

# CROSSED THE BAR

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## Thomas G. Austin



Thomas “Tommy” Gibson Austin, born in Houston, TX December 28, 1946, passed away November 9, 2022.

Tommy spent junior high school years attending Presbyterian Day School and Memphis University School before graduating high school from the Choate School, Wallingford, Conn. A member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, he received his bachelor’s degree from Southern Methodist University and Master of Business Administration from Thunderbird School of Global Management.

After serving as a franchise director and tennis doubles partner to the President at Holiday Inn, he meandered West, settling with his grad school roommate in San Francisco, where he pursued investment finance. There he met the love of his life and wife, Katherine Roulhac Garn. Residing in San Francisco and Lake Tahoe, NV until returning to Memphis in 2022, Tommy and Roulhac enjoyed a vibrant life together, with summers in Charlevoix, MI betting pennies on putts and laughing with friends. He remained an active golf member of The Olympic Club in San Francisco, a club champion squash player at The University Club SF, and enjoyed recreational sailing, snow skiing and all dogs.

A lifelong philanthropist, Tommy dedicated decades of his time and treasure to Enterprise for Youth whose mission serves to empower under-resourced San Francisco as well as being a founder of the junior caddy program where Enterprise partnered with The Olympic Club. Tom and Roulhac were active members of St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church in Cow Hollow, SF where Tommy delivered groceries or served in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Steadfast and true, Tommy was absolutely adored by his family, friends, and his dearest love Roulhac. Also affectionately known as The Fox, he lit up any room with a vibrant smile and hearty chuckle.

Tommy was predeceased by his father Donald Gynn Austin, his mother Elizabeth Gorham Pittman, and his brother Stewart Gorham Austin, Sr. He leaves his wife Roulhac Austin; brother Donald G. Austin, Jr.; sister-in-law Dede Austin; nephews Donald G. Austin III (Kelly) and Stewart G. Austin, Jr. (Ellen); niece Ellen Austin Smith (Donovan); as well as eight great-nieces and great-nephews and godchildren sprinkled across the country

Funeral will be held at St. John’s Episcopal Church on Thursday, November 17, at 2:00 p.m., with visitation at 1:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to the youth caddy program at Enterprise, [www.enterpriseforyouth.org/donate](http://www.enterpriseforyouth.org/donate), to the Evans Scholar Foundation, [www.wgaesf.org/content/memorials](http://www.wgaesf.org/content/memorials), or to the Belvedere Scholarship Fund, PO Box 218 Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Life is short. We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk with us. So be Quick to Love and make Haste to be Kind! In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.