



Thomas Cameron Jebo Sr.

July 19, 1938 - February 1, 2020

Thomas Cameron Jebo Sr., 81, lately of Leesburg, Virginia, passed away Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020.

Mr. Jebo was born July 19, 1938, in Potsdam, N.Y., to the late Howard James Jebo and Cecily Cameron Jebo.

The oldest of three brothers, Mr. Jebo spent his entire childhood in Potsdam and attended college there, graduating from Clarkson University with a degree in chemical engineering in 1960.

He met his future wife, Nancy Lee Austin, in a church Sunday school class when he was five and she was four. They married in 1959, spending the next 51 years happily together before Mrs. Jebo passed away in 2011. He loved her very dearly and never stopped missing her.

Mr. Jebo had a successful career as an engineer and executive, working briefly at Merck before taking a position at IBM. He stayed in that job for nearly two decades, including three years in Japan.

In his forties he came to faith in Jesus Christ and left industry when he felt God's call to ministry. For the next 25 years he and Nancy counseled and cared for missionaries in churches & on mission fields around the world. There was hardly a corner of the globe that they didn't visit.

In recent years, Mr. Jebo loved reading, completing puzzles and taking scenic drives. He most especially loved spending time with his grandchildren, who called him "Papa," faithfully attending their games, concerts and plays.

Mr. Jebo is survived by his youngest brother Peter Jebo, and wife Linda, of Los Angeles, Calif.; his son, Thomas C. Jebo Jr, of Seattle, Wash.; his daughters, Elise Sutherland, and husband Daniel, of Brambleton, Va, and Christina Everhart, and husband Jon, of Rochester Hills, Mich; and his nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Comments



“ If leadership is indeed influence, then Tom Jebo was an incredible leader because he was an incredible influencer. He, along with superhero sidekick Nancy, invested their lives wisely by positively influencing so many people, for so many years, in so many places ... Mt. Pakron, Purple 2, Nestling Lane, and I started to think about the number of countries they visited, but there are too many to list.

Tom was approachable. His non-judgmental listening gave people the gift of transparency. He was smart, his LGCC Sunday school classes are remembered for his even handed and intelligent treatment of complex subjects where he insisted that Christians could agreeably disagree. Tom was wise. His infectious optimism, insightful questions and unflagging faith in Christ helped refocus many, whether sitting around a fire outside of Chiang Rai, the dessert bar at the Budapest Marriot, or their dinner table, with that confounded whatever-it-was ginger ale/grape juice Jebo cocktail.

Tom was stable. When our church was going through a difficult season, Tom and Nancy spent countless hours meeting with people, trying to help them focus on the One above the circumstances. The same happened when the president of our mission agency passed. Tom was ready to shepherd, ready to serve, ready to comfort.

Tom was a pastor. When he left his IBM/Memorex/corporate career and became a pastor to missionaries, he landed in the niche unarguably ordained by God for him. He and Nancy (herself a superb shepherd) mentored candidates (and young mission pastors), encouraged, prayed for, served and encouraged missionaries. Ultimately their plan, interrupted unfortunately by Nancy's cancer diagnosis, was to move overseas to be closer to missionaries.

Tom faithfully prayed. Monthly he received a missionary prayer calendar, and while still accessing email, if it was late, he would write and remind me. When email was no longer an option, Tom insisted on receiving the calendar through the mail. Such was his commitment to pray for missionaries ... a missions' pastor to the end.

Tom loved his family. He was so proud of his children, their spouses and grandchildren. He regaled us with stories of the son-in-law who like cake for breakfast, or the grandchild who was finding joy in their new career. He delighted to see family members following Christ, and was thrilled for all of your successes. To the family I want to say, "Thank you." Thank you for sharing Tom and Nancy with us. Their home was our home., and they had a delightful way of making us feel like a part of your family. Thank you for releasing them from spending Christmas with you so that they could come to Russia and play Santa and Mrs. Claus ... for us. Thank you for letting them globe trot to minister. Thank you.

The shadow of Tom's influence casts long, with many in it. He was a man of God, who earnestly lived out what he solemnly believed. He was a role model, who demonstrated how to love your wife unconditionally. He understood grace, and extended it freely. He bettered his world, and the people in it. As word of Tom's passing has gone out, a common refrain has been, "Heaven's gain." Tom is now

enjoying the hospitality of his beloved Savior in heaven, and my guess is that while his eyes are on Jesus, his hand is in Nancy's.

Daniel Downey - February 09, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ Tom and Nancy were a gift to Los Gatos Christian, so many years ago. They were incredibly gifted Shepherds, extending unconditional love and support to our missionaries, and to our congregation as a whole. Tom was a source of stability, calm, and great wisdom. He and Nancy both, were always kind, always patient, always compassionate, and somehow always available when needed. Their life and ministry left a lasting impact on us, on the lives of hundreds at Los Gatos Christian, and likely thousands around the world. We always have, and always will hold Tom and Nancy dear to our heart.

Larry and Amy Mardock

Amy Mardock - February 08, 2020 at 01:18 AM



“ Sorry! Tom Sr. modeled acceptance of less mature friends (and mentees like me), even though some of my blindspots must have been quite obvious to him. That gave me energy. We loved him and Nancy. Mike (and Joyce) Devenny

Mike Joyce D - February 07, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ Dear Jebos & Sutherlands,
So sorry to hear the news about Tom. Both Tom & Nancy were such great people and so we are saddened, as well, by the loss of Tom as we were with Nancy. As a couple, they were great role models for us having left a successful corporate career to invest the second half of their life encouraging those, literally around the world, who were all about the Great Commission of Christ. We liked them so much that we even stopped over to see them in California when we were on our way back from Hawaii on our honeymoon. Dan and Elise, you were also role models to us as you served Tom in his last years and brought him into your regular family routines including meals with the boys and much dog walking and then finally as you helped him in this difficult past year. Tom served well and you served him well and we praise God for lives well lived. Can't wait to hang out with Tom before the throne of our Savior one day.

God Bless you as you both grieve and rejoice over good memories,
Jack & Mary McDonald



Jack McDonald III - February 06, 2020 at 06:23 AM



“ Dearest family,
These are very hard days for you and we are praying for God's deep consolation. There is also hope and joy for his entrance into Jesus' arms.
Both Tim and Nancy played a huge role in my life as I prepared to go overseas...and here I am still, 30+ years later!! They have had endless input into so many of us over the years. They loved well ...and so they are well loved back!
Much love and sympathy,
Pam Roberts Sider

Pam Sider - February 07, 2020 at 06:57 AM