

Thomas H. White

23 March 1942 – 7 July 2018

Thomas Harrison White sailed away from us early in the morning on July 7, 2018. Tom was born on March 23, 1942, in Long Island, NY. His family moved from Long Island to Tarzana, CA, and then returned to his parents' native Texas when he was around eleven. He was an adventurous and curious young man. While still a student at Stephen F. Austin High School, he developed life-long interests in exploration and adventures in the air, and on and below the surfaces of the earth and her waterways. He was an avid photographer and reader who thrived on experimentation and devoured information. Tom matriculated at the University of Texas at Austin in 1960, where he met his life-long partner and best friend, Janie Collier. They had two children, and the family camped, sailed, and traveled their way through the next 56 years. He ran the family business, White Instruments, Inc., until it was sold in 1984. After that he managed the family properties. Tom and Janie relocated to Janie's hometown of Rockport, TX, in 2005, where they folded themselves into community life and held court most afternoons from the grandeur of their front porch overlooking the gem that is Aransas Bay. Tom leaves on the dock his wife, Janie, his daughter Judy (Doug) and son James (Aysha), along with five beautiful grandchildren and one great grandchild. His goddaughter, Cristin Kroeger, and sister, Sue Snyder, plus good friends and extended family too numerous to list join us in waving him on to his next adventure. Godspeed. A memorial service will be held when the weather is cooler. Condolences may be sent to the family at P. O. Box 179, Rockport, TX 78381. Charitable contributions may be made to the Rockport Cemetery Association Inc, 2611 Hwy 35 No, Rockport, TX 78382. (or a charity of the donor's choice.)

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Tom White at his ranch in 2008.
By Sam Young.