



# Thomas Joseph LaBree

August 12, 1950 - March 5, 2021

Thomas Joseph

LaBree was born on August 12, 1950 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and left us on March 5th, 2021.

Tom was

the son of the late Mary Jane Riley LaBree and John William LaBree, MD. He leaves behind his wife of 43 years, Jane Verschoor, his daughter Aimee, his son-in-law Alex, his grandson Sonny, and his siblings, Ann (Stephen), John (Ann), Janie, Mary, and Mollie (Chris). He was their soulmate, best friend, and the love of their lives.

Tom was

a born entertainer, people person, and spread love and laughter wherever he went. One of his mantras was that life is about "Spreading Joy" and he lived by it. He charmed his way through grade school, high school, and the U of M, and in his words, graduated "Magna Scum Baggie". He was a brilliant success as a salesperson - selling steel that built buildings and relationships as large as his personality.

He was a

true Renaissance man. Playful and adventurous, he led the charge at family gatherings and on family trips. He never passed up a new experience, and taught his daughter to appreciate nature and the beauty of the world. He loved golf, mysteries, crossword puzzles,

and the animal friends in his backyard. He loved coaching and will be remembered for teaching his Special Olympics floor hockey team the art of trash talk. He was a talented chef and savored a good meal - feeding the multitudes at barbecues and making sure everyone had their fill or bags of leftovers.

His mischievous

humor, wit and unbelievably generous and loving spirit sent ripples through every relationship he had and brought people together. He had the finely honed skill of

acknowledging and easing tension with a lovely humor. Many felt his wise and confident support through their joy and pain. There are many nieces, nephews, family members, friends and colleagues whose lives are better for having known him.

For more information about a memorial and to share stories about Tom that we can treasure as a legacy for his grandson, visit: <https://tomlabree.weebly.com>

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Special Olympics MN.

# Comments

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“ Jane and Aimee - Tom left us all too soon. What a life he had with you two ... and you with him! Sending love and sympathy.

**Barbara Strandell** - March 21 at 03:15 PM

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“ I am so sorry to here this. Tom was my childhood neighbor and buddy. He was a couple years older than I was but he always included me in all the activities. A lot of those were very memorable! The one that stands out is when my parents were having their house painted. When the painters went for lunch we managed to gather up some neighborhood trikes and scooters and gave them a new paint job!! I think we went through a few gallons before they got back!! Little did I know that was the start of my lifelong career I was a painter in construction for 35 years. So thank you my friend for pointing me in the right direction!!! Till we meet again, Randy Rennerfeldt.

**Randy Rennerfeldt** - March 17 at 12:55 PM

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“ Tom Labree.  
What more can you say about a man who was loved by everyone who met him.  
He was my neighbor.  
We solved the worlds problems over many evenings on his backyard patio.  
He had an abundance of wit and humor.  
A gifted, charitable man who will surely, sorely be missed.

**Henry** - March 13 at 11:00 AM

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“ Dear LaBree Family,

Tom was our Steel Salesman for a few years and he was a blast to deal with BUT he knew when it was time to talk business also. He was on top of the Jobs and the Market.

I enjoyed tilting a few drinks and shooting the breeze with him. He was a Man that I was glad to have know. RIP Tom.

Matt Harter  
Omaha Ne

**Matt Harter** - March 13 at 10:41 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Joseph LaBree.



March 12 at 04:07 PM

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“ From the St. Thomas Academy Class of 1968. Our thoughts are with you.

**Kevin Pates** - March 12 at 02:34 PM