



## Thomas John Forte

December 21, 1946 - July 3, 2020

Forte, Thomas J. "Tom" 73, died on July 3, 2020, at the Minneapolis VA from acute respiratory distress syndrome. He was born to Albert and Helen (Thomas) Forte in Minneapolis, MN, and he attended the Minneapolis Public Schools, graduating from Central High School. During and after high school, he worked at Snowland Dairy in Stillwater where his father was part owner. In 1966 Tom was drafted in the Army and served in Vietnam. After his honorable discharge, he lived in Savannah, GA, but later moved back to Minneapolis to help care for his ailing father. Tom completed an apprenticeship as a Journeyman Offset Cameraman, Stripper, and Platemaker. A proud union member, he worked at many printing companies, including Ramberg, Myers, American Spirit Graphics, and PMSI. Tom was a Cub Scout and a member of the Powderhorn Speedskating Club. He raced motorcycles at Brainerd, but his pure joy was his 1955 Chevy Handyman wagon. Tom cherished family. Also, he really liked milk chocolate, Coca Cola, ice cream, bicycling, and all music. Tom was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Nancy (Forte) Doria. He is survived by his loving wife of almost 50 years, Jo Ann; his daughter, Melissa (Scott) Stephun; step-grandchildren, David and Daniel; sister, Barbara (Forte) Zell; and loving relatives, neighbors and friends. Special thanks to the anonymous kidney donor and all the doctors and nurses at the VA, Home Based Primary Care, and Home Instead who enabled Tom to be home the last 7 months. Interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Celebration of Life later. Memorials to donor's choice. Washburn Mc Reavy Cremation Services