



## Thomas J. Hannigan

December 18, 2022

Thomas Joseph Hannigan Jr, 95, of West Hartford passed away peacefully on Sunday December 18th, 2022. Born on March 2, 1927 in New Haven, CT, he was the son of the late Thomas and Mabel (Lynch) Hannigan. With his parents' permission, he enlisted in the US Marines at 17, rather than wait to be drafted at 18. The war ended before he deployed overseas and he was honorably discharged a year later.

He graduated from the University of Connecticut with a BS Mechanical Engineering in 1952 and married Rita Marie Saunders May 2nd, 1953. They were married for over 65 years until her passing in 2019.

Tom and Rita spent many years overseas, first in Guam and then in the Panama Canal Zone where they lived for 26 years and raised their six children. They returned to Connecticut in 1988 to enjoy their retirement and spend time with their cherished grandchildren. He is survived by his children: James Hannigan (Judy) of Mt. Vernon, WA, Doris Hannigan (Michael Penda) of Tolland, CT, Thomas Hannigan III, of Auburn, WA, Dennis Hannigan (Karen) of Farmington, CT, David Hannigan of Tequesta, FL, and Brian Hannigan (Wendy) of Southington, CT. He also leaves behind 11 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

He is also survived by his sister Sr Melanie Hannigan, O.P. A private burial with military honors was held on December 30, 2022. The family would like to thank the staff at Hughes Health and Rehabilitation and Masonicare Hospice for their loving care and kindness. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made

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