



Thomas Earl Howard

March 17, 1950 - June 10, 2016

Passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 10, 2016, age 66. Preceded in death by father Richard, sister Sue and niece Michelle. Lovingly missed by wife Anne (Fashingbauer); children Joshua (Samantha), Annie Miller (Mark), Sam (Amber Hegland); grandchildren Max Miller and Colton Howard; mother Beverly; sisters Kris Canaday (Ed) and Linda Saavedra; aunt Joyce Atchison; nephews Jon Eardley, Kyle & Cory Canaday; nieces Lindsay & Britni Saavedra & Jaclyn McCormack; faithful four-legged friend Mattie, along with many more fun-loving relatives and friends. Special thanks to the staff at Residential Hospice in Brooklyn Center, for gently guiding us through Tom's last days. Visitation 4-8 PM Thursday, June 16 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home, 515 Highway 96 West, Shoreview MN 55126. Mass of Christian Burial 11 AM Friday, June 17, with visitation beginning at 10 AM at St. Odilia Catholic Church, 3495 Victoria St. N, Shoreview 55126. Interment Roselawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Lewy Body Dementia Association. How we will miss our Tom, the handsome blond athlete and coach, world's best party host, singer of Elvis and Sinatra and devoted husband, dad, son and brother. He welcomed all guests as though they were lifelong friends, and the dozens of Howard family parties rang out with his voice, whether tending bar, entertaining the neighborhood with fireworks displays and an Elvis impersonator, playing Santa in the freezing Minnesota winter, or dealing an energetic hand of blackjack. He loved his extended family at John Roberts Printing Co. where he so proudly worked for

42 years. He played as hard as he worked, savoring family trips to the shell-filled shores of Sanibel Island, or for gambling excursions in Vegas, where winning never mattered as much as the laughter. Lewy body dementia could not have seized a worse victim, robbing Tom and his family of his charm just as his grandchildren were arriving in this world. As Elvis sang in "Love Me Tender," he made our lives complete, and as Sinatra crooned in "My Way", he lived a life that's full. Every time we hear the King or Old Blue Eyes, we will know who is turning up heaven's stereo.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Tom was a wonderful man. What a sad loss! :-)*

Shawn Saavedra - July 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Samantha and family, I am so saddened by your loss. Reading his wonderful obituary exudes lots of joy and laughter, along with dedication in his lifetime. Prayers for all of you as you honor him during this time. In deepest sympathy, Christie Baugues*

Christie Baugues - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *jcorley@salesbuilders.com*

Corley John - June 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *We offer our sincere condolences to the Howard family on the loss of a really great guy. I knew Tom as a living and loyal Dad who rarely missed Josh's baseball games at St. Thomas. We shared many laughs and stories during the 4 year period that we followed our sons. Our thoughts and prayers are with you And your entire family.
John Corley*

Corley John - June 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Met Tom a couple of times, wish I had known him better. Sounds like he was the life of the party. I have had the pleasure of spending more time with his siblings and if he was anything like them, he was an extra special person. Our prayers, loving thoughts and heartfelt sympathy for Annie and his children. Aunt Bev, a mom should never have to bury their children, stay strong and remember the good family times when you were all together.

Barry and Evelyn Wolford - June 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Cousins are (& were mine) a kids first friends. Although out of touch for many years, Tom's obit reflects exactly as I would have guessed he would become because he was raised in an awesome home by wonderful parents. My sincere and heartfelt blessings to his family. I miss you, Tom!

Nikki Johnson Fuchs - June 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ The measure of a man is not how much he made or acquired in life, but the laughter and love of those who will miss him when he is gone. Tom, we miss you already. The love for you and yours will always be.

Jim McDonough Jr. - June 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I am very saddened to hear of Toms passing. He was such a great guy. So many great memories over the years. He was the best softball coach who knew how to have lots of fun. Over the years he always joked that I was not to miss practice even though it had been many (too many) a season since our last game. Such a wonderful sense of humor! He will be truly missed. My heart goes out to everyone in his family. Anne, you definitely had a keeper. My prayers are with you. Love Linda

Linda Fashingbauer - June 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM