



Thomas Maxwell Fiske Timberman

October 6, 1940 - March 18, 2025

Thomas Maxwell Fiske Timberman of Chestertown, MD died on March 18, 2025, at Inova Fairfax Medical Center in Virginia. He was 84.

He was born in Georgia on October 6, 1940, the son of the late Thomas and Virginia Fiske Timberman.

He attended Georgetown University where he earned his Bachelors and J.D. Degree. After finishing law school, he began his career with the Foreign Service.

Tom's first assignment was in Switzerland, then he went to Vietnam and the Philippines. He continued his service in Norway and Vienna where he worked on the S.A.L.T. negotiations. Later in his career Tom attended the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. He married Judith Lang in 1988.

He was soon off again to take a post in India, spending two years as Consul General in Chennai before retiring. After retirement Tom served as temporary Charge' d' affaires in Equatorial Guinea before returning to Washington D.C. Tom and Judy moved to Rock Hall, MD in 1996 and later to Chestertown, MD. In 2005 he worked as a contractor with Deloitte in Afghanistan and Iraq, embedded as a civilian contractor working with the government. He also worked with the OSCE (Organization for Security Cooperation in Europe) in Croatia and Bosnia.

He was a member of Madras Rotary Club in India, Metropolitan Club of Washington D.C., Chevy Chase Club, DACOR Bacon House, Kent County Democratic Central Committee, and ran for Kent County Commissioner. He enjoyed writing.

In addition to his wife, Judith Lang, he is survived by a sister, Virginia Timberman Callaghan, along with two nieces and a nephew.

A memorial service will be held at a later date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Animal Care Shelter for Kent County
10168 Worton Rd. Worton, MD 21678 or <https://acskc.org/support/general-donation/>

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *My husband, Paul Barbian, and I were heartbroken to learn of Tom's death. We shared wonderful Foreign Service times with him in Washington and later by keeping in touch as life took all of us around the country and world. When our phone calls were not answered over the past few months we assumed he and Judy were on another adventure. Tom, you have left so many bereft---of your wonderful humor, great intelligence, spirit of adventure, sophistication, kindness, integrity. To Judy and other members of his family, we wish we could take some of the heartache away.*

Warmest regards,

*Fi Fi Sheridan
Greenwich, CT
2 September 2025*

Ms Fi Fi Sheridan - September 02, 2025 at 09:02 PM

FT

“ *RIP Tommy*



frank titus - April 23, 2025 at 12:02 PM

WF

“ *Tom was a wonderful man and a good friend to us and our family. He will be greatly missed. Our hearts go out to all those who loved him, especially Judy, Cindy, David, James, Matthew and Chris. We feel privileged to have known Tom.*

Wendy and Tim Franey

Wendy Franey - April 19, 2025 at 03:06 PM

RR

“ I am deeply saddened by Tom Timberman’s death. I knew Tom in Berlin, when he was a year ahead of me in school but became my friend when I joined the Boy Scout Troop after my 11th birthday. Upon my father’s reassignment in 1953, I lost touch with Tom, but, thanks to the internet, we reconnected in 2023 and he treated my wife and me to a reunion lunch when we met up in Chestertown last summer. Sadly, the additional visits I had hoped for this year and in years to come are not to happen, but I shall treasure my memories of Tom at ages 12 and 83 as one of the finest, kindest, most generous people I’ve ever known.

*Richard L Roth
Palo Alto, California*

Richard L Roth - April 13, 2025 at 05:35 PM

LS

“ Tom and Judy were my neighbors in Rock Hall. I always enjoyed my conversations with both and found Tom to be a voice of experience and wisdom when it came to what was happening in the world at large.
My sympathies to Judy.

Liz Smith - April 08, 2025 at 06:19 AM

LS

“ Liz Smith lit a candle in memory of Thomas Maxwell Fiske Timberman



Liz Smith - April 08, 2025 at 06:15 AM

GH

“ I met Tom in Baghdad in 2009-10. He was such a smart and kind man- we kept up for many years and I always learned a lot from chatting with him. God rest his soul and my deepest condolences to all of his loved ones.
Ambassador (ret) Greta Holtz

greta holtz - April 04, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ Tom's wife is my sister in law. She was a young widow for a few years when she met Tom. It was a perfect match where each was lucky to find the other. We were in touch by email (we are in NJ). I was shocked when i learned of his passing.
Condolences to Judy and to those close to Tom.

