

Cresswell, Thomas J.

Tom Cresswell, 59, died on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at his seasonal home in Bonita Springs, Florida. Tom was born in St. Louis on March 14, 1946 to Richard and Shirley Cresswell. He received a B.S. degree from Michigan State University in 1969, and a J.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1972. After working with his uncle in private law practice, Tom joined the legal department of The Dow Chemical Company in Midland in 1974. He retired from Dow Chemical in 2000 and moved to his home in Charlevoix. Tom is survived by his wife, Ruth A. (Buschlen) Cresswell; his three children, Jason (Sarah) Cresswell, of Petoskey, Lyndsey (Brian) Nilles and their daughter, Lyla, of Midland, and Joshua Cresswell, of Midland; and his two step-children, Michael Rosa, and daughters, Chloe and Lanea, of Pigeon, and Marc (Adrienne) Rosa, of Farmington Hills. Tom is also survived by his mother, Shirley Cresswell, of St. Louis; and his sisters and brother, Patricia (David) Rosenberg, of Nokesville, Virginia, John B. (Laurie) Cresswell, of St. Louis, and Leann (Steve) Slosson, of Lake Orion. Tom was predeceased by his father, Richard Cresswell; and his sisters, Cara and Candace Cresswell. Tom is missed and will be remembered forever by his entire family, his close cousin, Jim (Candy) Cresswell, his many friends, colleagues and friends from his Dow career, and his golf, fishing and hunting buddies. Tom was a man of many interests and skills, one of which was being a wonderful grandfather. His granddaughters, Lyla, Chloe and Lanea, brought him his greatest joy the past few years. A memorial service will be conducted at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 7, 2006. In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Cresswell requests that donations be made in Tom's memory to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, CCFA Honor & Memorial Gifts, 386 Park Avenue South, 17th Floor, New York, New York 10016-8804 (or www.ccfa.org).