



## Thomas James McCoy

January 2, 1942 - February 5, 2021

McCoy, Thomas James "Jake" Age 79 (1/2/42 - 2/5/2021) of Minneapolis, is now playing in that big hockey rink in the sky. Born to Ken and Lucille McCoy, Jake graduated from DeLaSalle where he played high school hockey and football. After a year at St. John's University, he transferred (because he didn't like the food) to the U of M as a walk-on where he earned his spot to play for the Maroon and Gold (Go Gophers!) In 1963, Jake joined the 1964 Men's Olympic team and competed in Innsbruck Austria, then went on to play for several senior amateur teams including the Parkers Hockey Club. In 1969, Jake married his wife of 51 years, saint Cathy, and they had 3 children. Jake spent his career doing what he loved, being a teacher and a coach. He taught at Richfield (Go Big Red!) for 33 years, and coached hockey from 66'-13', also coaching baseball and hockey at Mpls Washburn and basically everywhere inside the 494 loop. Jake spent his retirement biking, skiing, telling legendary stories, spectating his grandchildren's games, and bestowing his old school ways of coaching on younger generations, including passing out new plays on handwritten 3X5 cards. Jake was awarded many accolades over his 50+ years of coaching including being inducted into the Richfield Athletic Hall of Fame, Minneapolis Hockey Hall of Fame, Minnesota Hockey Coaches Hall of Fame, and receiving the Cliff Thompson Award and the Marv Jorde Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award. More than anything, Jake loved spending time with each of his grandchildren, fostering incredible and unique relationships with all of them. Jake's sense of humor, classic one-liners, and zest for life lives on in his children, beloved grandchildren, and Minnesota's incredible hockey community. He is preceded in death by his parents, and survived by his wife Cathy, daughter Jeanne Sommers (husband Jon, children Bennett and Bailee) son Patrick (wife Stephanie, children Jack and Cate) daughter Maggie Lynch (husband Jeff, children Mallory, Rylie, and Hannah) brother Fred McCoy (Diane Hatch) and numerous sisters / brothers-in- law, nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends. A small family memorial service will be held, and a Celebration of Life will be planned for this summer. In lieu of flowers, Jake requested donations be made in his honor to Richfield HS Athletics. We will see you in church Coach...if the windows are clean. Washburn-McReavy.com Werness Brothers 952-884-8145

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