with his wife Barbara by his side, following a two year battle with cancer.

Born in Jamaica NY to Thomas and Catherine Scarpinato, he moved to Sarasota in the early 60's. Tom was a graduate of Riverview High school in 1964. After high school Tom enlisted in the Navy and from 1965 to 1969 proudly served his country during the Vietnam War aboard the USS Saratoga and the USS Ranger. After being honorably discharged in 1969, Tom chose to return to Sarasota to work in the family business (Scarbro Plastering) as a plasterer for 20 years before starting his second career as an optometrist at Vision Works for 25 years. Tom was a baseball coach at Sarasota Little League, Babe Ruth Baseball League as well as a softball coach at Miss Sarasota Softball. Tom was also a football coach at Ringling Redskins. He loved fishing, but most especially with his Grandkids, His other joys where woodworking and going to watch his grandchildren in whatever activity they were participating in.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Barbara (Lynn) Scarpinato , his sister Lois Smith of Chesapeake Va, his two children Thomas Scarpinato (Heather) and Sandra Eslinger (Jeff), and his five grandchildren Thomas & Reid

Scarpinato, Jordan, Joshua, and Jake Eslinger.

A celebration of his life will be held at Toale Brothers Funeral Home on Orange Ave in Sarasota on Saturday March 26 at 6:00, with a visitation starting at 5:00.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations to Tidewell Hospice, the American Cancer Society, and "Take a Kid Fishing".