Wilfred Thomas McQuaid, Jr., (Tom), 83, died on January 5, 2022 from complications following open heart surgery. The oldest child of Wilfred McQuaid, Sr. and Gladys McQuaid, Tom was born on June 4, 1938 in Baltimore, MD. After graduation from Loyola University of Maryland in 1960, he spent a year in Europe where he developed a serious love of travel and an impressive knowledge of France. He owed his country a stint in the army however, so he returned home to complete his tour of duty. Fortuitously, one night he ran into Sara Moffitt, an old acquaintance from Goucher College, who became his wife in December, 1962.

Newly married, Tom went to work in Baltimore for IBM Office Products Division as a sales representative and in 1966 he was promoted to Sales Training in White Plains, NY. In the meantime, he and Sara welcomed two sons, David and Mark, and he completed law school at night at the University of Baltimore. Although he never practiced law, the law degree was invaluable in shaping his future business career.

The family loved living in West Nyack, NY and Tom and Sara developed some life-long friendships with the other sales trainers and their wives. Tom had aspirations of a career with IBM and a major step in that plan came when the company moved the entire Sales Training Division to Dallas, Texas. Moving to a faraway place for two East
Coasters was an exciting adventure made even better because they moved to Dallas with all of their friends.

Dallas, however, proved more than a step in Tom’s career plan and in 1973 Tom left IBM to start his own commercial real estate company, Performance Properties Corporation. The company has thrived and Dallas would remain the McQuaids’ permanent home. Their third son, Eric, was born in 1970 and has the distinction of being the only native Texan in the family. They later welcomed their niece, Erica McQuaid, into their family and raised her from the age of 13.

Tom and Sara loved to travel and they visited many parts of the world including Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and South America, as well as extensive travel within the US, Canada and Mexico. When not traveling, Tom loved spending summers at their home in Beaver Creek, Colorado, where fly fishing, golfing and exploring the mountains were favorite pastimes.

Tom is survived by Sara, his wife of 59 years; sons, David (wife Kelly); Mark (Martha); and Eric (Jennifer); niece Erica (husband Tim Vela) and thirteen beloved grandchildren; his brother, Phillip McQuaid; sister Mary Lou Bedford (husband Ted, and their children Whitney and Evan Bedford); and a host of friends.

An outdoor service was held at DFW National Cemetery on January 20. A reception will take place at the McQuaid home when it is safe to do so. Donations in Tom’s memory may be made to the Salvation Army, Wounded Warriors Project, St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, Shriners Hospitals for Children, or the charity of your choosing.

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