



Thomas Lee Evans

January 15, 1950 - November 23, 2025

Edina, MN - Thomas Lee (TL) Evans, MD, of Edina, MN, age 75, passed away in his home on November 23, 2025.

Tom was the eldest of five children born to Robert L. and Mary Ellen (Murphy) Evans. He was born in Emerson, Iowa and moved to the Quad Cities where he graduated from Assumption High School in 1968 as Senior Class President. Tom went on to study political science at Yale before attending medical school at the University of South Dakota, University of North Dakota and the University of Minnesota. Dr. Evans began his career in emergency medicine at Hennepin County Medical Center and continued to serve in a variety of medical disciplines over the course of his profession, including playing a key role in the establishment of Fairview Ridges Hospital in Burnsville, MN and serving there as Director of Emergency Medicine.

TL had a passion for music and, among other instruments, played the bass guitar in a band during his high school and college years. He enjoyed hunting and was an avid gun collector. He cherished the summers he had in Okoboji, Iowa, developed a love for the wind, the waters, and the freedom of sailing. He met life the same way he met the waves - with daring cleverness and a mischievousness that hinted that he was already plotting his next adventure.

Tom is survived by his mother, Mary Ellen Evans; siblings Sally (Tom) Schulz,

Mary Beth (David) Hughes, James (Marie) Evans, Patricia (Craig) Rees; three children Mackenzie (Michael) Reynolds, Allison (Andrew) McKay, Robert Evans; and six grandchildren Katherine, Molly & Brady Reynolds and Leo, Cal & Wyatt McKay.

Funeral services will be held at 10AM on Saturday, November 29 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport, Iowa with a visitation at 9am and a luncheon to follow at The Outing Club. Burial will take place at Emerson Cemetery in Emerson, IA at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Doctors Without Borders - <https://events.doctorswithoutborders.org/campaigns/Dr-Evans>

Tribute Wall

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“ Tom was a high school classmate and was universally admired as a brilliant student and an outstanding leader. He was kind and compassionate to everyone. I offer my deep sympathies to Tom's family and heartfelt prayers for his eternal rest. Bless you, Tom, and thank you for leaving a legacy of kindness with me and all of us in the Class of 1968. Rev. Dr. Dianne Reistroffer, Louisville, KY

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