

## Tom Edwards

September 17, 1943 - January 30, 2021

Golf, the legendary Bobby Jones once said, is the closest game to the game we call life.

Tom Edwards played both well.

Edwards died from COVID-19 complications on January 30, 2021 in Concord, the town where he was born 77 years earlier.

Tom graduated from Concord High School in 1963 and attended the United Electronics Institute in Louisville KY. He was a connector of and with people - professionally during a long career at Bellsouth and socially as a friend to all he met. Quick with a bad joke and a heartfelt laugh, he charmed everyone he knew, and sometimes it seemed as if he knew everyone.

Until his final days, he was a kid at heart. Whether riding go-carts or golf carts with grandkids; playing video games or solving silly puzzles, tinkering with toy radios or repairing complicated electronics, he always had fun. He was a charter member of the American Singles Golf Association, Charles T. Myers and Skybrook Golf Clubs; a North Carolina Senior Games champion and a skilled shagger who could twist and twirl with the best.

Tom loved fun and he loved life, but there was nothing he loved more than his four children, ten grandchildren, great-granddaughter and other family members. Family was the most important thing in the world.

He is survived by his loving partner in life and on the links, BJ Caldwell; former wife Sally Edwards, mother of son Thomas "TJ" Edwards Jr.; daughters Jennifer; Julie Selby-Mace and Tammie Keefe, and their spouses and children. Other survivors include sisters Lynda Hoover, Donna Oakley, and brother Frank Duckworth.

A private family Memorial Mass will be held at 1 PM on Friday, February 12 at St. Luke Catholic Church, followed by a virtual Celebration of Life from 7 pm – 9 pm.

To attend the Mass virtually, please go to this link [www.stlukechurch.net](http://www.stlukechurch.net) beginning at 1pm and click on Mass Live Stream. To attend the Tom Edwards Virtual Celebration, please go to this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7757621244> between 7pm-9pm and share a favorite story, joke or memory about Tom as we remember together the man we all loved so well.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Tee of Greater Charlotte, 2661 Barringer Drive, Charlotte, NC 28208 <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/MemorialTomEdwards> or Hospice and Palliative Care of Cabarrus County, c/o Atrium Health Foundation, 208 East Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28203 <https://fundraise.atriumhealthfoundation.org/give/255933/#!/donation/checkout> or Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, 500-B Spratt Street, Charlotte, NC 28206 <https://www.secondharvestmetrolina.org/donation>

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Edwards family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tom Edwards*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Tom Edwards*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Tom Edwards*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Who doesn't love Tom Edwards? My fondest memories include his quick wit, generous nature and playful boyish charm. He was always willing to lend a helping hand with Senior Games and other events, sharing his knowledge and expertise.*

*Can almost picture Tom keeping all the angels in heaven in stitches.*

*Know you are loved by many and will be missed, Tom. Hugs to you!*



**Susan Donaldson** - February 12, 2021 at 07:12 PM

TK

“ 1 file added to the album *Celebrating the life and love of Tom Edwards*



Tammie Keefe - February 12, 2021 at 03:18 PM

BH

“ *Go with God my brother. I am blessed to have been your friend in Christ.*

Bobby P Hybarger - February 12, 2021 at 02:08 PM

JD

“ *I meet Tom over 20 years ago and I knew from the first moment that we met that we would be lifelong friends. Tom was very compassionate, loving, caring with a great smile and upbeat personality. I will miss him dearly!  
My deepest sympathy to BJ and his family.*



Julie Dunkin - February 12, 2021 at 01:59 PM

MP

*If you saw a group of people and everyone was laughing you could be sure Tom was in the middle. He made everyone feel better. Mike and I will truly miss him. Our love to BJ and hope you find comfort in wonderful memories. 💙💜*

Malli plowman - February 12, 2021 at 07:28 PM

KC

“ Tom was a wonderful man. He always came into the credit union where I once worked making jokes and always had a great charm. I have not seen him since my time ended with the credit union but thought a lot of him. He loved his family very much. My condolences to all of you.

