



Thomas Arthur Benson

February 20, 1938 - September 29, 2022

Thomas Arthur Benson was born in Superior, Wisconsin, on February 20, 1938. He died on September 29, 2022, at the age of 84. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Lillian Benson; brothers, Robert and John Benson; granddaughter Courtney Adkins; and other relatives. He is survived by his wife, Claire; children, Dan (Lisa) Benson, Catherine (Duane) Dutton, Cheryl (Paul) Adkins, Steve (Terri) Benson; grandchildren, Christa (Jonathan) Plankers, Erica, Joshua, and Zachary Benson; Julia and Thomas Dutton; Patrick and Peter Adkins; Jack and Allison Benson; great-granddaughter Lilyan Plankers; sister-in-law, Joanne Benson; many nieces and nephews; and many in-laws on the Rundman side of the family. Tom grew up in Superior, Wisconsin, and he was confirmed at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Superior. He graduated from Superior East High School in 1956, from the University of Minnesota in 1960, and from Luther Theological Seminary in 1964. He met Claire Rundman in 1961 at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, and they were married on May 26, 1962, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming, Michigan. Tom and Claire celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in May 2022 with a wonderful family gathering. Tom served in multiple pastoral calls, including an internship in Seattle, Washington; clinical pastoral education at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Illinois; and as a parish pastor at United Lutheran Church in Zumbrota, Minnesota, and at Advent Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. He also worked as a personal and family tax accountant, a business advisor for Claire's small plant

business, and an independent distribution contractor until retirement. Tom enjoyed many hobbies and activities over the years, including playing and watching sports, traveling, attending his grandchildren's events, and hearing beautiful organ music at several Twin Cities churches. Tom was devoted to God, his wife and family, and his greatest joy came from time spent together with his family. Funeral service to be held Friday, October 7th at 2PM, with visitation one hour prior at the Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Chapel Service

OCT 7. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Thomas Arthur Benson in memory of Thomas Arthur Benson



Washburn-McReavy - September 30, 2022 at 09:09 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Benson.



October 06, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ I am honored and blessed to have known Tom. He was a kind, loving soul who made the world brighter. His light will shine forever.
Jen Floyd



Jen Floyd - October 05, 2022 at 05:15 PM

RJ

“ *Region 113-Edward Jones purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas Arthur Benson.*



Region 113-Edward Jones - October 04, 2022 at 01:33 PM

LM

“ *Love, Sherri, Gwen, Karen, Missy & Marsha purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Arthur Benson.*



Love, Sherri, Gwen, Karen, Missy & Marsha - October 02, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Benson.*



September 30, 2022 at 11:32 PM

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“ *Sending love & hugs to Aunt Claire & family. I know I missed out on so much beauty not having been raised nearby. All I know & hear is the calm, peace & love, encouragement & kindness Uncle Tom possessed & willingly shared with all who entered his presence. (I have lovely letters sent my way, as well.) Hearts touched by this dear man will truly hold him close forever.
Blessings & comfort in so great an earthly loss,
Teri Benson Reno
(his brother Roberts' 2nd daughter)*

Teri Benson Reno - September 30, 2022 at 11:18 PM