

Thomas Ridenour – January 13, 2024

Thomas Allen Ridenour, age 80, passed away January 13, 2024, surrounded by family after a battle with prostate cancer.

Born June 3, 1943, in Hicksville, OH to Carl and Eva Ridenour. He grew up in a farming family and was the oldest of four siblings.

He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1961 where he excelled in academics along with playing football, baseball, and basketball. After graduation he moved to West Point, NY where he attended the distinguished US Military Academy, West Point, 1961 – 1965. After graduating, he entered the US Air Force with his first assignment in Colorado Springs in 1965. Shortly thereafter he met the love of his life, Peggy Wyse.

Tom and Peggy married August 6, 1967, in Canon City, CO. The newlyweds lived in Tachikawa, Japan 1968 – 1971, where their daughter Pam was born in 1969. After his assignment ended in 1971, they returned to Colorado Springs where he was discharged from the Air Force as a Captain. Shortly after, he started work for the Civil Service. He worked in a variety of positions over his 26-year career, and retired from US Army Space Command on January 3, 1997, as a GS 12 Management Analyst.

Throughout the years, Tom enjoyed coaching, golfing, fishing, photography, Colorado Rockies baseball, traveling, and attending his grandkids events. He was a generous man who found it important to support a variety of charities.

Tom is survived by his wife, Peggy Ridenour of Colorado Springs, CO; daughter, Pam (Ned) Lehman of Parker, CO; son, Daryn (Rachael) Ridenour of Poncha Springs, CO; siblings: Sandy (Michael) Miller of Columbus, OH and David (Cindy) Ridenour of Santa Maria, CA. He was the proud papa of 6 grandchildren: Taylor Lowe, Cole (Nicole) Lehman, Alex (Eric) Siemens, Carly Lehman, Emma Lehman, and Charlie Ruderman-Pratt; and his favorite dog, Sadie.

He was predeceased by his parents; and sister, Sally Hendryx.

The Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, January 27, 2024, at 10:00 am at Shrine of Remembrance Funeral Home “America the Beautiful” Chapel, 1730 East Fountain Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80910 with a reception to follow.

