



Thomas Edward Kurki

November 9, 1947 - February 28, 2025

Thom Kurki, age 77, of Columbia Heights, passed away February 28, 2025. Preceded in death by parents Erick and Lucille Kurki and in-laws Chuck and Hazel Annis, sister Carolyn Roelofs, sister-in-law Kim Kurki, and nephew Adam Kurki. Survived by his wife Jackie, together 61 years and Annie; Reesi, Bob, Cole and Cade Albers; Darci, Addie, and Jake Wagner and Chris, Layla and Hunter Bly; brothers Bob, Mike and Loren and their families, and many dear friends.

Thom grew up in Duluth and Cloquet, MN; he enlisted in the Army in 1968 and served his country with pride in the Vietnam War. He enjoyed camping, loved his dogs, and loved reading, known for his extensive library of books. Thom loved baseball from the time he played in high school; he most enjoyed listening to Twins games on the radio, and more than anything reveled in supporting his grandchildren at all their events (he especially loved watching all 3 grandsons play baseball!)

Thom had a gift for appreciating the simple, ordinary days that led to living a most extraordinary life. He journaled most days, leaving behind a priceless legacy of memories for his family of time at the cabin, every sporting event, concert, or school event, birthdays, anniversaries and holidays....and just ordinary days made special by being with family. Thom was the quiet observer with a great sense of humor; he spoke little and laughed often. All who knew him describe him as humble, gentle and kind - he cared about his family above all. His love for his best friend Jackie was another legacy of partnership

his family will treasure always.

Memorial service Tuesday, March 18 at Washburn-McReavy Northeast Chapel, 2901 Johnson Street NE, Minneapolis. Visitation at 10:00, service at 11:00, followed by interment at Fort Snelling.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Northeast Chapel
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Minneapolis, MN 55418
(612) 781-6828
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ 1994 Heights Girls purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Thomas Edward Kurki.



1994 Heights Girls - March 10, 2025 at 06:41 PM

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“ Have known the Kurki family for 50 years because of working with Tom's wife Jacki. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Ed and Sherri Neis

Sherri Neis - March 05, 2025 at 02:52 PM

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“ Sharon E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Edward Kurki.

Sharon E. - March 05, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Edward Kurki.

March 04, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward Kurki.



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“ *I got to know Thom through his wonderful wife Jackie and the members of the Cloquet class of 1966. Like him I've endured longtime issues with cancer and know he had the grit of Sisuv to survive eight terminal years of this dreaded disease. He'll be greatly grieved by his family and many friends. He now no longer suffers and dwells among the stars.*

Don Nikkola - March 04, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Edward Kurki.

March 03, 2025 at 09:38 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward Kurki.



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