



## Thomas Donald "Tom" Poleski

March 7, 1960 - December 19, 2023

Thomas Donald "Tom" Poleski, age 63, of Folkston, Ga., passed away unexpectedly on December 19, 2023 at UF Health Jacksonville in Jacksonville, FL. He was born on March 7, 1960 in Pittsburgh, PA to parents Donald and Avie Mae (Horton) Poleski. Tom grew up in Pittsburgh, Pa., New Orleans, La., Southern California and Jacksonville following the career of his father who served in the US Navy. Tom met the love of his life, Amanda Birdsong, on a blind date while living in Jacksonville. That chance meeting led to a beautiful life together united in marriage for nearly 37 years. Tom married Amanda on March 20, 1987. They started their married life in Jacksonville where they raised a family of 2 sons and moved to Folkston, Ga in 2000. Tom worked for the US Postal Service for 40 years and was approaching retirement. He enjoyed car shows, sailing, model airplanes, and traveling to see NASCAR races. More than anything, Tom enjoyed spending time with his family. He will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Amanda B. Poleski of Folkston, Ga.; sons, Thomas Poleski, Jr. and his wife Ali of Durham, NC, Jonathan Poleski and his fiancée Martiza of Athens, Ga.; his parents, Don & Avie Poleski of Jacksonville; a brother, Mark Poleski and his wife, Terri of Green Cove Springs; and a granddaughter Sophie, due in June 2024.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held at a later date.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.