



Thomas Alvin Fouts

Thomas “Tom” Alvin Fouts of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 31, 2025. One of seven children, Tom was born in Atmore, Alabama, to Alvin and Florence Fouts. He grew up in Brewton, AL, and graduated from T.R. Miller High School where he played football and was president of his Senior Class.

Tom went on to earn his B.A. from the University of Alabama, an MBA from Loyola University in New Orleans, a J.D. from the Birmingham School of Law, and a Masters in Intellectual Property Law from Santa Clara University School of Law. He began his career in the oil and gas industry as a landman with Exxon and then became a self-employed landman continuing to build lasting relationships throughout his professional career.

In his younger years, he often used his private pilot’s license to explore the skies and travel across the Southeast. Always an adventurer, his spontaneity was evident as he would take his kids on surprise trips to state parks, Mexico, and unique destinations they passed along the Alabama highway.

An avid lover of the outdoors and water, some of his happiest moments were spent by the Gulf Coast and Mobile Bay. Tom spearheaded the founding of Village Point Park Preserve. He was passionate about preserving the history and natural beauty of the Eastern Shore and felt everyone should have access to it.

Tom imparted his love of life to his children through teaching them independence and life skills. Alex and Noah will always remember their dad teaching them to ride bikes, camping, and deep sea fishing during trips with the Boy Scouts to help them achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. His older children, Florence and Landis, have fond memories of boating and water skiing with him on Mobile Bay.

Tom is survived by his wife Ronnie Fouts; son Landis Fouts of Miami, FL; daughter Florence Fouts (Will Alford) of Bay Village, OH; sons Alex and Noah Fouts, and Jacob Halpin of Vestavia Hills, AL; his grandchildren, Dura and Finola Alford of Bay Village, OH; his sisters, Martha Fouts Gund of Pensacola, FL, Elizabeth Fouts Honeycutt of Guntersville, AL; and his brother, Charlie Fouts of Lafayette, LA. He is preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Florence Fouts; his sister, Susan Fouts Albertolli; and brothers, Dr. Bill Fouts and David Fouts.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Tom's friends from high school and his Phi Gamma Delta brothers for their visits, cards, and phone calls which meant so much to him.

Services will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at Vestavia Hills Methodist Church, 2061 Kentucky Ave, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216. Visitation will begin at 10AM with services following at 11AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jacob's school [UnlessU.org](https://www.unlessu.org) in Vestavia Hills (Attn: Lindy Cleveland); Boy Scouts of America Troop 4 at Vestavia Hills Methodist Church (Attn: Jeremy Jackson); or to a charity of your choice.