## **Thomas Howard Obituary**

MOUNT VERNON - Mt. Vernon- Thomas "Tom" Howard age 76, passed away at his home in Mt. Vernon, WA on April 30, 2024 after a courageous seven year battle with cancer. He was born May 19, 1947, in San Francisco to Marie G. Howard and Thomas Howard.

Tom is survived by wife, Molly; his children, Paula, Michael (Stephanie), and Patricia (Chris); brother Jim Howard; sister-in-law Barbara Davis; aunt Terri Inge; cousin Christine Valentine; ten grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Howard, mother, Marie G. Rowan, stepfather, Burt Davis, and brother Kyle Davis.

Tom spent most of his childhood living in Bellingham, WA, with his brothers Jim Howard and Kyle Davis. He graduated from Bellingham High School in 1965 and attended the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, graduating as a comissioned officer in 1970.

Tom married Molly in 1974 at Immaculate Conception Church in Mt. Vernon, WA. After 10 years of military service, Tom attended Western Washington University and graduated with his MBA in 1982. Tom spent the remainder of his career working in accounting and finance.

His passions included fishing, spending time with his family, and watching baseball. Tom's life was greatly defined by his love and devotion to his wife, the singular love of his life.

Before and during retirement, Tom dedicated himself to serving the Lord through Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. He actively served as an elder, deacon, clerk of session, and financial sectretary amongst many other leadership roles.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 11 at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon, WA at 1:00pm. The service will be officiated by Pastor Dan Holland.

In lieu of flowers, the family would encourage friends and loved ones to make donations to Hospice of the Northwest.