

## **Thaddeus Outerbridge Obituary**

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Thaddeus Howard Haycock Outerbridge 1937-2024 [Beverly, MA](#).

Pipe organ builder Thad Outerbridge passed away Sunday, February 4, 2024 after a long decline. Mr. Outerbridge came to the United States from his native Bermuda to attend Boston University in 1958. He returned permanently in 1964 to pursue his life-long interest in the music of the pipe organ and its construction, renovation and repair with David Cogswell at the Berkshire Organ Company. In 1968 he moved to Beverly, Mass, and opened his own company Thad H. H. Outerbridge LLC, located both in Bermuda and the USA. He built a steady list of clients who appreciated both his calm expertise in diagnosing and correcting pipe organ issues and his consideration for the institutions' financial resources. He was also well-regarded in the larger organ community as demonstrated by his work on the historic organ at All Saints Episcopal Church in Ashmont (Dorchester) where his tonal revisions were considered "energetic, articulate, and brilliant". He and partner Armando Furtado also did the console renovations for the storied Casavant Freres organ at Boston University's Marsh Chapel in 2004.

In addition to major renovation, relocation, and rebuilding of existing organs he leaves behind two instruments of his own design at Second Congregational Church and First Baptist Church (1979) of Beverly. The later organ may fairly be considered his masterpiece, representing his full thoughts on tonal development and construction practices. This also demonstrates his consideration for the church's history, reusing materials provided from the disastrous fire in 1975.

Thaddeus Howard Haycock Outerbridge was born on December 12, 1937 in Paget, Bermuda, the second son of parents Percy Clisdell and Phyllis Haycock Outerbridge. Older brother Miles preceded him and is succeeded by brother Evan & wife Susan and their two children Haley Outerbridge and Mark Outerbridge in 2001. Thad joined with long-time business partner Armando Furtado to create Outerbridge Organs, LLC of which Armando is now sole owner. Armando and Kathy cared for Thad through the end of his life.

Arrangements by Casper Funeral Services 187 Dorchester St. Boston. Tributes can be made to Hospice House 78 Liberty St. Danvers, MA 01923.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 11 am at St. Peters Church 4 Ocean Ave. [Beverly, MA](#) 01915.

Thad will be laid to rest at Holy Trinity Church, Baileys Bay, Bermuda at a later date.