

In Memoriam - Thomas F. D'Muhala
April 3, 1940 – September 27, 2023

Chris D'Muhala

Tom passed away Wednesday morning, September 27th at his home in North Carolina. Born in Connecticut on April 3rd 1940, Tom graduated from Windham High School. He studied at the University of Connecticut, Wesleyan University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Before earning his degree, he was recruited by Admiral Rickover to work on the Atomic Energy Commission's Naval Reactor program at General Dynamics Electric Boat Division. In Rickover's own words: "I did not recruit extraordinary people I recruited people who had extraordinary potential - and then I trained them."



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This was the beginning of Tom's extraordinary adventure, traveling to every nuclear facility in the free world, evaluating their capacities to ensure faultless designs for the Navy's Submarines. He also had stints at CANEL (Connecticut Advances Nuclear Engine Laboratory), and Argonne National Laboratory. Tom ultimately had an accident while turning uranium on a lathe, filling the lab with radioactive smoke. With little protocol at the time, he was told "you messed it up, you clean it up". He spent the next year developing the chemistry to decontaminate the lab, eventually leading him to ply his wares through his own company Nuclear Technologies Corporation.

Tom's involvement with Shroud research began in 1977 after seeing an image of the Shroud in a book. Intrigued, he contacted John Jackson and Eric Jumper to offer his support and eventually headed up the logistics for STURP's expedition to Turin for their investigation of the Shroud in 1978. Tom has since been on the boards of several Shroud research organizations including STURP, AMSTAR and ERI, and has given hundreds of lectures on Shroud research.

Tom was on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and was a Presidential advisor to Jimmy Carter. He was an accomplished martial artist, achieving the rank of yondan (fourth degree black belt) in Judo and trained the Connecticut State police in self defense.

He was a husband, a father, and grandfather. And Tom was a follower of Jesus Christ.