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Thomas J. "Mac" McIntosh
January 19, 1930 - August 16, 2021

Resident of Moraga, CA

Thomas J. "Mac" McIntosh died peacefully at his daughter's house in Moraga on August 16, 2021. Tom was born in San Gabriel, California, the youngest of 12 children, six brothers and five sisters. He described his childhood until the age of 15 as "Tom Sawyer-like": overalls and a straw hat, crawdads, swimming holes, and floating down the Rio Hondo River on homemade rafts.

But when he was 15, his mother was tragically killed in an automobile accident, and his father died about a year later from injuries and grief. He lived with his eldest brother and then with his eldest sister and worked at the Shopping Bag grocery store to make ends meet. He graduated from Mark Kepple High School in Alhambra, California.

He was married to his high school sweetheart, Esther Malone, for 43 years, until she passed in 1994. Tom and Esther had three children: Fred McIntosh, Bruce McIntosh, and Julie Sodestrom née McIntosh.

In 1996, he married the former Marise Bensinger. They were married for 25 years, until Marise passed on January 2, 2021.

Upon graduation from high school, Tom attended Pasadena City College. With the Korean Conflict heating up in 1950, Tom joined the National Guard. After his artillery unit was called to active-duty, Tom was sent to Officer Candidacy School at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Upon his commissioning as a second lieutenant, he served a year in Korea as a forward observer for an artillery unit. He remained in the National Guard after his service in Korea and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He attended Chico State University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in business with an emphasis in accounting. He earned his Certified Public Accountant credential and took a job with Coopers & Lybrand, then the oldest and third largest accountancy in the nation. Not satisfied with accounting, at 33 years old with a wife and three kids, Tom became a full-time law student at University of California, Hastings College of the Law, in San Francisco, graduating and passing the California Bar in 1966.

He joined the Albany, California, law firm Foley Saler & Doust, which was eventually renamed Foley McIntosh & Foley, where he practiced law until he retired in 2012.

In 1974, Mac assumed the role of scoutmaster of Moraga Boy Scout Troop 212, a post he held for over 30 years, and during which time he mentored more than 1,000 scouts, including over 400 Eagle Scouts. Troop 212, still thriving with over 60 scouts, celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2021. Mac was awarded the BSA Silver Beaver Award by the BSA Mt. Diablo Silverado Council.

He accepted Christ at 15 and was a long-time member of Bethany Bible Church in Alhambra, CA, where he met his first wife, Esther; Bethel Temple Church in San Francisco, where he served as church

treasurer; and Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church in Moraga, where he held various key leadership roles, including ruling elder.

In 1995, Mac was named Moraga Citizen of the Year. He was also awarded the God & Service Award by the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters, and in 2008 received the BSA Mt. Diablo Silverado Council Distinguished Citizen Award.

Mac served on several foundation boards, including the MVPC Foundation, which supports Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, The Camp Timberwolf Foundation, which is located in the Plumas National Forest and supports a camp facility for scout, church, or other youth organizations, and for more than 25 years served as president of the Noll Foundation, a private foundation that provides support for programs serving children.

Mac enjoyed camping, houseboating with his family, and travels to visit extended family.

Mac is survived, and dearly missed, by his three children and their spouses, two stepchildren, 11 grandchildren, five great grand-children, and over 400 Eagle Scouts.

The family held a private interment ceremony at Oakmont Memorial Park in Lafayette on August 21, 2021.

A public Celebration of Life service will be held on September 18, 2021, at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a memorial gift to the "Camp Timberwolf Foundation" c/o Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, 10 Moraga Valley Ln, Moraga, CA 94556.

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