



## Thomas L. Flynn

February 25, 1958 - February 18, 2025

Thomas L. Flynn, an infinitely devoted husband and father whose bottomless kindness endeared him to everyone he met, died Feb. 18 in Braselton, Ga. He was a week shy of 67.

Tom, as his friends knew him, spent over four decades in commercial banking and finance and, with unrelenting work ethic, built a life teeming with opportunity and comfort for his family in suburban Chicago. He climbed from humble beginnings in small-town Kansas to end his career as a senior vice president at Bank of America and Merrill Lynch in Atlanta, just on the brink of retirement.

Tom often said he felt blessed with good health. His unexpected death – at Northeast Georgia Medical Center after an aortic aneurism – stunned those close to him. He is survived by his wife, Betty; his son, Brenan; his daughter, Meagan, and son-in-law, Avi Selk; and his brother, Daniel.

Thomas Leonard Flynn was born in Great Bend, Kan., on Feb. 25, 1958, and was raised in Russell, the youngest of three sons of Kenneth, who worked in oil field supply and maintenance, and Willene Flynn, a music teacher. Tom was a gifted trumpet player, often traveling with Willene to competitions across the state and composing his own music.

He graduated from the University of Kansas with a bachelor's degree in accounting and business administration in 1980 – remaining a rabid lifelong Jayhawks fan – and later went on to receive his master's in finance from Dominican University in 1993.

Tom began his career at small banks all over the Midwest, from Oklahoma City to Rapid City, S.D., before ending up in suburban Chicago, where he fell in love with Betty, a magnetic, fun-loving woman with a fast-talking city accent to complement his Kansas twang. He proposed after just nine months, and they married in 1991, the start of over three decades of marriage in which Tom never let up on flowers and romance. Sharing the same values of faith and family, they raised two kids in Hanover Park, Ill., before moving in 2000 to Algonquin.

Tom found joy in life's simplest pleasures: a stack of pancakes at a diner after church on Sundays. An iced tea on the porch, watching a storm roll in. A football game and a bowl of popcorn, or a Christmas movie beside a roaring fireplace on a snowy night. Hearing the wind whistle through the tree canopy on an evening walk.

He was the archetype of a family man. He was always in the stands rooting for his kids, usually with a video camera. He was the king of the family road trip, sharing his love of the great outdoors on summer vacations from the Smoky Mountains to the Black Hills. He taught Brenan the trumpet and Meagan the piano, took Brenan on Boy Scout campouts and Meagan to basketball tournaments, pouring his enthusiasm and support into whichever hobbies or passions they pursued.

At his core was his deep faith. He found peace in prayer and sanctuary at weekly Mass, a lifelong student of the Bible who molded his life around its teachings. He sought to live with humility and with compassion, and despite his demanding career and devotion to his family, never failed to make time to serve his church and community.

He was a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus and United Way, at one time the president of one of its local chapters in the Chicago area. And at church — for many years St. Mary's Catholic Church in Huntley, Ill. — he served as a lector and regularly volunteered, whether for Christmas tree drives or staffing the soup kitchen.

His family and friends will remember him most for his beaming generosity of

spirit, infectious optimism and unwavering commitment to his values.

Visitation will be held Sunday, Feb. 23 at Flanigan Funeral Home in Buford, Ga., from 4 to 8 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held Monday, Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Flowery Branch, with a burial service at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens and luncheon at Prince of Peace immediately following. A livestream of the funeral Mass will be available at <https://popfb.org/livestream/>.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Heart Association or the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 S. Lee St.  
Buford, GA 30518  
(770) 932-1133  
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Mass

FEB **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
6439 Spout Springs Rd  
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

## Interment

FEB **24** (ET)

Broadlawn Memorial Gardens  
5979 New Bethany Rd  
Buford, GA 30518

# Tribute Wall

PE

“ Tom and I worked together at Bank of America. Had known him for several years since I started. Although, we only connected on the phone over the years, he was a great, very knowledgeable, and friendly person to connect with. He was always friendly and willing to help. He will truly be missed. My deepest condolences goes out to the Flynn family.

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**Peter** - July 25, 2025 at 01:25 PM

KF

“ The Flynn Family were good Christian friends of the Fogle family. We went to same Church in Russell ,Ks . I well remember Tom playing the trumpet at the morning service! After Willene passed away the pastor talked my wife Sharon into playing the piano for the. Morning Service! Prayers for the family

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**Karl Fogle** - March 09, 2025 at 07:23 PM

DA

“ Tom and I were co-workers at Bank of America. We only met in person once but participated in monthly team meetings together. His passion and work ethic was undeniable. It was clear from our one in person interaction that he was an engaged and thoughtful man that cared about what you had to say. He had deep thoughts and ideas about his areas of expertise and was dedicated to his craft. I wish the Flynn family and all loved ones well during this unexpected time. Just know, from a colleague, Tom was a good man.

Danovan.

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**Danovan** - February 25, 2025 at 09:57 PM

SC

“ I remember the first time my sister introduced me to Betty and Tom I new they were meant to be together. I went to there shower and engagement party. I knew Betty was happy Tom was a wonderful man. Betty was there for my family when my sister passed. I know she missed you 😞. Well now her and Tom can talk about you Betty. Condolences 🙏 to you and your family. Love ❤️ Sharon Coleman

Sharon M Coleman - February 22, 2025 at 01:55 PM

SW

“ Tom was one of my brothers in law. Married to my youngest sister Betty he was a rock! He was quiet, was interested in you when talking with you, but had a great sense of humor. Tom was a great husband and father. We were so proud of him for all his accomplishments. He fit right into our big Irish family and have great memories! I will miss him big time! Love you Tom!



Susan Wingfield - February 22, 2025 at 12:48 PM

MR

“ Such a good, good man. Tom was just a pleasure to be around, never an unkind word and a special ability to make us smile and laugh. I will always cherish our golfing memories. To Betty and the Flynn family - we hope you find peace knowing that Tom's love will stay with you always.

Michael Rafferty - February 22, 2025 at 10:20 AM