



## Thomas John McKenzie

September 1, 1950 - September 26, 2025

Sergeant Thomas McKenzie, age 75, of Minneapolis, passed away peacefully by his wife's side. A proud and dedicated member of the Minneapolis Police Department, he served his community with strength, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to duty throughout his distinguished career. His steady presence and selfless service left a lasting impact on those around him.

Beyond the badge, Sergeant McKenzie was a man who loved deeply and gave endlessly to his family. He will be deeply missed by his beloved wife, Alma, with whom he shared many cherished years. He is survived by his devoted daughter, Aja, and her husband, Ryan Voiles, as well as his treasured grandchildren, Theodore and Ira, who brought immense joy and pride to his life.

Sergeant McKenzie will be remembered for his integrity, his quiet strength, and the compassion that guided both his work and his relationships. His legacy of service and love endures in his family and in all whose lives he touched.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Many of us have Tom McKenzie stories. My favorite was a night I worked with him at the Third Precinct. We both worked the Power Shift. Our normal partners were off, and we ended up together. The brass stuck us with a ride-along. She was an up and coming national newsie named Meredith Viera. She had a cameraman with her as well. She was doing a story on the MPD's domestic assault project. We were to respond to all domestic calls, and there were plenty of them. We shared some great moments, and we ended up on the national news. But what stuck most in my mind was driving down Lake Street in the wee hours of a summer morning, windows open, and singing the song "I Wear Sunglasses at Night." We put on our sunglasses - Meridith too -and sang at the top of our lungs. It doesn't get much better than that. Thanks Tom. Rest in Peace big guy.

*Tim Dolan*

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**Tim Dolan** - October 16, 2025 at 11:05 PM



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“ we were saddened to hear of the passing of Thomas. I, personally have lost a very close friend and brother. I would like Thomas’s family to know that he served the city of Minneapolis with professionalism, courtesy, and loyal to our oath as police officers, as a leader i think of Thomas as a outstanding role model for the officers, he supervised to Thomas’s family please know that Thomas was admired and thought of in the highest regards of our profession. God bless you during this time of grief, and we pray that our blessed Lord will bring you peace as you mourn this outstanding man. We ask our blessed Lord to walk with you during this time of grief.

*Bernard Bottema*

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**Bernard Bottema** - October 04, 2025 at 09:55 AM

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“Uncle Tom” is what I call him, and he became such an important part of my life when we first met in the fall of 2019. From the very beginning, he would share stories about his time as a police officer, his accomplishments, the risks he took, and how he built his life from nothing. His wisdom, kindness, and warmth left a lasting impression on me. I’ll never forget the night I had a severe toothache and he didn’t hesitate to go out to the store, not knowing exactly what to do but doing everything he could to ease my pain. Even though we had just met, his concern for me was so genuine. He was more than just a mentor; he became someone I truly looked up to. I still hear his voice in my mind, especially when he told me to always prioritize my family above all else now that I have my own. Back then, he was there with my husband and me, dreaming of the day we’d have a baby. Though Uncle Tom is no longer with us, his advice and the love he showed me will always be remembered. I’ll forever be grateful for the simple moments, like when I cooked his favorite Sinigang, which he enjoyed for three days. His memory, his guidance, and his presence will always be a part of me.

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