



Thomas Calvin "Thom" Suddarth

May 9, 1937 - February 25, 2016

Thom peacefully crossed over late on February 25th. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, B. Joan; his children Tim Suddarth of Round Rock, TX; Greg Dieker of Parker, CO; Cyndi Mumm (Howard) of Parker, CO and grandchildren Carlyn Mumm of Dallas, TX and Dylan Mumm (Alexa) of Aurora, CO.

Thom spent most of his life in Topeka, KS and moved to Sarasota with Joan in 1995. He always expressed that his career on the railroad was his passion and favorite. He had quite a varied career. In the mid 50's and 60's he worked for the Rock Island Railroad as a locomotive fireman and engineer; spent 8 years as a real estate broker, serving as president of two firms and a member of the Topeka Board of Realtors. The next 20 years was with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Marketing, as an Account Executive over Professional Services for the State of Kansas. Thom advanced to the Legal Departments Ad Valorem Tax Manager for the State, and concurrently served as President of the Kansas Association of Tax Representatives. After accepting an early retirement package in 1991, Thom joined Telecommunications Research Associates as Director of Global Accounts in 1992, retiring in 2010. Fixing things was a tinkering hobby, even when there were extra parts left over. He was his wife's most avid supporter of and with her various community positions.

Services will be held at St. Thomas More Church on Saturday, March 5th at 10:00 AM. Donations may be made in Thom's honor to Artist Series Concerts FRIENDS, 1226 North Tamiami Trail, Suite 300, Sarasota, FL 34236 or Saint Thomas More Church Garden.