

Thomas Ray Pura

Tom grew up in Salinas, California, one of five boys raised by a single mother. He was an accomplished student and athlete, who every summer from elementary school through college, worked in the Salinas lettuce fields. Although Tom was drafted by the Kansas City Royals after high school, he chose to accept a scholarship from Harvard, where he pitched in the College World Series.

After beginning his Wall Street career at Lehman Brothers, Tom joined Salomon Brothers and became its youngest ever managing director. In 1986 Goldman Sachs lured him away to become partner in Fixed Income where he led the Liquid Capital Markets business.

Lisa Endlich in her book, *Goldman Sachs: The Culture of Success*, wrote of Tom's time at Goldman in her chapter "The World-Class Player."

Expertise could and would be bought. Rubin and Friedman hired Tom Pura, David DeLucia, and later Michael Mortara from Salomon Brothers, luring them with the possibility of partnership. Each was already a managing director (the corporate equivalent of a partner) at Salomon Brothers, with an excellent reputation in the market.... The traders from across the street would quickly make their mark on Goldman Sachs' bond business. Pura was a hard-driving trader who would be widely emulated. A contender in the annual 'Iron Man' Triathlon, he would bring to the department a new intensity and a risky style of trading that was bolder and more aggressive than anything Goldman Sachs fixed income had ever seen.

Since retiring from Goldman Sachs, Tom has primarily focused on his family. He took great pride in his daughter, Jennifer, now a senior at Wellesley. Tom cheered Jen on as she continued the family tradition by playing four years of high school softball. Jen also is an accomplished horsewoman. His son, T.J., is a nationally ranked junior tennis player, and Tom was dedicated to furthering T.J.'s career. Tom's involvement in junior tennis resulted in "50,000 Balls," a documentary on junior tennis which he created and produced. This film has been accepted by several film festivals. It debuted with three showings at the Newport International Film Festival in June, and it premiered at the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Tom was a competitive amateur golfer, winning many tournaments including repeated club championships at Stanwich, and qualifying for the European Amateur Open and the U.S. Amateur Open.

Tom will be remembered for his commitment to his family and friends, his generosity, his passion for life, his loyalty to and encouragement of others, and his competitiveness.