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**Kay Cornelison** - February 11, 2021 at 09:01 PM

FK

“ Worked with Tom for many years at the Wells Fargo Championship. He was such a pleasure to work with, always a smile and a good word. He will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.  
Fran Knox

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**Fran Knox** - February 11, 2021 at 08:38 PM

MT

“ I didn't know Mr. Edwards well, having only met him once, but sometimes you meet someone and instantly know this is a kind and gentle person; that was Mr. Edwards. I also seem to recall he was a master of bad “Dad jokes”. Tammie, TJ, Julie, and Jennifer your grief and loss is shared -may you and your children find some peace knowing your dad will be missed by many. -“Aunt” Mo.

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**Maureen Trogdon** - February 10, 2021 at 11:24 PM

MM

“ Tom had me take this picture during a Nomad outing at the Pine Island County Club. It reminds me of how he was always smiling, always had a story to share and was fun to be around, so full of life. I always know if Tom was in our foursome, no matter how well or bad we played, we would have a fun time. In

*BJ and Tom's family, you are in my thoughts and prayers . Peace be with you!*



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**Mike Murray** - February 10, 2021 at 03:01 PM



Cameron Wells

“ Thanks for the great times Tom! It was always a pleasure having you around. You never failed at making the ones around you smile and laugh. Gonna miss you buddy. My thoughts are with the entire family.



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**Cameron Wells** - February 08, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ My deepest condolense to the Edwards family. Tom was a great friend over the past 17 years and my partner each year at the golf tournament. To say he will be missed is an understatement. Rest well, Tom, you've earned it.



Bob Friedman - February 08, 2021 at 11:24 AM

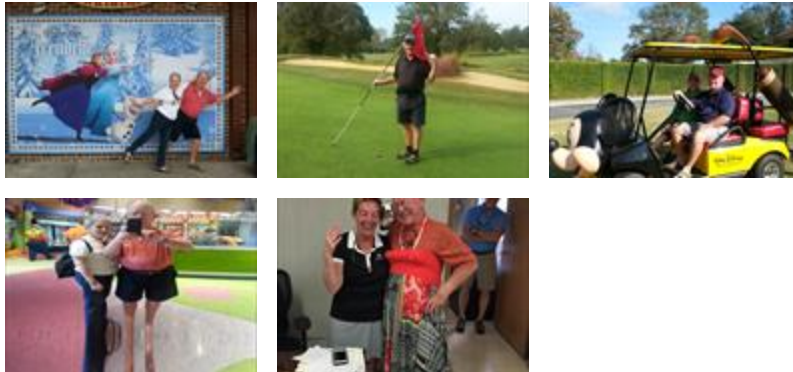
KB

“ A perfect obituary to describe Tom. Deepest sympathy to the family. Memories of Tom always include laughing and his friendliness  
Kathy Bradford

Kathy Btadford - February 07, 2021 at 10:54 PM

JU

“ 5 files added to the album Enjoying life



Julie - February 07, 2021 at 12:07 PM

CT

“ Tom will be missed. always enjoyed our conversations and times around Charlotte National Golf Club. My thoughts and prayers to TJ and his entire family.

*Chris and Paula Tucker*

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**Chris Tucker** - February 07, 2021 at 11:16 AM

SL

*You knew when you around Tom, you were going to laugh. He will be missed! God's blessings to BJ and all his family*

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**sarah Lee** - February 07, 2021 at 07:08 PM

MI

*I didn't meet Tom... but I know his legacy, having met all his daughters and by loving Tammie & her family. What an amazing family he created! Thank you Tom for my dearest friends. My sympathy extends to the entire Edwards family at this tender time. ❤️*

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**Michele** - February 10, 2021 at 08:05 PM



*Tom was an amazing man! We hit it off on our first meeting. He was a great supporter of Sr. Games and was there to recruit others. His jokes were so bad they were funny! I will sure miss him. Rest well Tom and hugs to BJ.*

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**Londa Strong** - February 12, 2021 at 05:21 PM

TM

“ I did not know GPT (grand paw Tom) but he meant a lot to my son, Morgan Mace. For that I am grateful. He wanted the best for Morgan. Morgan's grandparents were deceased when he was born so when GPT came into Morgan's life, he finally got to experience having a grandfather. Thank you Mr. Edwards for your love for Morgan. You will be missed by many. I wish I could have met you.



