

THOMAS RUSH CARSKADDEN
February 17, 1942 - January 30, 2009

Thomas Rush Carskadden, age 66, of Cincinnati, Ohio, originally of Pensacola, Florida died on Friday, January 30, 2009. Tom led a life of service to his family, friends, and community. He was a lifetime Methodist and loved his faith and lived his life accordingly. He was a dedicated coach, Rotarian, President of a school board, 32nd Degree Mason, and volunteer for Lifecare Rehab, Habitat for Humanity, and The United Way. He was an optician who helped write the original licensing law for the state of Ohio and was awarded the Distinguished Lifetime Service Award from the Optical Society of Ohio and retired from Hickory Chair Furniture in 2003.

Beloved husband of Diane Melton Carskadden for 46 years; loving father of Rick and wife Andrea of Cincinnati and Rob and wife Lisa of Pittsburgh; loving son-in-law of Lorene Melton; loving Pa-Pa to Emily, Laura, Derek, Kyle, and Dana and brother of Ted and his wife Elizabeth and their children Carrie and Rush. A service of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, February 6, 2009 at Faith Chapel Funeral Home North-Cantonment with Rev. Jason B. Adams and Ted Bowne officiating. Interment will follow at Bayview Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke United Methodist Church-Habitat for Humanity Fund; 1394 East Nine Mile Road, Pensacola, Florida 32514.