



Harry Thomas 'Tom' Hardie

April 27, 2017

Hardie, H. Thomas age 69, of Edina, passed away peacefully at home on April 27, 2017 surrounded by his loving family. Tom was the youngest of six children born in Milaca, Mn. on October 6, 1947. After graduating from Minneapolis Central High School in 1965, he joined the U.S. Army stationed in Hawaii and later married his high school sweetheart, Barbara, in 1968. Tom joined the workforce at the Star Tribune starting as a Plate Boy eventually becoming a Journeyman Pressman. By early 1980 he became a Production Superintendent and then worked in Labor Relations for two years. Next he became the Director of Printing Operations just when the Twins won the World Series and was faced with the challenge of printing unprecedented amount of color at a faster pace than ever before and expressed his appreciation for his workers when he said, "our people really rose to the occasion." Tom also served in several industry organizations, including President of the Metro Users Group, President of the Northwest Mechanical Conference and as a member of the Newspaper Association of America. His varied positions in the company and his national and international connections in the industry led to his promotion to Vice President of Production and Distribution in 1996. After growing up in South Minneapolis, Tom was particularly happy to have worked his whole career at the Star Tribune and proud to have been a leader of a group of employees with whom he grew up with. Coaching youth sports in Edina was certainly one of Tom's many passions. For 17 years he helped hundreds of children learn the value of sports while making sure everyone

was included and most importantly of all, had fun while learning. He had a unique ability to make every child feel good about himself and to appreciate his abilities and skills while coaching many of Edina's excellent hockey players, including his two sons. When not at the hockey rink, Tom could be found fishing, golfing, hunting and traveling with family and friends. Highlights include fly in fishing trips to Canada, hunting in the Arctic and Southern Minnesota and vacationing in Hawaii, his idea of Paradise. Much closer to home, the family spent as much time as possible at their cabin in Waverly, Mn. It is wher he spent endless hours fishing, ice fishing, boating, doing card tricks to the delight of the young ones and telling stories by the campfire. He taught the grandchildren the joy and wonder of nature, always pointing out an eagle flying over or a loon swimming by. Tom was a true family man. He was always upbeat, optimistic, and positive. He had a calm, steady presence and always had his family and friends foremost in his thought. Everyone who met Tom saw the goodness in him and he left an indelible mark on all who had a chance to know him. He will be missed by all. Tom will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 49 years, Barbara; sons, Ronald (Janis) Hardie, Chad (Colleen) Hardie; 5 grandchildren, Thomas, Addison, Steven, Cash and Cai; mother-in-law, Parthena Johnson; brother-in-law, Bruce (Sandra) Johnson, and many special nieces, nephews, cousins and an abundance of many cherished friends. Preceded in death by mother, Alta; sisters, Marian, Harriet, Darline, Lois and Shirley. Memorial Service will be held on Friday, May 19th at 11:00 AM at Normandale Lutheran Church, 6100 Normandale Road, Edina, Mn.. Visitation from 10:00 AM at the church. Private interment at Fort Snelling at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials are welcomed to the Masonic Children's Hospital. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

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“ Through the power of the internet I happen on an old friend of mine from the Army days in Hawaii. Hardie, as we all called him, was a great friend and a wonderful guy, and along with Rich Moen we spent many a happy time together. I also knew Barb, and if you read this my heart goes out to you. We all loved Hardie. Jerry Faustino Hudson, FI

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