



## Thomas (Tom) F. Flynn

December 17, 1948 - February 13, 2024

Thomas (Tom) F. Flynn of Sarasota, Florida shuffled off this mortal coil and stood before the Judge for the last time on February 13th, 2024. He was surrounded by his loving wife of 42 years, Patricia Flynn (Patty), and his three children.

Elizabeth Gavin gave birth to Tom in Manhattan, NY on December 17th, 1948, who then placed him up for adoption. In 1949, he was adopted by two beautiful loving parents, Tom and Mary Flynn of Long Island, NY. In every sense, they were his parents. They predeceased him.

Tom was a 1971 graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and a 1976 graduate of the Law School of Washington University in St. Louis. He spent the bulk of his career defending indigent people who were charged with crimes. He did this first as a State Public Defender and then, for the sixteen years preceding his retirement, as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the United States District Court, both in the city of St. Louis, Missouri.

Tom and Patty moved to Florida in 2012, first to Punta Gorda, and then to Sarasota in 2018. He was an avid reader and loved nothing more than a good book and a great glass of wine! He was also a longtime fan of the Grateful Dead, having first seen them in 1970, and attended many of their concerts throughout his life. At his request, he prefers a burial at sea and believes no

memorial service is necessary. If you are so inclined, smoke a joint and listen to the Grateful Dead play "Ripple".

He is survived by his wife, Patricia (Nestor) Flynn and his three children: Abigail Baratta of New York City, NY (Joseph Baratta, husband), Daniel Flynn of Arlington, VA (Rosalind Nguyen, partner), stepson Nestor Wheelock of Puerto Morelos, Quintana Roo, Mexico (Mario Alberto Reyes, husband), three beloved grandchildren (Nicholas, Luca, and Natalie Baratta of New York City, NY), and his sister, Susan Wakefield, of Arnold, MD.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be given to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.