



Thomas Jay Inwood

May 18, 1945 - June 23, 2025

In Memory of Tom Inwood

Thomas Jay Inwood, age 80 of Arden Hills, MN passed away on Monday, June 23, 2025 in his home with family by his side.

Tom was born on May 18, 1945 in Rockford, Michigan to Ardis and Russell Inwood. He grew up on a 150-acre farm where he loved following his dad and Grandpa around as they tended to the animals and machinery.

After graduating from Rockford High School Tom continued his education at Western Michigan University earning his bachelor degree in mechanical engineering. From there he worked for Bendix, Clark Equipment, and Bombardier Corporation in Duluth, MN where he met his wife and soulmate Debbie. Debbie and Tom were married shortly after and moved to St. Paul where he worked for Surf-Jet Corporation and finished his career by starting and co-owning Engineered Finishing Corporation for 30+ years. Tom and Debbie were blessed with two daughters and raised them enjoying many activities and traveling together as a family.

Aside from his professional achievements, Tom was known for his caring and adventurous spirit. He valued his relationship with family and friends, always putting them first. Tom enjoyed the outdoors and loved downhill skiing, being

on Ski Patrol for over 30 years, cross country skiing, boating, bicycle riding, marathon running, snowmobiling, dirt bike racing, street motorcycle riding, building and designing, and volunteer firefighting for 14 years. Tom was passionate about cars, a member of the Camaro Club and Corvette Club and won "Best in Class" for his 1969 Camaro that he was the original owner of and restored. He loved spending time with friends and family, traveling, cheering on his grandkids, playing a game of cribbage, and most summer sunrises he could be found on the lake, pulling his wife skiing with coffee in hand.

Tom is survived by his wife of 47 years, Debbie, and their two daughters, Heidi and Jenny. Heidi (Steve), Jenny (Ryan) and grandchildren Drew, Dylan, Savi, and Brax. He is also survived by his sister Karen (Bart), nephews Jeff (Pam), Marty (Nancy) and their children Zach (Addison), Kaiti (fiancé Case).

Tom will be remembered for his warm and steady presence and how he loved life and those around him. He will be deeply missed. May he rest in peace.

Memorial service will take place at 3:00pm Saturday, July 26, 2025 at Washburn McReavy Shoreview Chapel. Visitation starting at 2:00pm. Reception to follow at the Haffeman Pavilion at the Shoreview Community Center.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made in Tom's honor to Gigi's Playhouse, Twin Cities <https://tinyurl.com/ytyvhrek>.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Celebration of Life

JUL 26. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Reception

JUL 26. 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Haffeman Pavilion at Shoreview Community Center
4580 Victoria Street North
Shoreview, MN 55126

Tribute Wall

SM

“ We’ve had the great honor of calling Tom and Debbie our best friends for nearly 40 years. From everyday moments shared over dinner and cribbage games to grand adventures - motorcycle trips, camping, whitewater rafting, and once-in-a-lifetime cruises - we’ve been blessed with memories we will cherish forever. Tom will be missed more than words can ever express. Our deepest sympathies go out to our dearest Debbie, and to Heidi, Jenny, and their families.



Sandy Minder - July 22, 2025 at 10:54 AM

TC

“ We have many memories of Tom and Debbie in Utah RV trip. We hiked the Arches it was a beautiful time. Tim remembers the Mecum Auto Auction
With Tom and how amazing Tom’s knowledge of classic cars. It was a great time being with him. Not one car was as nice as his Camero that he restored. God bless you dear Tom.

Tim & Cherie Clark - July 03, 2025 at 08:55 PM

OB

Tom married my favorite cousin, Debbie, almost 50 years ago. Debbie was so lucky to be with Tom. He said nothing but good things about Debbie and they truly were blessed with their two beautiful daughters and 4 grandchildren.
Rest in Peace, Tom.

Olivia Burger - July 12, 2025 at 08:25 AM

ME

“ Dear Debbie and family, I am very sorry to hear of your loss and what you are likely going through. My immediate memories are about how you and Tom were more than just fellow patrollers. You greatly contributed to the feeling of a 'patrol family' with humans who shared a common passion. You are special people and Tom will be missed greatly.

Michele Eggers - July 03, 2025 at 02:15 PM

DJ

Dear Debbie,

Janis and I are so sorry & so surprised to hear about Tom's passing.

I used to work clearing weeds on our Lake Johanna beach nearly every nice morning & I always looked forward to watching you & Tom having fun together water skiing on those mornings.

You & Tom were an inspiration to me.

I'm so sorry to hear that Tom is gone from your life now. 🙏🙏🙏

Dixon Jordan

Dixon Jordan - July 03, 2025 at 02:31 PM

EJ

Ed Dickinson-- Tom and Debbie's unique energy and devotion to doing what they love on our lake will always be part of what we have loved about living in our neighborhood over these 25 years. Thank you Tom and Debbie for this gift.

Ed Dickinson and Nancy Jacobson - July 04, 2025 at 11:57 AM

LP

Dear Debbie and your family,

Bob and I are so sorry to hear this news. Our memories of you and Tom at Afton Alps are sweet and reflect the happiness and fun we had patrolling with you on the hill. You and Tom were a beautiful example of one of the most loving couples we knew.

Know that you are in our prayers and thoughts during this difficult time.

Blessings and love from Liz and Bob Parr

Liz and Bob Parr - July 10, 2025 at 11:01 AM

PK

Dear Debbie,

Most every summer about this time I begin to question .. why am I still on the ski patrol? Why do the effort, training, take the time, etc. What am I getting out of it? Then I think of the patrol friends I have made skiing and would miss that camaraderie if I were to quit the patrol. You and Tom were those people I would miss if I quit so I persevered and never regretted that decision.

I'm so sorry about Tom. He is missed.

Pat Kelly

PATRICK KELLY - July 13, 2025 at 06:11 PM

CM

Debbie and family, All the Burger family gatherings we have done over many years have been especially joyful with Tom and You sharing the sunshine you two bring to a conversation. The laughs and stories of childhood and family growing together as a couple. Tom will be missed but keep all those memories alive by sharing with each other and honor those memories in conversation with others. You all are in my thoughts. Christa Misiewicz

Christa Misiewicz - July 19, 2025 at 11:06 AM

DL

Dear Debbie & Family,

I was sorry to read about the loss of Tom. From what I knew about him during our time together on the fire department. Is that he was a man of grace, approachable for a good conversation as well as his beautiful smile.

May the memories of him continue to live within all of your hearts.

Blessings to your family

David Lorier

David C Lorier - July 22, 2025 at 09:41 AM