



## Thomas Farrell

November 10, 1935 - February 4, 2017

Thomas G. Farrell, 81, of Springfield passed away Saturday, February 4, 2017 in Springfield. Thomas was born November 10, 1935 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Lewis J. and Olive M. Farrell Jr.

Thomas graduated from the University of North Carolina with a B.A. in English and was commissioned in the United States Air Force upon completion of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He received a subsequent B.S. degree in Aeromechanical Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and a M.S. in Research and Development Systems Management from the University of Southern California. A Professional Engineer, Thomas served in the U.S.A.F. for 21 years, managing numerous weapon system development projects. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. After his military service, Thomas went on to manage several aerospace engineering firms before starting his own business. He remained an entrepreneur until the day he died.

Thomas had a great sense of humor and enjoyed swimming and gardening. A lifelong learner, he enjoyed many hobbies over the years, including drawing and painting, wine making, beekeeping, banjo playing, sailing, shortwave radio, and civilian aviation. He was studying Computer Aided Design (CAD) programs in his last days. Always optimistic about the future, he saw, learned, and experienced the rapid technological advances of his day.

Shayla, his wife of 43 years, preceded him in death. Thomas is survived by his two sons, Thomas G. Farrell Jr of Frederick, Maryland and David R. Farrell

of Springfield, and a brother, Edward J. Farrell. Memorial service will be conducted 7:00 pm Friday, February 10, 2017 in Adkins Funeral Home in Enon, Ohio with a visitation held one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. [www.adkinsfunerals.com](http://www.adkinsfunerals.com)

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you send donations to Boys Town at [www.boystown.org/gift](http://www.boystown.org/gift), the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Foundation at [www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org), or the scholarship fund of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Funeral Home  
7055 Dayton Road  
Enon, OH 45323  
(937) 864-2288

## Memorial Service

FEB 10. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Farrell



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**Adkins Funeral Home** - February 09, 2017 at 04:48 PM

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“ Tom often had TDY assignments and during his early pursuit of a personal winery in his basement. During one TDY he learned from Shayla by phone that one or more of his kegs had exploded, covering most of the basement with a surgery syrup. Shayla, Tom said was more than a little pieved, thinking that she would be saddled with a major cleanup. Tom told me that when he returned home, he threw his hat through the door, hoping it would deflect the worst of Shayla' wrath 🤔

While still living in San Antonio, Tom rescued me while I was teaching high school trig. He arrived at the school with film and stories geared to show students how trig was being applied in the Air Force. Unfortunately, after several filmed bombing runs, the noise attracted the attention of faculty and administrators, fearing the worst. 😞

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**Robert McAvoy** - February 17, 2017 at 07:57 PM

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“ I did not know Mr. Farrell except through business, but I want to send my sincere condolences to his family. I was so terribly sorry to hear of his passing.

Glenda Campbell  
Wichita State University  
Cad/Cam Laboratory  
Wichita, KS



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**Glenda Campbell** - February 16, 2017 at 11:33 AM

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“ I was very sorry to hear the news of his passing. Loren thought a great deal of him For his kindness to him. Hop spoke highly of him and his work. The family is in my prayers.

Pat Smith  
(Hops Mom)



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**Patricia Smith** - February 11, 2017 at 06:50 PM

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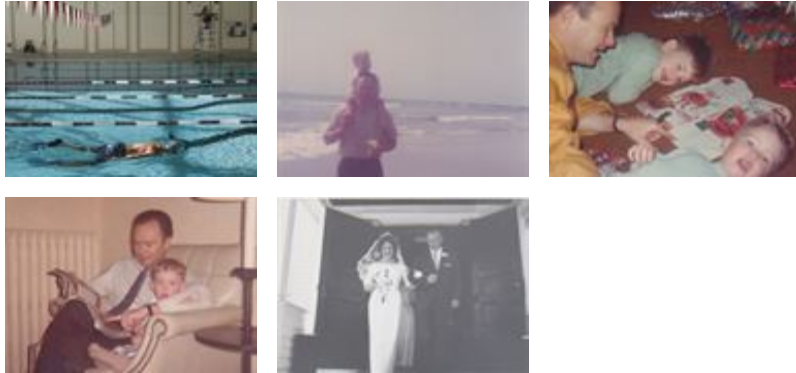
“ I am very sorry at the loss of your father. I remember him fondly, he was so personable, kind and warm hearted. Your father was a good man, helping my brother through his struggles...a kindness that has never been forgotten. Again, my condolences for your loss. Helena (Huffman) Chapp, Tucson Arizona

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**Helena Chapp** - February 10, 2017 at 04:08 PM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Adkins Funeral Home** - February 09, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Tom's sons, Thomas and David and to his brother, Edward.*

*May almighty God, have mercy on his soul, forgive him his sins and bring him to life everlasting.*

*Deacon John and Leanna Farrell*

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**John & Leanna Farrell** - February 09, 2017 at 07:40 AM