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May 30, 1933 - May 25, 2017

Thomas Henry May, 83, of Wilmington, DE., passed away on the 25th of May, 2017, in Oakville, CA.

Thomas "Tom", son of the late Ernest and Sophie May, was born in Wilmington, Delaware, the 30th day of May, 1933. He graduated from The Thacher School in southern California and later Williams College in Massachusetts, with a BA in Geology. After college, he moved to the Ojai Valley to teach biology at Thacher School for five years and lived in Santa Barbara where he soon met his future lifelong partner and wife, Martha Ullmann. Married November 17, 1962. The couple soon moved in Oakville, Ca., to started a vineyard which is named "Martha's Vineyard". Working closely with the Joe Heitz family he provided the foundational grape juice which became a world-recognized iconic wine called Heitz Cellars Martha's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon.

Tom is survived by his wife Martha, their three children Henry May, Laura Everett with her husband Richard, daughters Hailey, Hannah and Annie; Richard May with his wife Katherine, and daughter Piper.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you consider a donation to the Thomas May fund at The Thacher School - 5025 Thacher Rd Ojai, CA 93203

Private services will be held.

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