



## Thomas Leroy Babcock

March 2, 2019

Babcock, Thomas Leroy, age 54 of Minneapolis passed away unexpectedly March 2, 2019.

Thomas Leroy Babcock was many things to many people a Brother, Son, Father, Lover and Mentor to so many. He spent his time watching sports, fishing, cooking, telling stories, golfing and raising 6 children with all the friends they brought home. He took in many people over the years and had a saying for it: "Family is like Jello, you can always make room". Make room we did.

Many people reading this now are the people he helped. "Always down with the discount", -we can get it done was the attitude he had. The help he offered for some was fixing a vehicle, helping with work around the house, concrete stairs, decks and tile. For others supporting a funeral, coaching little league, door knocking for a cause, or cooking like an assembly line.

There are a lot of mementos that will remind each of us differently of Tom. A song, a place, a picture. For me it's the cold crank of the F350 in the dead of winter; pushing out the unmistakable smell of diesel with hints of Kodiak all while sitting in the cab of his truck. The jingle of his keys as he turned the ignition followed by the eventual turnover of the engine.

Tom, my dad, he worked hard. When I think about Dad, I think about the man who got up at 4 am, worked 6 10's for 18+ years and pulled in side jobs to make sure there was enough. He still found time on the weekend to bring us fishing, hunting, to a game... He did a lot right.

In Tom's passing we find comfort knowing he is now free from pain and burden. I imagine him looking down on all of us, from above and back at life, reminiscing on all the good times had with everyone. Probably wearing that leather black coat bearing his grin and eventually being walked away with a "It's time Tommy" as he joins the rest of our loved ones. "Yeah it's time".

Preceded in death by father, Albert. Survived by mother, Rose; children, Zachary (Rachel) Babcock, Thomas Beckman, Joseph Patrick (Jennifer Petersen) Babcock, Michael Beckman, Alexander Babcock, Alaura Babcock; grandchildren, Angela, Audrey, Teagan, Quinn, and one grandchild on the way; siblings, James (Peggy) Babcock, Bonita (Jim) Hoffman, Marjorie (Allan Ernst) Babcock, Sharon (Timothy) McCabe, Gloria Babcock; many nieces and nephews; former spouses, Kathy and Marie; girlfriend, Ronda; countless other relatives and friends of Papa T. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the

family. Funeral service Thursday, March 14, 10:00 AM, with visitation one hour prior at Hope Church, 7132 Portland Ave. S., Richfield. Visitation will also be held Wednesday March 13, 5-7 PM at:

[www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com)

Davies Chapel 612-377-2203

2301 Dupont Ave. S., Minneapolis.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery

2600 19th Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418  
(612) 781-3391  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Davies Chapel  
2301 Dupont Avenue S  
Minneapolis, MN 55405

## Visitation

MAR 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Hope Church  
7132 Portland Avenue South  
Richfield, MN 55423

## Church Service

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hope Church  
7132 Portland Avenue South  
Richfield, MN 55423



# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Babcock Family,  
I am so sorry for the loss of Tommy. When I played co-ed basketball for Aldrich Church (like 5th or 6th grade), he was on my team. I knew nothing about B.B. but the best part I remember was how he used to make me laugh! Sometimes I don't think he even knew he was being funny. He was the one who got me through that long season! I was very fortunate to have him as a teammate!!  
Karyn Daline Polland

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**Karyn Polland** - March 15, 2019 at 05:00 PM

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“ Love & prayers forever & ever-  
Janet & Sheldon Fraenk

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**Janet & Sheldon Fraenkel** - March 13, 2019 at 05:17 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas Leroy Babcock.



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March 13, 2019 at 04:20 PM

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“ A wonderful, kind soul with a winning smile and a hand up to everyone

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**Kit Kennedy** - March 11, 2019 at 02:30 PM

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“ Tom was a great guy at work and in his personal life. Reaching out and caring for people outside of his comfort zone. He was liked by both salary and hourly, A hard working person, he was a giver and not a taker, He will be missed by his Ford Family.

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**Dave Smith** - March 11, 2019 at 03:37 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Leroy Babcock.



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March 10, 2019 at 09:40 PM