



## Thomas Doyle

February 25, 1939 - October 3, 2016

Thomas Nolan Doyle, 77, of Altamont, New York

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Loving husband of Barbara Doyle, Tom died Thursday, October 27 at Albany Medical Center. He passed quietly, having been in the care of his wife and four children, Margaret, Elizabeth, Anna, and Thomas. In addition to his wife and children, Tom is survived by four brothers Paul, Robert, Jerome, and Brian and sisters, Margaret, Cathleen and Christine Doyle and six grandchildren.

Born in Albany on Feb. 25, 1939, Tom graduated from Cathedral Academy, Siena College, and received Masters degrees from SUNY Albany.

He and Barbara Ellen English married in 1967. The newlywed couple served in the Peace Corps in Panama from 1967 to 1969. Returning to Albany, they welcomed the birth of their first child in 1969 with three more children from 1970 to 1978. The family relocated to Altamont in 1978. Tom worked for the

IBEW and later for NYS Housing and Urban Development, retiring in 2000.

Tom will be dearly missed and long remembered for his intellect, humor, and compassion. He held a deep belief in service to others as a way to affect positive change in his community and around the world. In the 1980s, Tom was deeply involved with the sanctuary movement, assisting refugees from war-torn Central American countries. He supported his church in its effort to work for the poor in Haiti. Tom had a special affinity for Guatemala, frequently volunteering over the past 25 years with Habitat for Humanity, The Guatemala Stove Project, and the San Lucas Mission. For many years Tom spent his Saturdays at the Troy Farmer's Market selling fair trade coffee on behalf of the people of San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala.

Tom found refuge in the outdoors and nature, and loved to share its wonder with his six grandchildren, Sophia, Nico, Doyle, Faith, Oona, and Taj.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 5 in St. Lucy's Church, 109 Grand St., Altamont, NY. The family will receive visitors at 9:30 prior to 10:30 mass. Gathering for family and friends noon-3:00 PM at 37 Fields End Dr., Glenmont, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Friends of San Lucas Mission, <http://www.sanlucasmision.org> or Wildwood Foundation, <https://www.wildwood.edu>.