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## **Thomas Hagopian, 59, Launched ESPN.com Website, Avid Golfer**

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**Date :** September 5, 2018

Thomas L. Hagopian, 59, of Darien died peacefully at home on Monday, Aug. 27, following a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer.

A proud graduate of the University of Michigan and the Columbia University Business School, Tom was a pioneer and visionary in the digital media sector, starting with his conception and launch of the first major sports website, [espn.com](http://espn.com), and continuing into digital marketing and interactive TV with DirectTV and AT&T.

He was proudest, however, to have had the opportunity to mentor and inspire others throughout his career.

Tom was a lifetime sports fan, unbeatable trivia master and sportsman. He was a particularly keen and

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accomplished golfer and member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

He is predeceased by his parents, Louis and Joanne Hagopian, and survived by his beloved sons: Louis and Paul; his wife, Anne Tennant; his sister, Susan Goddard; his brother, Matthew; his Aunt Mary James and his many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who loved him dearly.

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—[This obituary](#) from the Nutmeg State Cremation Society previously was published in the *New York Times*.

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Services will be held at 10 a.m., Sept. 29 at St Aloysius Roman Catholic Church in New Canaan.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made by check to "In Memory of Tom Hagopian Columbia Palliative Care Program" and mailed to Takeisha Hall- Ruff at Columbia University Medical Center, 516 West 168th St., New York, NY 10032; or via [the university's website](#) (please enter "Palliative Care Program" in the special instructions/comments field).

To extend personal condolences to the family, please [visit the funeral home website](#). (The obituary did not appear to be on that website at the time this obituary was published by Darienite.com.)