Thomas Reid Bracher

January 20, 1947 - February 1, 2023

DUE TO THE WEATHER THOMAS'S SERVICE HAS BEEN MOVED TO:

THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2023 @ ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, VISITATION 10:00 AM TO 11:00 AM WITH SERVICE @ 11:00 AM.

THOMAS REID BRACHER
Age 76 of Chaska, Minnesota, passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2023, surrounded by family members. Born January 20, 1947, he is preceded in death by his parents Richard George Bracher and Mary (Neemes) Bracher, brother Richard Bracher, and nephew Todd Bracher. Survived by sister, Patricia (Bracher) Jensen of Eden Prairie, Minnesota and brother, Christian Carl Bracher (Kathy) of White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Nephews Scott Soderberg (Cathy), Troy Bracher (Biz), Chad Bracher. Nieces Elizabeth Soderberg Chollar (Andrew), Kerri (Bracher) Lesch (Paul). Along with 12 great-nieces and nephews and one great, great nephew.

Tom was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He grew up in St. Louis Park, graduating from St. Louis Park High School in 1965 and later from the University of Minnesota with a B.S. degree with a double major in Business and Economics. While at the University of Minnesota, he was a football lineman on the last U of M football team named Big Ten Champions in 1967, the year in which he was also a member of the Big Ten Outdoor Track and

Field Champions. He was also an inducted member of the "M" Club at the University of Minnesota.

Tom worked for many years in the real estate industry in the Chicago area. He returned to Chaska where he was employed at the former Chaska Building Center until his retirement.

Throughout his retirement years, he loved working the shot put event at track and field meets. He officiated at state high school meets, university and college meets, and USATF events. Generations of high school throwers know of no one else managing the shot put at the State Meet each spring. Tom also spent many years employed by the Minnesota Twins baseball organization in the Hospitality Department.

A memorial service will be held on February 23, 2023, at 11 am at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 13600 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie, Minnesota. There will be a one-hour visitation before the service. The service may be Live Streamed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTuCiSFFqDo . Lunch will be served after the service. Burial will be at a later date at Oakwood Cemetery in Red Wing, Minnesota, in the family plot.

The family wishes to acknowledge and thank Auburn Manor/Courts in Chaska, MN, for their loving care and friendly environment during Tom's final months.

Memorials preferred to University of Minnesota and put "AndersonBasecamp" in the check memo line. Mail it to the University's throws' coach directly: U of M Track & Field
Attn: Peter Miller 516 15th Ave SE Minneapolis, MN 55455
OR 2. Contribute online at http://z.umn.edu/AndersonBasecamp

LiveStream service: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTuCiSFFqDo

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery (Red Wing)

1258 Cherry Street
Red Wing, MN 55066

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **2**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Andrew Lutheran Church (Eden Prairie)
13600 Technology Drive
Eden Prairie, MN

Memorial Service

MAR **2**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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13600 Technology Drive
Eden Prairie, MN

Tribute Wall

I have fond memories of my Gopher teammate, Tom Bracher. He and I labored on the "Hamburger Squad" together on Murray Warmath's teams culminating in the 1967 Big Ten championship. I will always remember Tom's smile and sense of humor. Rest in peace my friend. Rick Holmstrom

Rick Holmstrom - February 21, 2023 at 10:29 PM

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Tom will be missed, his puzzle skills at the Lodge were great. Our talks of St. Louis Park were fun. May he rest in peace.....Dwight

Crisman Dwight - February 08, 2023 at 08:53 PM