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# Thomas Crist

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Madrid - Thomas "Tommy" Crist, 77, passed away on April 24, 2014, in Fairfax, Virginia, under the loving care of his family, Hospice, and the staff at Sunrise Assisted Living. Friends and family are invited to call on Friday, May 9, 2014, from 12:00 to 1:00 pm at Phillips Memorial Home in Madrid. At 1:30 pm, a funeral service will be held with Pastor Helen Beck at Evergreen Cemetery in Canton. A previous service was also held on April 30, 2014, at Murphy's Funeral Home in Falls Church, Virginia.

Tommy was the beloved husband of Eleanor Randall Crist, devoted father and step-father of Duval (Jeri) Crist, Colleen (Danny) Mahlmann, Lynn Gurley, and Chris Gurley; and treasured grandfather of Erica Crist, Olivia and Ariel Mahlmann, and Jared Hopkins. He is also survived by his sisters, Teresa (Jim) Hartman, Arlene (Dave) Schmidt, and Noel (Dino) Machi; aunt, Ruth Crist; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Tommy was born on December 23, 1936, in Washington, DC, to the late Duval and Ariel Crist. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War on the USS Leyte (CV-32) and was a member of the Madrid and Ashburn, Virginia, Chapters of the American Legion. After leaving the Navy, Tommy worked for the National Imagery and Mapping Agency with Department of Defense until his retirement. Tommy was also a member of the Kena Shriners and an avid country music fan, having played guitar and fiddle in country bands for many years. It was playing music that brought Tommy and Eleanor, originally from Canton, together in 1975. They were later married on January 5, 1980, in Fairfax, Virginia. It was a second marriage for both, the one that endured, and Tommy relished the time he and Eleanor spent in the "North Country" visiting and playing music with his extended family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tommy's memory to the National Parkinson Foundation. Arrangements are under the care of the Phillips Memorial Home, Madrid. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.phillipsmemorial.com](http://www.phillipsmemorial.com)

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