

Tom Combellick

12/12/1922 to 9/2/2018

Tom grew up in Towson, MD and graduated from Hampden-Sydney College with a major in math and physics. He entered the Army and was sent to Officers Candidate School for electronics training at Harvard Graduate School of Engineering, and to Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He met his wife Eunice at MIT where she was doing research. They married in 1944 in Riverside, CA while he was in the Army. They had three children and six grandsons. Eunice died Sept. 4, 2011.

Tom worked as a microwave engineer and came to California in 1955 to start a microwave radio department at Lenkurt Electric in San Carlos. When Lenkurt was acquired, Tom left and founded Miltech Corp. which in turn was purchased by Farinon Corp. where he became a company officer and directed four subsidiary companies in the US and Canada. The family moved to Saratoga in 1969.

Tom completed the first diocesan training program for permanent deacons and was ordained in 1979. He formed the Roman Catholic Communications Corp. which transmits four channels of TV to the schools and parishes in three Bay Area dioceses. He also was active in Sacred Heart and other parishes in San Jose as well as at the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He and Eunice enjoyed bridge, gardening and outdoor sports.