



Thomas Lloyd Luukkonen

November 11, 1946 - February 6, 2025

Thomas L. Luukkonen, age 78, of Eden Prairie, MN, passed away peacefully on February 6, 2025. Tom lived a life defined by his devotion to family, strong faith in God, compassion for those in need, and unwavering integrity in both his personal and professional relationships.

Born November 11, 1946, to Lloyd and Elizabeth Luukkonen in Duluth, MN, Tom was a standout athlete, lettering in four sports before graduating from Big Lake High School. He graduated from Augsburg College and married Carol Batalden in 1968.

Shortly after beginning his career as a CPA, Tom was drafted into the U.S. Army, serving two years stationed in Savannah, Georgia, and Munster, Germany. Upon returning home, he resumed his career, becoming a trusted advisor to his clients primarily in the construction industry. His professional journey took him from Adrian S. Helgeson & Co. to McGough Construction before he built his own CPA firm. As a partner at Ritchie, Luukkonen, Campbell & Co. Ltd., Tom took immense pride in the firm's high employee retention rate, knowing that fostering a workplace of respect and care set them apart. Tom retired from public accounting as a principal with LarsonAllen LLP and returned to work as CFO at Kraus-Anderson Construction before retiring permanently.

A man of deep faith, Tom found purpose in serving others. He devoted his time and talents by serving on the board of directors for three non-profit charitable organizations. A longtime member of Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, he served on the church council, chaired two building committees, was church treasurer, and championed the Welcome Home ministry furnishing transitional housing for families.

Above all, Tom was a devoted family man. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carol; their children, Jennifer (Brian) Maass, Angela (John) Nolde, and John (Chandra Nimz) Luukkonen; his adored grandchildren, Nathan, Lauren, and Emerson Maass, Catherine, Andrew, and Matthew Nolde, and Elsa and Elliot Nimz-Luukkonen; his brother, Mark (Cindy) Luukkonen; and many cherished family and friends.

Tom will be remembered for his generosity, compassion, and a great sense of humor. He loved traveling, golfing and fishing with family and friends, spending time at the lake, and walking on the beach.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held on Monday, February 17, at 11 AM, at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, 5760 Portland Ave, Minneapolis. Visitation one hour prior. For those who are unable to attend in person, a livestream of the service can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/live/GdryP-X2viM>

Private interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be given to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church or Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Diamond Lake Lutheran Church
5760 Portland Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Celebration of Life

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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“ Thank you for streaming the service. It was lovely.

Lois Hansen - February 17, 2025 at 07:14 PM

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“ I met Tom in 1976 when he came to Marshall to audit our company books. This was my first accounting position and I learned so much from Tom over the next twenty plus years and will always consider him a mentor to me. Midwest Contracting - Kim Boe

Kim Boe - February 16, 2025 at 12:33 PM

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“ Tom was an icon in our regional construction industry. I met him when he was leading his own firm. Such a big smile, kind eyes, and so much wisdom. Later in my career I went to Kraus-Anderson where he had just recently retired from. I interviewed him and he was so helpful in understanding the company. Tom will be missed, but we can all be inspired by his kindness and sharp intellect. Bless you. May your family find peace and comfort knowing what a great career you had.

Thomas Emison - February 15, 2025 at 10:16 PM

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Tom was extremely helpful in the success of Industrial Electric Company. He helped us purchase the company and provided valuable consultation for 18 years until I sold the company to retire. He had a tremendous knowledge of the construction industry. He took care of his customers, and he made you feel good about yourself and what you are doing. That large smile and friendly demeanor was his trademark. He provided invaluable services other than accounting.
Gary Novak

Gary Novak - February 16, 2025 at 11:35 PM