



Thomas Hynes

October 28, 1943 - December 15, 2021

Thomas Hynes, 78, of Cape May, formerly of Staten Island, whose life was dedicated to service through military, government, nonprofit, volunteer and family capacities, died Wednesday of complications from a stroke.

Hynes was born on Staten Island, where he attended Curtis High School. He earned a bachelor's degree at Wagner College, and was a member of Delta Nu fraternity. He served in the American 1st Infantry Division of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and was stationed in Dĩ An from 1967-68.

Hynes earned his master's degree in business administration from Seton Hall University, and began working for the U.S. Department of Labor in 1971. He worked in the Office of Labor and Racketeering until 1996, when he retired. He then began working as a case manager at Lifestyles for the Disabled on Staten Island, supporting adults with learning disabilities as they transitioned into employment and residential settings and experiences. After 10 years at Lifestyles, he retired and moved full-time to Cape May.

In Cape May, Hynes was heavily involved in the Cape May Kiwanis Club, where he served as president in 2013-14. He led various campaigns to support young people, including through high school scholarships and through a campaign to provide bicycle lights to children. He also served on the board of the Cape May Housing Authority, supporting residents living in public housing. In addition, he volunteered for many years with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and was a life member of the Society of the 1st Infantry Division.

Hynes served as president of the Wagner College Alumni Association in the early 1980s. Beginning in 1990, he also was an active participant in the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous. At the time of his death, he had been sober for 31 years and spent every one of those years giving to his family and friends.

Hynes is survived by his wife of 53 years, Dawn (Mueller) Hynes; his youngest son, Eric Hynes of Brooklyn; his eldest son, Warren Hynes, daughter-in-law Amy (Cumming)

Hynes, and granddaughters, Katherine and Chelsea Hynes, all of North Plainfield, N.J.; and his sister, Carolyn McAllister of Yorktown, Va. He is predeceased by his parents, Thomas F. Hynes and Anne (Johnson) Hynes, and his brother, Robert Hynes.

“His family came first, and whenever he was called to help anyone, he always responded,” said his wife. “He was a humble man with a very big heart.”

Services will be private. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Mr. Hynes' name to: Cape May Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 124, Cape May NJ 08204.

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Al Beale - December 17, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ Great times!!! :)

Carol Hackenberg - December 18, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ Wonderful man and so happy we got a chance to be friends and neighbors with him

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“ Tom and Team raising the tent for the Roast Beef Dinner at the Kiwanis Club.

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“ Team player!!! And a leader!!!

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“ Dear Dawn and family,
Please accept our condolences with the passing of Tom. Throughout the years of coming to Anita's and talking with you and Tom were always a pleasure and enjoyed. I saw Tom a few weeks ago for a few minutes and was happy to chat with him as he offered his help. May the Lord's blessings be yours in this difficult time.

Marge and Darryl Delaune

Marge Delaune - December 17, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ The Bakley Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas Hynes



The Bakley Family - December 16, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ The Baklewy Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas Hynes



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“What happens at Kiwanis stays in Kiwanis". This is not a saying that fits Kiwanis' mission or Tom's work ethic. Tom, along with his fellow Kiwanians, continually gave back to the community and the children. Tom was a large part of giving and sharing his talents and time. Tom never refused helping anyone. We shared our similar health issues which helped boost our mental outlook. We always challenged each other in rehab. Nancy and I were so fortunate to have visited with Tom and Dawn when recently in Cape May.
God Bless Dawn and the entire Hynes family during this time.

Al Beale - December 16, 2021 at 04:29 PM