

THOMAS F. HOUSTON

Thomas F. Houston died April 24, 2017 after a brief illness. He was born in Greenfield on January 2, 1944. Tom attended Amherst High School, where he graduated in 1962. After high school, he went on to serve in the US Marine Corps from 1962-1965 where he was made a Corporal. Tom received his Associate Degree from Stockbridge School of Agriculture in 1967. He went on to receive his Bachelor and Master degrees and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Tom taught Arboriculture and Urban Forestry at UMass for 32 years. He was a certified arborist and served as president of the New England Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture in the 1980s. Tom was also active in the Franklin County Sportsman Club where he served as president in 2012. Tom was an avid tennis player and enjoyed both salt and freshwater fishing.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 47 years, Diane, and their two Standard Poodles, Rowan and Jordan.

Tom's friends are invited to a gathering of remembrance on June 10 from 2:00-4:00 pm at Memorial Hall, UMass Amherst. There will be light refreshments and a cash bar.

Memorial register at www.douglassfuneral.com

Donations may be made in Tom's name to Bright Spot Therapy Dogs, PO Box 132, Leeds, MA 01053 or to Jackson Laboratories, 600 Main St, Bar Harbor, ME 04609.