



Tofie Mitchell Owen Jr.

November 11, 1937 - September 28, 2022

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, Col. Tofie M. Owen, USAF Ret. of Alexandria, VA, passed away at eighty-four while loved ones at his home comforted him.

Tofie was the eldest child of Tofie and Amelia Owen of Gulfport, MS. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame and a Master of Science in Research & Development Systems Management from the University of Southern California and was a distinguished graduate of the Naval War College. Tofie proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force for over twenty-two years as an Electronic Warfare Officer, completing over one hundred missions in Southeast Asia. He was Chief of the Systems Engineering Section at Robins Air Force Base and while serving at the Pentagon he was the Chief of the Defense Suppression Branch, and Chief of the Electronic Warfare Division at HQ USAF.

Upon his retirement from the Air Force in 1983, he founded a defense consulting firm, Tofie Owen & Associates, in Alexandria, VA. He was a member of the Association of Old Crows and served as President of the Washington DC Club. In addition, Tofie served as the Chairman of the Board National Defense Industrial Association, Board of Directors Washington Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association and President of the Nation's Capital Chapter of the Air Force Association. In

1991, Tofie joined Magnavox Electronic Systems Company as Corporate Vice President of Marketing in Fort Wayne, IN, and in 1996 became Senior Vice President of Corporate Development for SAIC before retiring to enjoy time with his family.

Tofie served on numerous nonprofit boards and supported the Special Olympics, Museum of Aviation Foundation, National Guard Youth Foundation, No Greater Sacrifice, and Good Shepherd Housing, among others.

A loyal fan of Notre Dame football, Tofie always rooted for the Fighting Irish. He enjoyed playing golf and cards with his family and friends, collecting coins, and traveling around the nation and abroad with his wife. He loved to relax at the lake and was an avid reader of spy novels. Tofie's faith was unwavering; he dedicated his time as an active parishioner to Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Tofie's greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren, who always brought a smile to his face and were a source of immense pride.

Tofie is survived by his wife of 60 years, Margaret; his children Mary Ann, Susan Virostek (Paul), David Owen (Mary), and John Owen (Mary); Grandchildren, PJ (Katie), Lauren, Katherine, Margaret, Mitchell, Madelyn, Megan, Caleb, Nathan, and Matthew. He is also survived by his sisters Shirley Owen and Carolyn Owen, his brother Joe Sam Owen(Sherry), and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Family and friends may gather at Jefferson Funeral Chapel on Friday, October 7, 2022 from 6-8PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place the following day, Saturday, October 8, 2022 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church starting at 2:30PM. A graveside service to honor Tofie's military service will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to National Guard Youth Foundation

(https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=8CAA6GRJBT7Y6) , St. Jude's Children's Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>) or Good Shepherd Housing.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 8. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
8710 Mount Vernon Highway
Alexandria, VA 22309
<https://www.gs-cc.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Tofie Mitchell Owen Jr.



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - October 07, 2022 at 11:55 AM

MO

I miss him so much!

Margaret Owen - June 20, 2025 at 07:25 PM



“ Tofie Mitchell Owen Jr.

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

PS

“ Susan
Your Dad was one of a kind. Always generous and the love he had for you all was evident in so many ways. I will always remember the fun times at the lake. May he rest in peace



Patricia Schuler - October 06, 2022 at 11:25 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Tofie Mitchell Owen Jr..*



October 05, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ *Tofie, RIP.*



Frank Titus - October 05, 2022 at 10:00 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Tofie Mitchell Owen Jr..*



October 04, 2022 at 10:54 PM



“ *EARL & MARYRUBY SELLIER purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tofie Mitchell Owen Jr..*



EARL & MARYRUBY SELLIER - October 04, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Tofie Mitchell Owen Jr..*



October 04, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Tofie Mitchell Owen Jr..*



October 04, 2022 at 08:11 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Tofie Mitchell Owen Jr..*



October 03, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Mrs. Doris Folen purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Tofie Mitchell Owen Jr..*



Mrs. Doris Folen - October 03, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tofie Mitchell Owen Jr..*



October 03, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Tofie Mitchell Owen Jr..*



October 03, 2022 at 02:00 PM



“ *I remember Tofie leading the Old Bold Pilot group after my father passed away. Tofie was a wonderful man with an iron spirit. Our deepest sympathies to family and friends. — Will Deatrick*



William Deatrick - October 03, 2022 at 12:58 PM



He loves it!!

Susan O Virostek - October 04, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Tofie Mitchell Owen Jr..*



October 02, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ *Josh and Amy Moore & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Tofie Mitchell Owen Jr..*



Josh and Amy Moore & Family - October 02, 2022 at 12:39 PM