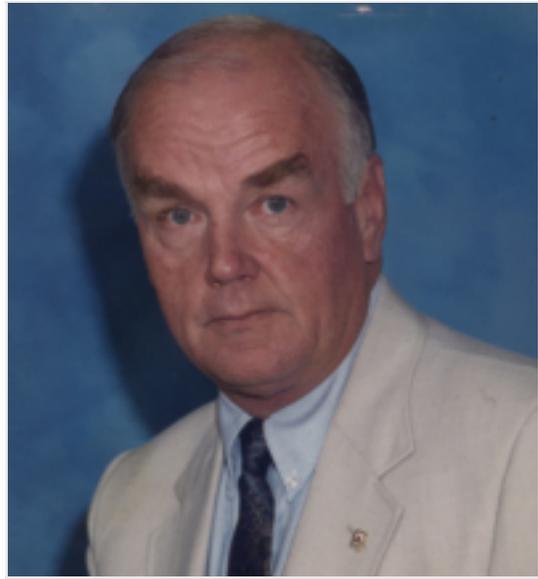


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Thomas Timothy Nyhan

Thomas Timothy Nyhan – Tommy, a retired San Francisco Fire Captain, peacefully left us at home on December 16, 2013.

Tom was born in San Francisco on November 14, 1938 to the late Leo and Marian "Mema" Nyhan.

Tom was the loving husband of Corinne (Thiebaut) Nyhan, father of Kimberlee (David) Reilly, Patrick (Erin) Nyhan and the late Timothy Nyhan, step-father to Mandy (Bobby) Sherer and Christine (Jeff) Lardent; Tom also leaves his twin brother Dick (Anne); Tom was brother to the late Marianne Lempres (Dan) and the late Bill Nyhan. Tom was the brother-in-law to Judy and John McGourty. He was grandfather to ten and great grand-father to one, uncle, great uncle and cousin to many in the Bay Area, Kilvane and Dublin. Tom was the keeper of the family tree.

Tom was educated primarily in San Francisco, graduating from Lowell High School in 1956 (Centennial Class). He completed his Bachelors and Masters Degrees at San Francisco State University. Tom followed his father and twin brother into the San Francisco Fire Department. He worked as an Inspector, Investigator, Lieutenant, and Captain in the Fire Prevention and Inspection Bureau. Upon his retirement he used his educational and fire background to become an expert and lecturer on fire safety. Tom taught at Stanford University, MIT and USMA. Tom used humor and his dog, Lilly (who could stop, drop and roll on command) to make serious points about fire safety. Tom

was well known in the corporate world as a public fire and earthquake teacher. His safety program was principally a standup comedy act with items coming out of a large suitcase to demonstrate hazards and reactions to an earthquake. He lectured before thousands of San Franciscans from all backgrounds and all age groups. He loved to reminisce about conducting a class in Chinatown where he was introduced to a 101 year old woman and not one hour later he was sitting on a rug at a pre-school with a group of three year olds; he always said that this was one of his best days.

In retirement Tom continued to consult with High Rise Properties in the Bay Area for the Bank of America and he also turned his efforts toward public service. He served as a Commissioner for Burlingame Parks and Recreation. He was a volunteer Track Coach at Burlingame High School for ten years. At Burlingame he coached a lot of great young men and women, Cami, Noelle, Lindsay, Matt and Barry, who he kept in contact with over the years.

In 2000, when Tom and Corinne moved to Santa Rosa, he jumped right in to coaching shot put and discus, initially at Maria Carrillo High School where Jean and Kevin were his stars, and then at Santa Rosa High School. For the past several years Tom volunteered with the Maria Carrillo football team. Tom said that his days with Carrillo football got him out of the house, was great therapy and the boys kept him young at heart. Thanks Jay.

The family would like to thank Kaiser Oncology department, specifically Dr. Jeffrey Ye, M.D. and the wonderful nurses in the Chemo Infusion Center.

Services will include a viewing at Daniels Chapel of the Roses, 1225 Sonoma Avenue, Santa Rosa, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday December 22nd with a Rosary at 4:00 p.m. A mass will be held at St. Robert's Catholic Church, 1380 Crystal Springs Road, San Bruno at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 23rd. Anyone wishing to make a donation in lieu of flowers may be made to the San Francisco Fire Department Toy Detail.

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