

Thomas Andrew Massie, age 79, passed away on June 30, 2020 in San Antonio, Texas due to complications related to COVID-19. He was born June 25, 1941 in Columbus, Ohio to Ralph and Florence Massie. He had an older brother, John and a younger sister, Donna. He is survived by his wife Isabel Rosales Massie and her daughters Ruth Cape and Raquel Coy. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Maria del Carmen Massie. Tom and Carmen had four children: Michael Massie and his wife Cristina, Robert Massie and his wife Melissa, Jennifer Massie-Gore and her husband Kurt, and Joseph Massie and his fiancée Stephanie Brooks. Tom has three grandchildren: Krystal Massie, Jocelyn Massie, and Anamaria Massie; eight step-grandchildren: Charles Cape, Michael Cape, Danielle Cape, Jacob Coy, Alejandra Coy, Isaac Coy, Alan Hernandez, and Erica Martinez; and nine step-great grandchildren. He was interred at Fort Sam Houston on July 8, 2020.

Education and career were always very important to Tom. He earned a Bachelor in Industrial Engineering from San Jose State University and a Master of Business Administration from Golden Gate University. He was also a registered professional engineer. Tom was a lecturer at various San Antonio community colleges and at the University of the Incarnate Word and he was an economics professor at Webster University. For most of Tom's professional career, he proudly built aircraft. Tom was a maintenance officer in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. Afterwards, he worked for the Civil Service in Germany. When he returned to the U.S., Tom worked for numerous aviation companies including Dee Howard, Sino-Swearingen, Bell, Vought, Sikorsky, Boeing, and Lockheed-Martin.

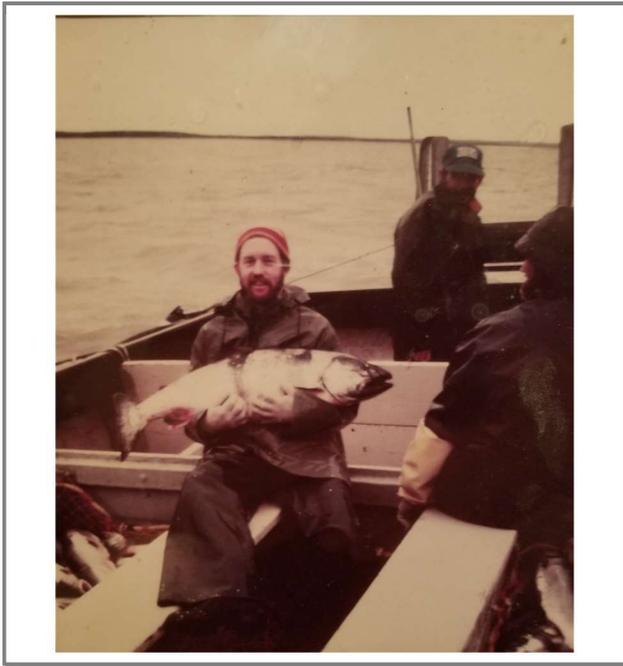
Tom was deeply loved. He had an energy that could not be ignored and made an impression on everyone he met. Tom loved God, country, family, and the Dallas Cowboys. His wife was grateful to share everyday with him working together at El Mercado and considers Tom to be a blessing. He made her the happiest woman in the world. Tom was unique and had numerous memorable traits. Of his many attributes, Tom was dedicated to his family, encouraging, adventurous, and frugal.



Dedicated to family. He was always there for his children and always loved us. Everything he did for us, he was all-in on. I knew when I had JROTC events he was there. Local band concerts he was there. We even drove across the country with him on a 4-5 day tour from Seattle, Washington to Charleston, South Carolina for a job. When there were track meets, CYO events, football games, family events, even for the ones he did not want to attend, he was always there. We are all grown and he was still available for someone to speak to for advice. He always loved his first wife Carmen Massie and was devoted to her until the end of her life. We could have lost him at that time from heartbreak, until he found his new wife Isabel. She made him happy and was completely devoted to him until the end of his life. It saddens me greatly to know how he passed, because I do feel like he was stolen from us, but we can be happy that he no longer has to endure the pain of the world that was once around him. It takes courage and acceptance to move on to the next plane of existence. A father, grandfather, husband, God fearing, professional engineer, Air Force captain, JROTC president, cruise buddy, Dallas Cowboy fan, funny, dedicated, giving, loving, honoring, only just a few words that describe our Dad. I'm gonna miss you Dad, until we meet again. -Joe

Encouraging. Dad always had words of advice. When I was younger, I did not want to hear it. As I got older, I began to realize that he was just trying to help me. Thanks for all of the advice. He accepted my wife into our family and made my daughters feel loved. I don't have the words to convey what he meant to myself and my family. All I can say is, "thanks Dad." -Michael

Adventurous. Tom enjoyed traveling, exploring new places, and meeting people. He spent two seasons fishing for salmon in Alaska. Tom lived in Europe for three years and traveled the continent extensively with his family. He traveled to India to visit the priests that he supported during their seminary school. Tom lived all over America working as a contractor, from Washington State to Connecticut and everywhere in between. He visited Hawaii, Mexico, and thoroughly travelled the western and eastern Caribbean on numerous cruises. Tom lived an intrepid and bold life, realizing most of his goals and dreams. His only unfulfilled adventure was bear hunting in Alaska with a large caliber rifle. However, not fulfilling this adventure was welcomed news for the bears of Alaska. He lived life to the fullest and taught me how to be brave through his example. I'll always love you Dad. -Jenny



Frugal. My dad was frugal. Of course, he had to be with having four kids and maintaining a standard of living that kept everyone happy. His frugality provided the opportunity to learn how to do things that others would pay for such as rebuilding engines, masonry work, building things out of wood, concrete, asphalt, and other automotive work. Instead of paying someone to change the oil, we did it. Instead of paying someone to fix the brakes, we did it. The phrase, "hold the light here. It is for me to be able to see. Not you!" was often heard every other Saturday while working on the cars. But he always explained what and how the work was done. Mostly step by step and why each step was important. I am asked currently and many times how I know about doing automotive work, carpentry, masonry, and other types of work. It is specifically due to these lessons. Also, knowing that a little extra effort can save you a lot with providing a handmade product that will last. Building and fixing is always fun now.

Frugality sometimes taught unintentional lessons like on my 21st birthday trip to Las Vegas. Always buy fresh and not the cheapest shrimp. There can be consequences. There were many lessons that can be culminated in the statement he would tell me. "When I was 18, I thought my old man was the dumbest person around. When I turned 22, I was surprised on how much the old man learned in such a short period of time." Well, I'm still learning. Love ya' dad! – Bobby