



Thomas Conard

July 5, 1938 - July 31, 2012

THOMAS “TOM” M. CONARD, JR., 74, of Port Charlotte, Florida died Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at Charlotte Harbor Healthcare, Port Charlotte.

Tom was born July 5, 1938 in Miami, Florida to the late Thomas M. and Mildred Conard and moved to Port Charlotte in 1978 from Miami. He was a graduate of Miami Senior High and Furman University in Greenville, SC. He was a retired General Contractor and Real Estate broker. Sports were a big part of Tom’s life. He was a member of an exceptional Miami Senior High basketball team that won 3 straight State Championships from 1954-56 and he was recently inducted into the Miami High Hall of Fame, a great honor to him. He went on to play basketball at Furman University where he also honed his fast pitch softball skills during the offseason. This led him to pitch for the famous Clearwater Bombers for several years. His involvement in these different teams led to many long lasting friendships, and countless hours of storytelling. He married his “Southern Belle” college sweetheart, Margo, and had 3 boys. They settled in his hometown of Miami before moving permanently to Port Charlotte.

He became a General Contractor and built homes for Oriole Homes, and then went into business for himself with Kingsway Construction. He loved to support Charlotte High athletics and his sons in their aviation and athletic pursuits, and became very close with many of their great friends. He was a fabulous “Pops” to all of his grandchildren and daughters-in-laws. **He had dedicated the last two years to the care of his wife Margo, a stroke survivor.** His steadfast insistence of seeing her several times a day, despite his failing health, was a genuine testimony to their 50 year love affair. He will be missed.

Survived by his loving family, his wife of 50 years, Margaret Carter Conard of Port Charlotte; three sons, Thomas M. (Susan) Conard, III of Weldon Spring, MO; Christopher P. (Diana) Conard of Pompano Beach, FL; and Matthew T. (Erika) Conard (Erika) of St. Joseph, MO; two sisters, Betty Parker of DeLeon Spring, FL and Dorothy Conard of Wyoming; and 7 grandchildren, Caroline, MacKinzie, Tommy, Madisun, Max, Ali, and Mia.

Funeral services will be held Friday 2:00 PM, August 3, 2012 at Roberson Funeral Home-Punta Gorda Chapel. Rev. Brian James will officiate. Interment will follow at Indian Spring Cemetery, Punta Gorda, Florida

Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity. Friends may visit online at www.robersonfh.com to sign the memory book and extend condolences to the family. Arrangements are by Roberson Funeral Home Punta Gorda Chapel.