GLENN PATRICK TOLBERT
APRIL 15, 1951 - AUGUST 19, 2016

OBITUARY
On August 19, 2016, Glenn Patrick Tolbert, 65, passed away due to complications from surgery, with Susan Peterson, his long-time close friend and partner, by his side. Pre-deceased by his parents, Curtis T. and Margaret Schyma Tolbert, of El Paso, Texas, he leaves behind, in addition to Susan, his son, Eric Kritz Tolbert Kilchenstein, Esq. and his daughter, Meghan Tolbert; his sisters, Dr. Natalie Tolbert Booker and Josette Tolbert Odle; his former Maryland Public Television colleague and longtime friend, Donald Thoms; Don Sincell, conversation partner, friend and editor of the Republican News; his ex-spouse and longtime friend of 41 years, Lynn Kilchenstein and many nieces and nephews as well as countless friends in all parts of the world from the rich and interesting life that he led.

The son of a World War II veteran and his spouse who met overseas, Glenn was born in Ft. Benning Georgia and grew up on military bases all over Europe and the U.S. before graduating from Cathedral High School in El Paso, Texas. Known then for his love of both basketball and long hikes and camping in the mountains of West Texas, he went on to graduate from the University of Texas at El Paso, with a degree in journalism. After college, Glenn moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland with his first wife, beginning his career as a photojournalist for the Daily Times in Salisbury, Maryland, where he soon became the Farm Editor and a radio show host in the mostly rural community. His work quickly attracted the attention of Maryland Public Television where he was invited to write and serve as the anchorman for the then nationally televised show “Farm Day.” A widely viewed show for its eclectic approach to presenting environmental and farming issues, “Farm Day” was on air for several years, after which Glenn continued to write and produce at MPT and on his own. He went on to originate the Emmy award winning and now replicated series “Outdoors Maryland” and later in conjunction with the BBC and Discovery Networks, wrote and produced several award winning documentaries including “Sea Power” and “After the Warming.” After he moved to Western Maryland, Glenn continued to use his considerable photographic and writing talents, publishing work in local and national papers including the Washington Post, the New York Times, the Baltimore Sun and the local paper, the Republican Times. Glenn fell in love with Western Maryland and enjoyed the beautiful mountains and lakes and the warmth of the people of the community of Oakland and surrounding towns.

With a deep sense of the absurd and a sharp wit, Glenn was a fine raconteur. He loved the natural world and spent many hours throughout his life hiking and taking pictures, in the rugged mountains of West Texas in his youth and in the green hills of Western Maryland in his later years. He planted gardens, fished, and walked. He photographed exquisitely much of what he observed throughout his life. He would be surprised but delighted to know how many people he positively affected and how much they will miss him.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 2, 2016 at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church 6 S. Second St., Oakland at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dr. C. Scott Robinson officiating. Friends may call at the church one hour prior to the services at the church.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be directed to Garrett County Community Action, 104 E Center St, Oakland, MD 21550.

Newman Funeral Homes, P.A., 1100 Memorial Dr., Oakland, MD 21550, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.newmanfuneralhomes.com (http://www.newmanfuneralhomes.com).

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Friday, September 2, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.