



E. Thomas Lietzke Jr.

November 3, 1932 - September 3, 2024

Lietzke, Thomas age 91 of Arden Hills, formerly of St. Anthony Village, passed away Sept. 3, 2024. Preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Lois K. Lietzke (Anderson); his parents Dr. E. Thomas Lietzke and Wilma A. Lietzke (Talbert); sisters Betty Jones (Lietzke), and Kathy Lietzke. Survived by his daughter, Sheri Lietzke; his grandchildren Brendon, Madi and Devon Nuese; his sister, Mary F. Flynn (Lietzke), and extended family. Tom was a devoted husband and loving dad and grandpa. He was so proud of his family and dedicated his life to providing a loving home and creating wonderful family memories. Tom and Lois were very active in their 3 grandchildren's lives - providing love, support, laughter, cherished memories and so much more. Tom loved their cabin on Coon Lake and spent weekends creating wonderful times for everyone. He took joy in teaching Sheri and his grandchildren (and many others!) how to waterski. He was a life-long outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting with his brother-in-law, nephews and friends. He was thrilled to be with Brendon when he shot his first pheasant.

Tom was a graduate of the University of South Dakota and the University of Minnesota. He then served as a Captain in the U.S. Airforce. After he was discharged, he went on to receive his master's in Hospital Administration from the University of Iowa. Early in his career he was a hospital administrator at St. Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis. He then became the clinic administrator of the Paul Larson OBGYN clinic in Edina. He retired after more than twenty years. Tom was an active member of MN MGMA serving as president and

was also involved on the national level. He volunteered at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Brighton serving on the decorating committee and as an usher. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society, MN Pheasants Forever or a charity of donor's choice.

Mass of Christian Burial 11AM Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024 with visitation starting one hour prior at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Ave. NW, New Brighton. Private interment Sunset Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
835 2nd Avenue NW
New Brighton, MN 55112

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Tom and I were classmates in Graduate School at the U of I in 1960/61. I really got to know Tom when we jointly participated in a class study project with William “Bill” Lillibridge , Tom and I...the three “L’s” in a class of eighteen. The project’s objective was to determine the feasibility of building and financially supporting building a hospital in Superior Wisconsin, just across the St Croix river from Duluth, Mn with a highly sophisticated medical community of physician’s and hospitals.

After we parted ways at Iowa, I was fortunate, thanks to Dr Gerhard Hartman who was not only director of our program in Hospital Administration, but was Superintendent of the University of Iowa’s 900 bed hospital that served as a outstanding teaching and research facility, but also served as a state-wide facility serving the poor and uninsured.

I went on to serve a residency in hospital administration at Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Tom went on to Seattle Washington where he did his residency in Clinic management. Our path’s crossed one last time when he and his wife Lois, joined my wife and I, in Oregon at Timberline Lodge on Mt Hood. Our paths’ never crossed again, but I was aware he had returned to Minneapolis where he served as a Clinic Manager for many years.

Although I did not know Tom had served as an officer in the Air Force when we studied at Iowa together, I, too, ended up serving in Air Force as an officer after my Portland residency for three years.

*Gary Larson
MHA Class of 1961, now living part-time in Iowa City as well as Ely, MN and Folly Beach, SC*

Gary Larson - April 01, 2025 at 10:27 PM

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“ Robert L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of E. Thomas Lietzke Jr..

Robert L. - September 09, 2024 at 03:09 PM

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“ Mary, Erin, Jeff, Brian, Alissa & Nolan purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of E. Thomas Lietzke Jr..



Mary, Erin, Jeff, Brian, Alissa & Nolan - September 08, 2024 at 09:27 PM