



Thomas Keith Bolick

May 27, 1948 - April 18, 2026

With heavy hearts, we announce that Thomas Keith Bolick, age 77, of Greenville, SC, passed away April 18, 2026, at Clemson Downs, after a long, brave battle with Parkinson's Disease.

He was born May 27, 1948 in Marion, NC of the late Leo Robert Bolick and Delores Thomas Bolick. The son of an Army MSgt, Tom grew up all around the world including Salzburg, Austria, and Panama before the family settled down in Columbia, SC.

After graduating from Columbia High School, he joined the United States Navy in 1966. Tom proudly served his country for six years on both the USS Nashville and USS Spiegel Grove. Returning home, he attended college and became a civil engineering designer. He worked for over 30 years in the field and made lifelong friends during his time at Eastman Kodak in Kingsport, TN and later several engineering firms in Greenville, SC as a contractor.

A member of the Columbia Sports Car Club and later the Sports Car Club of America, Tom found great joy in racing his Mini Cooper and Formula Ford and creating countless memories with his racing family. Tom loved US military history, antique guns, and traveling with his wife and daughter. A great trip planner, Tom led the family on numerous summer road trips exploring the continental United States, Alaska, and Europe. Whether he was driving the

gravel laden Alaskan Alcan Highway, paddling down the Missouri River tracing the footsteps of Lewis and Clark, commemorating D-Day on the shores of Normandy, or hiking around Little Big Horn Battlefield, Tom kept a spirit of adventure, a love of nature, and a great respect for our nation's history.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Phyllis White Bolick; his daughter and son-in-law, Viann and Richard Neikirk of Okinawa, Japan; and his granddaughters, Victoria and Caroline, who were a great joy to him.

A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at Trailblazer Park (235 Trailblazer Dr, Travelers Rest, SC, 29690) at 10:00 a.m. All in attendance are invited to a reception directly following the service at Greenway Farms (10049 Old White Horse Rd, Greenville, SC, 29617).

A special thanks to the staff at Clemson Downs Healthcare for the exceptional care over the last year of his life. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Tom's memory to Emory University Parkinson's Movement Disorder Program. Please make checks payable to Emory University - Merrie Boone Clinic Fund for Parkinson's c/o Office of Gift Accounting; 1762 Clifton Road NE Suite 2400 Atlanta, GA 30322 or donate through this online link at <https://gift.emory.edu/thomasbolick>

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com.

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is assisting the family with arrangements. (864) 834-8051.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **16**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (est)

Trailblazer Park
235 Trailblazer Drive
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Reception

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (Est)

Greenway Farms
10049 Old White Horse Road
Greenville, SC 29617