



Thomas E. LaRochelle

May 18, 1934 - March 17, 2018

Thomas E. LaRochelle, a longtime journalist and association manager, died March 17, 2018 in Columbus at the age of 83. He was a native of Flint, Michigan. A journalism graduate of the University of Detroit, he worked for several newspapers in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. Tom served for several years as news assignment editor of WBNS-TV in Columbus. He covered politics and state government, including the Legislatures of Ohio and Indiana. Newspapers he worked for included the Defiance (OH) Crescent-News; Mansfield (OH) News-Journal; Indianapolis Times; Akron Beacon Journal; Battle Creek (MI) Enquirer News; Cleveland Press; Columbus Citizen-Journal; Cincinnati Post & Times-Star. After his long experience as a news reporter and editor, he moved to association management. He was a Certified Association Executive member of the American Society of Association Executives; a Realtor Association Certified Executive of the National Association of Realtors; an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America. LaRochelle was an administrative vice president of the Ohio Association of Realtors and chief executive officer of the Cleveland Area Board of Realtors and Stark County Association of Realtors. He also was a former executive vice president of the Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce. He was a retired member of the Public Realtors Society of America. He served during two terms of the Ohio House of Representatives in 1975-78 as executive assistant to the House Republican leader. LaRochelle was a veteran of the U.S. Army Signal Corps and was a U.S. Air Force Reserve

information officer with rank of captain. He was a member of the American Legion. He was an adult Boy Scout leader for 10 years in Ohio and Michigan. Member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Westerville. Tom is preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Janet (2015); son, David (2001); and brother, Ted (2016). He is survived by sons, Alan (Jackie) and Jon (Diane Malas) of Columbus; 8 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brother, Jim LaRochelle of Evanston, IL. Friends may call Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St. Worthington where service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 22, 2018. Interment Northlawn Memory Garden. In lieu of flowers, contributions if desired may be made to OhioHealth Hospice/Kobacker House or National Kidney Foundation. To leave a condolence for the family please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Northlawn Memory Gardens

State Route 3
Sunbury, OH
(614) 882-8392

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085
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Funeral Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas E. LaRochelle*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *God Bless and Thank YOU, Capt. LaRochelle for your service..RIP..
And Semper Fi. SIR*



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - March 20, 2018 at 07:55 PM



“ *Tom was such an inspiration to me as I moved through the steps of leadership at the Stark County Association of REALTORS. His door was always open and his advice was always sound and worthwhile. He was a great leader for all of us, a mentor and most importantly a friend. I have many fond memories of Tom & Janet. My prayers and thoughts are with the family as they say farewell not only to a loving father & grandfather, but also a special friend to many others.*

Beth Campbell - March 20, 2018 at 07:45 PM

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“ Elizabeth C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Thomas E. LaRochelle.



Elizabeth C. - March 20, 2018 at 06:53 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas E. LaRochelle.



March 20, 2018 at 10:54 AM

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“ Tom LaRochelle was one in a million. He was a beacon for the Stark County Association of REALTORS where he served as the Executive Vice President for many years. He was a genuine leader who was respected by all. I called Tom my Friend. God bless his soul. Sony Taylor, REALTOR

Sony Taylor - March 20, 2018 at 07:03 AM

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I worked with Tom at the Cleveland Area Board of Realtors. He was kind, funny, warm, a great leader and a good friend. His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren should be very proud of the man he was. I send prayers and condolences to all of you. Joan Kozesky McMichael

Joan McMichael - March 25, 2018 at 12:56 AM