

Thomas and Melinda Mooney  
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Tom and Melinda Mooney hail from Lima, Ohio and moved to the Washington D.C. area in 1968. Tom and Melinda graduated from Lima Central Catholic High School where in 1988 he was inducted into his hometown high school's Hall of Fame for Professional Achievement. Tom attended Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana and Ohio Northern Law School in Ada, Ohio. In May 2000, Tom was awarded an honorary law degree from St. Joseph's College. He is a member of the Ohio State Bar, the District of Columbia Bar, and the Virginia State Bar. Melinda attended Ohio State in Columbus Ohio and is a proud and loyal Buckeye.

In 1966, during the summer of his second year of law school Tom and Melinda and their one year old daughter Kelley came to Washington D.C. where Tom interned on the House Judiciary Committee for Congressman McCullough and Melinda worked as a Registered Nurse at Georgetown Hospital.

In 1968, Tom graduated from Law School. Before graduation, Congressman McCullough called and asked Tom to return to D.C. and work on the House Judiciary Committee. They returned to Washington D.C. with an additional family member, Baby Michelle. Melinda worked as a Registered Nurse at Georgetown Hospital and Tom worked under Congressman McCullough on the House Judiciary Committee. Two sons were born, Thomas Jr. and Edward, completing the Mooney family. Tom continued to move up the ladder at the House Judiciary Committee. Tom's mentor and great friend was Congressman Henry Hyde of Illinois who chose Tom to be his Chief of Staff and General Counsel for the House Judiciary Committee and later to the House International Relations Committee. He retired in 2007 after serving forty years in the House of Representatives.

Over the years Melinda has worked at Georgetown and Sibley Hospital, assisted at Murphy's Grand Irish Pub and cared for their four children. Melinda is on the Board of the American Society of Ephesus, which is involved in the restoration of the Basilica of St. John, the restoration of Mary's Church, the scene of the Counsel of Ephesus and the

renovation of Mary's home in Ephesus, Turkey, where the Blessed Virgin Mary spent the last years of her life.

Tom and Melinda are both very proud of their Irish Roots. Tom is second generation Irish with his grandfather, Patrick and his great Grandmother Mary Burke coming from County Mayo to the United States in 1883. Melinda's family roots can be traced to Irish names like Duffy, Kelly, Nichols and Minnigan and her great-grandfather, Philip Minnigan, was born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1858. They were from County Mayo.

Tom and Melinda were part of a small group on Capitol Hill that opened Murphy's Grand Irish Pub in Alexandria in 1978. Murphy's has a great staff and customers they treasure. Additional Murphy's' were opened in Washington, D.C., Lima, Ohio and Virginia Beach

Tom and Melinda reside in McLean, Virginia. They have raised four wonderful children and are blessed and enjoying their thirteen grandchildren.