



## Thomas C. Strohmenger

January 20, 2024

Thomas C. Strohmenger, 77, of Bloomfield, passed away at UCONN Health Center in Farmington on Saturday, January 20th surrounded by his wife and two children. He was born on January 17, 1947 in Greenpoint, New York the only child of the late Charles and Frances (Burke) Strohmenger. Tom was a devoted husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather. Tom leaves behind his loving wife, Kathryn (Williams) Strohmenger of Bloomfield, his two children Heather Bushnell of West Hartford, and his son Jason Vaitukaitis and his wife, Lynsi Vaitukaitis of Wilton. He also leaves behind his four adoring and loving grandchildren, Matthew Bushnell and Ryan Bushnell of West Hartford and Zoe Vaitukaitis and Jamie Vaitukaitis of Wilton. Both his children and grandchildren were the pride and joy of his life. He instilled in them the values of hard work, kindness and perseverance. He also leaves behind his sister-in-law, Sandra Williams and her wife Emily Poriss, brothers-in-law Cliff Williams and his wife Joan, Fred and his wife Helen, and Steven Williams. He leaves a niece Margot Duzak, and nephews Eric Williams, Mitchell Williams, Sean Williams and Tyler Williams. Tom graduated from Fordham University with a BA, then St. John's University School of Law for his Juris Doctor and finally New York University of Law for his Masters of Law (LLM). He was licensed to practice law in New York, Connecticut, and Florida. He came to Connecticut to work at the Aetna as an Assistant Vice President in Government Affairs. He worked over 30 years in the Law Department. His last position held was Head of State and Federal Government Relations and Public Policy and Chief Compliance

Officer. After retiring from the Aetna, he worked a short time at the law firm of Bingham McCutchen in Hartford. Tom loved spending time in Becket, MA with his family at their cottage on the lake, enjoying campfires, croquet, badminton, fishing, boating, playing in the water with the grandchildren and pitching a million times over and over wiffle balls to his grandsons. He never tired of this. Tom made his homemade pizzas and sticky buns on weekends for family and friends. He was a well read, intelligent and very generous man. There was never a game of trivia in which he didn't come out on the winning side of. His generous spirit would manifest itself in his volunteer activities. In New York he served 9 years as the Head of District 12's School Board in Brooklyn, NY. In CT he served on the Board of the 4H Auerbach Farm in Bloomfield and did pro bono legal work for the elderly (a program started by Aetna). The family would like to give heartfelt thanks to Vicky, Tom's private aide. The love she had for him showed the impeccable care that she gave to him. She was dedicated in her position to make him as happy and comfortable as possible. She was Tom's angel as well as ours. The family will hold a memorial service in the late Spring. Should you wish, donations in Tom's memory may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation ([www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org)) Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ I only knew Tom for a short time, while we were together at The Gables. I was privileged to share breakfast with him for several months, as well as Team Trivia and other pursuits. We all grew to love Tom and appreciated his wit, intelligence and sense of humor. When he left, we were left with a hole in our hearts. We wish his family the best as they move forward without him.

*Jim Bixler*

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**Jim Bixler** - January 30, 2024 at 12:18 PM

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“ Tom was a man of character and integrity. More than knowing the law was his greatest attribute. His mentoring and leadership skills helped me to work with clients, state and federal regulators and industry trade associations. His advice and counsel were always sought and appreciated. As respected Tom was as a professional he was even more respected for his love of Kathy and family. My sympathy and condolences to his entire family. Please take care,  
*Paul Rapo*

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**Paul Rapo** - January 29, 2024 at 11:32 AM

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“ I loved working with Tom. He had a way with people and I learned so much from him. His sense of humor and irony was special. Mark and I are so saddened by his passing and we extend our sympathy to Kathy and the family on the loss of this special man.

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**Susan Schechter** - January 29, 2024 at 08:52 AM

JD

“ I didn't know Tom as well as I would have liked, but I knew him well enough to say that he was a tremendous guy, a gifted and accomplished lawyer, and as devoted a family man as you could ever imagine.

*My deepest condolences to Kathy, his kids and grandkids and the rest of Tom's family, and to his many friends and former co-workers.*

*R.I.P.*

*Jim Duzak*

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**Jim Duzak** - January 25, 2024 at 08:07 PM