Terry McKenna - April 02, 2025 at 10:34 AM

JG

“ A shocking loss of a truly remarkable man. I will miss his wit and insight.

jan graham - March 31, 2025 at 05:41 PM

JB

“ John B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Maxwell Fiske Timberman.

John B. - March 30, 2025 at 11:19 AM

JB

“ Judy and Family;

My very sincere condolences on the passing of Tom.

I met Tom at MACV in Vietnam.

I was a young Infantry officer at the time and had to travel to MACV to submit reports and do the Army things that were required by my superiors.

Tom and his associates at MACV 'adopted' me and we became life long friends even though we infrequently saw each other.

I will always remember his dry wit, his kindness, and presence. He was a gentleman and a consummate professional. I will miss him very much.

Thank you

John Besser/ Jan and John Besser

John 'Jack' Besser - March 30, 2025 at 11:13 AM

CL

“ I would love to talk to someone in his family if possible, he was such a kind man, he will truly be missed💔
cindymlang@gmail.com

Cynthia Lang - March 27, 2025 at 10:45 AM



Hi Cindy, I am Liz, Tom's niece who lives in England. This was such a sad shocking surprise. I always saw Tom on my trips home. Although, sadly he couldn't make the last visit as he was tied up. I grew up hearing about all his travel adventures, his exciting career as a senior Diplomat, and his intelligent take on life and politics. He was an absolute inspiration to me.

Elizabeth Callaghan - March 27, 2025 at 06:59 PM

CL

“ *Tom was an amazing Father In Law, he was my compass through life the last 20 years, I will truly miss our talks* ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

Cynthia Lang - March 27, 2025 at 10:43 AM



How wonderful! So glad you had such a special relationship with him. He connected with people so well and so easily. He had a very genuine heart. His whole family misses him terribly.

Elizabeth Callaghan - March 27, 2025 at 07:03 PM

RL

To my very close friend and confidant in solving the problems of the world. From Iraq to Afghanistan to initiatives in DC, all who know you recognize the critical importance of what you accomplished. Your 'leave behinds' impacted so many lives for the better.

*You are missed,
reid*

Reid Lohr - April 03, 2025 at 02:53 PM

SS

At my age, I find myself increasingly mourning the loss of many people who have been important to me over the years. Tom was such a friend. We served together on the MBFR delegation in Vienna in 1973 and, when we tired of TDYs in hotels, we rented the mother-in-law apartment in the Kinsky Palais. We have not talked enough in recent years, but Tom was always a source of good advice and support for me, starting in Vienna and continuing over the decades. What a decent, kind, intelligent and faithful friend he was....

Stanley R Sloan - April 04, 2025 at 09:47 AM

EW

Tom was a friend and colleague. We met on a year at Harvard in the 1980s and stayed in touch since, especially since we both served in Afghanistan around 2010. Tom will be missed by me and by many. Thanks to him for his service to our nation and to so many in the world! Tony Wayne

Earl Anthony (Tony) Wayne - April 09, 2025 at 08:43 AM

SB

My husband, Jim, and Tom had a wonderful friendship over the years and enjoyed many laughs together. I can only imagine them now enjoying each other once again. Tom was a very special man.

sheila barry - May 20, 2025 at 06:26 AM

EF

Tom and I sat next to each other at the Georgetown Foreign Service School. We lost touch after we graduated. But we had some fun times, including an evening on the presidential yacht for the Fourth of July. I thought I wanted to go abroad, as Tom actually did, but only got as far as the US Senate where I worked for 4 years. What an amazing life he led!

Eileen Pulaski Frost, class of 1963

Eileen P Frost - July 09, 2025 at 07:45 PM

JN

I have been calling Tom for a couple of months. Now I know.....Awful....We'd been friends since our JOT days in 1966. He's sooo missed.

James Nathan - July 13, 2025 at 07:58 PM

DD

Tom and I met in 1961 at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. Tom was a generous, friendly and entrepreneurial man who organized several of us into a social group. Under Tom's leadership, we enjoyed fun times and friendships. I saw him later in Vietnam when he was in the Foreign Service and I was an Air Force officer. In my own later career in the Foreign Service, I saw Tom occasionally, but we lost touch over the years. I still remember him as a warm-hearted person who brought people together.

Dale Dean, GU SFS Class of 1964

Dale Dean - July 25, 2025 at 11:09 AM