



Thomas Craig Aldrich

August 30, 1950 - May 15, 2023

Thomas C. Aldrich, age 72, passed away on May 15, 2023. Tom was born on August 30, 1950 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Stanley and Marie Aldrich. Tom graduated from Washburn High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1968. After his Navy service, he worked as a machinist in Minneapolis and then as a custodian at Upsher-Smith and at Anoka Technical College.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gerald and Scott; sister, Susan (Mark) Velguth; and fur babies, Alex and Patch. He is survived by his loving wife, Pat; daughter, Louise (Roy) Smith; brother, Mike; his dog, Hunter; and many wonderful friends and neighbors.

Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, May 28, from 1 - 4 PM at the home of Bryan and Amy Neisen, 4510 County Road 30 SW, Waverly, Minnesota, 55390. All friends are welcome to attend.

Burial Service will be held on Wednesday, August 30, at 1:30 PM at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, 7601 34th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55450. Arrive 15 minutes early.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAY **28**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Bryan and Amy Neisen's Home
4510 County Road 30 SW
Waverly, MN 55390

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to see this posting about my cousin Tom. My siblings and I are returning to MN in September to Intern my Mom, Alberta K. Aldrich, next to my Dad, Walter H. Aldrich (brother to Stanley, Tom's Dad) at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. My mom had kept up correspondence with various family members, including Tom and his wife, Pat. Mom passed away on January 13, 2025 at the age of 100 years, 4 months, 13 days. While there, the siblings will visit Tom's grave.

I have wonderful memories of Uncle Stan and Aunt Marie at their beautiful Tudor home in south Minneapolis and all five cousins. I especially remember the early December Christmas cookie-baking marathon. Mom and Marie would toil away in the kitchen ALL day...the house smelled heavenly. And the 9 Aldrich cousins (Tom, Gerry, Scott, Susan, Mike plus Steve, Jill, Reed, Beth) ran amok throughout the rest of the house. The basement was (in my memory) a sort of scary locale, with dark nooks and crannies. Stan would come home from the Furniture Store, and my dad from United Hardware, for a simple dinner around the large dining room table. Then the cookies would be divided up between the two families. I know the moms made small batches of 20-25 different kinds of cookies: spritz, toffee bars, thumbprints, stained-glass cookies, Russian teacakes (my favorite), etc. They were used for various social get-togethers during the holiday season and even distributed to roaming neighborhood carolers.

I'm so sorry for your loss, Louise and Pat. If you see this timely, and you are able, please come to Mom's Internment at Fort Snelling, September 5, 2025 at 1 pm. After there is a reception at the Lake Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E Minnehaha Pkway, Mpls. Room #115. It would be wonderful to reconnect and visit with you.

Warmly, Jill Aldrich

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Miss my Dad.

Louise Aldrich - May 22, 2023 at 02:50 PM