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**Tammy Mace** - February 06, 2021 at 09:23 PM

RH

*BJ, we are so sorry for your loss along with Tom's whole family. I will forever hold in my heart the great memories of our times together on the golf course with Tommy. He will be missed by all.*

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**Rod Haning** - February 09, 2021 at 01:04 PM

TM

“ Tom and I go back to 1969. I knew his girls and TJ when they were so young, We played alot of golf together over the years and I heard alot of bad jokes too. He followed my PGA Tour& Champions Tour years and always told me that I was the best golfer he ever saw, besides himself! God did bless Tom and God has blessed me for knowing such a good man . Terry Mauney

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**Terry Mauney** - February 06, 2021 at 07:39 PM

CL

“ Tommy was a joyous person to be around. He had a powerful testimony about the faithfulness of the Lord Jesus Christ in his life. To God be the glory for the gift of love reflected in his life!

*Calvin Lewers*

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**Calvin Lewers** - February 06, 2021 at 03:28 PM

RH

“ With a reminiscent smile, I remember sharing a golf course laugh with Thomas (Tommy); each time we would meet up at our golf course of the week (Traveling NOMAD Golf League). Everyone was his friend. Regardless of score, he always made the round pleasurable. BJ; He will be missed. God Bless.

Richard Harris - February 06, 2021 at 10:42 AM

DM

“ Barry loved to play golf with Tom - he always kept the group laughing - one day I picked up the phone and someone said this if Officer Brown and I need to speak to Barry McAnulty - I have a warrant for his arrest. I said just a minute and yelled - Barry --- Tom is on the phone. These were the kind of things we expected from Tom. He was always keeping us laughing. The world was a better place with him in it.

Dee and Barry McAnulty - February 06, 2021 at 08:53 AM

DM

“ Dee And Barry McAnulty lit a candle in memory of Tom Edwards



Dee and Barry McAnulty - February 06, 2021 at 08:51 AM

MB

“ Thom to me was a great friend. He helped me through a rough time. Shared a lot of laughs and a lot of golf. Thom will be missed... never came close to beating him in golf. Rest in peace my friend. And to BJ we love you and know if you need anything we are here. Mike and Pat

Mike Brewer - February 04, 2021 at 02:18 PM

SL

*You always new when Tom was around, there would be a joke. He will be missed. Blessings to BJ and all of he's family 🙏*

**sarah Lee** - February 07, 2021 at 07:17 PM

BC

*I was brought to tears upon learning of my friend Tom's passing. As a fellow Charlotte Golf NOMAD, I always looked forward to having Tom in our presence. He was loved and admired by all of us. I will miss you, Tom. May you rest in peace, and in God's love.*

*Bernie Cohan*

**Bernie Cohan** - February 08, 2021 at 11:58 AM



*Jennifer, Julie, Tammy, B.J. and Family, we are so sorry for your loss . You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God grant you comfort and peace. Kelly & Greg Reeder*

**Kelly Reeder** - February 12, 2021 at 01:36 PM

KK

*Tommy, you may be gone from this earth but you will never be gone from our hearts. You, my friend, made our lives so much better. Your smile was contagious and outlook on life made all of us want to strive to be that much better. Love you forever. Till we meet again.*

*Kathy Kisiel*

**Kathy Kisiel** - February 12, 2021 at 01:43 PM