



Tom Fjelde

August 1, 1938 - May 8, 2023

E.T. "Tom" Fjelde, age 84, Northfield MN, died peacefully on May 8, 2023 with his daughters by his side. Preceded in death by his parents, Louis (Lars Fjeldtvedt) and Beulah (Lindseth) and his wife of 56 years, Marjery Mae (Kraft). Survived by two daughters Sonja (Joel) Geisler, Portland OR, and Kristin Kasten, Northfield, MN. Grandchildren Elsa, Max and Jens Kasten and Ingrid Geisler. Cousins in USA and Norway.

Tom was born on August 1, 1938 in Minneapolis, MN, grew up in Des Moines, IA, graduated from Grandview College and Drake University, member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. Tom and Marj met at Grandview College and married in 1960, built a home in Bloomington, MN where they lived for over 40 years. Tom and Marj enjoyed traveling and visited 49 states, 34 countries, and 6 continents.

Tom taught World Cultures for 37 years, the last 30 at John F. Kennedy High School in Bloomington, MN. Three times "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" (1992, 1996, 1998). A sixty year Mason (Minnehaha #165). A sixty year Shriner (life member Zuhrah) Potentate 1987, Zuhrah Patrol (President 1974). Sec./Treas.(1994-98) Midwest Shrine Assoc., Emeritus member Shriners Hospital for Children. Emeritus member Imperial Marshals Comm. Royal Order of Jesters, Minneapolis Court #53. Emeritus member of the National Court. Member of Torske Klubben and Sons of Norway, Oslo #2. Life member Norwegian-American Historical Assoc.(Sec.of Board). Fellow of Vesterheim (member of Board). A rosemaler and WCCO "Good Neighbor".

Founded Zuhrah Torsk Klub and affectionately called "Cofather".

Tom moved to the Northfield Retirement Community in 2017, where he received exemplary care. A funeral service will be held on Friday May 19th, 11:00, St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, MN, with visitation one hour prior. Private Interment. Family requests memorials in Tom's name to Northfield Retirement Community and flowers from Forget-Me-Not Florist, Northfield, MN.

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Johns Lutheran Church (Northfield)
500 3rd St W
Northfield, MN 55057

Memorial Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KM

“Culture is the way humans adapt to their environment!” is forever etched in the minds of every student he had. I’m almost 50 and will never forget how he made a boring class interesting. Go Bulldogs, Mr. Fielde!

Kari McGuire - September 27, 2024 at 12:13 AM

JH

“Hello~ My name is Jennifer (Sorum) Herron, a 1990 graduate of Kennedy HS. Mr. Fjelde was one of my all time favorite teachers. I learned the most about and appreciated world cultures because of him. I will never forget and am often found quoting Mr. Fjelde's famous classroom phrase "Extra work is extra effort. Extra effort is extra grade." He loved it when we'd draw little cows and oil wells on our world maps. Definitely one of the greats in education. Rest in peace Mr. Fjelde, you have received your extra grade.

Jennifer Herron - May 14, 2023 at 02:45 PM

GS

“A fond farewell from a "Lowly Patrol Captain" to an exemplary "Head of the Unit"
You taught me much!
A final " 'tis well"
Rest Well My Brother!
Gary Sibben, PP

Gary Sibben - May 13, 2023 at 08:55 PM

SG

Thank you Gary 🧡

Sonja Geisler - May 13, 2023 at 10:56 PM