

Half Staff – Thomas Coder

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Gloucester – Thomas H. Coder, 83, of Gloucester, husband of Estelle “Sandy” (Samuels) Coder, passed away Friday, May 22, at his home following a lengthy illness. Born in Brockway, Pa., son of the late Ernest and Octavia (Yale) Coder. Thomas was a graduate of Brockway High School, class of 1954. Following graduation, he joined the United States Air Force and was stationed in Alaska. While at Brandy Camp in Pa. in 1959 he worked as a coal miner. Thomas was a graduate of Penn State University earning a degree in Accounting and worked for U.S. General Accounting Office from 1965-1991. Upon retirement, he worked as a Certified Public Accountant in Massachusetts.

Tom was a member of Bass Rocks Golf Club and a lifelong member of Brier Neck Association. He loved being on his boat and taking friends and family fishing, whale watching, schooner races, Gloucester’s parade of lights and fireworks displays in Gloucester harbor. Tom also fished for giant blue fin tuna and was lucky to have caught fish with both his son’s. He was loved and respected by his family and many friends and associates. We will miss the twinkle in his eye.

He is survived by his loving wife, Estelle “Sandy” Samuels-Coder; his son, Thomas Paul Coder; grandchildren, Brenton Hall, Ian Fraley, Rocco Joseph Manzi and his wife Savannah, Shane Neils, Nathan Coder and Paige Neils; two great-grandchildren, Natalie Coder, Jack Lee Fraley; a sister, Yvonne Brosky; a brother, Guy Eugene Coder. He was predeceased by his son, Eric Jason Coder; and daughters, Sharon Lee Fraley and Darcy Marie Neils.

In keeping with his wishes Tom’s ashes will be scattered at sea at a later date. Donations in his memory may be made to Massachusetts General Hospital Development Office, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114-1101. Arrangements by Greely Funeral Home, 212 Washington Street, Gloucester, MA 01930. For online guestbook, please visit www.greelyfuneralhome.com