



Dr. Thomas Rutter O'Rourke

March 20, 1934 - October 28, 2017

Thomas Rutter O'Rourke, M.D. was born March 20, 1934 and died October 28, 2017. The son of Thomas R. O'Rourke, M.D. Professor of Otolaryngology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and the former Billie Pine of Princeton, West Virginia. As a child he moved from Northwood to Greenwood Road in Towson where he lived until he was married. His home was considered country as Greenwood Road was unpaved and did not meet Joppa Road yet. He had a horse and his job was to water and feed the chickens. He moved to Blakehurst 4 years ago after living in Homeland for 43 years on St. Albans Way. Oddly, Blakehurst is one half a block from his childhood home on Greenwood Rd.

Graduate of the Calvert School, the Gilman School, the University of Maryland, College Park and University of Maryland School of Medicine. At College Park, he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and the "M Club." He was the football manager under coach Tatum and went with the team to the Orange Bowl. After graduation his Internship was at the Washington Hospital Center and his Residency in Ophthalmology at the old Baltimore Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital. Awarded Rotating Heed Fellowship in Ophthalmology at the Washington Hospital Center, the Johns Hopkins Hospital and the University of Iowa.

Married the former Maria Digges of Bradshaw in 1963 in his last year of Medical School. He went into solo practice in ophthalmology with offices in the Mt Vernon area and in Dundalk, seeing many patients there from Bethlehem Steel and General Motors. A very kind and gentle man, he loved his profession and had privileges at Maryland General, Mercy, Good Samaritan, Kernans and Franklin Square Hospitals.

He had many outside interests he enjoyed -watching his grandsons play football and lacrosse at Christchurch School in Virginia and at the Boys' Latin School, teaching them golf, swimming, shooting skeet, surf casting and deep sea fishing. He loved to hunt with friends for waterfowl of the Eastern Shore, pheasant in South Dakota, caribou in Northern Canada and perdiz in Argentina. He received a citation from the State of Virginia for a rock catch. Golf was a great love and playing with his friends a great joy, especially when he

had a hole in one! He enjoyed his real estate interests and found laughter in puns and corny jokes.

He had memberships in the Baltimore Country Club since boyhood, the Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach, Va., the Wednesday Club and the L'Hirondelle Wednesday Club and the Loch Raven Skeet Club.

Survived by his wife, his daughter Maria O'Malley, son in law Niall O'Malley and grandsons Hunter and Xander O'Malley. A son, Thomas died in infancy.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church
200 Ware Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Tribute Wall

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“ Dr O'Rourk was one of the kindest men of my dads generation or any generation for that matter. Always greeting me with “Howdy!Howdy!” and a giant smile. He was courteous kind and a true believer in giving back to the community! He was also our next door neighbor growing up in Baltimore and a true friend to our entire family. He like all the great ones from my dad”s generation will be sorely missed ! May the road rise to meet you and the wind always be at your back on the way to your next journey in heaven. God Bless you Dr Orourk!

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