



Thomas J. Leuer

June 29, 1940 - February 18, 2021

Thomas Joseph Leuer, 80, passed away Thursday, February 18, 2021, at Rush Copley Medical Center.

He is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn (Wehler); six children, Michael, Jim (Lisa), Mark (Katrin), John (Denise), Paul (Gina) and Ann (Adan); fourteen grandchildren, Emma, Matthew, Sara, Jack, Nicholas, Kailey, Felix, Scarlett, Josh, Luke, JT, Jacob, Griffin and Andrew; his brother, Joe (Toni) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tom was preceded in death by his infant son Brian (1970), his parents, Peter (1987) and Kathryn (Lyness - 1982); and four brothers, John "Edward" (2013), Howard (2020), Fr. Mark (1992), and David (2003).

Tom was born into a large, loving farming family. He attended Marmion Academy High School and proudly played on the undefeated 1957 Cadet football team. After college, Tom held several jobs he loved to tell stories about, including quarry crane operator and ice cream delivery driver before finding his lifework in the school photography business. Tom took ownership of the business in the early 1990's. He often spoke enthusiastically of the

people he worked alongside, building lifelong friendships with many of them. His love of the business and of the colleagues and friends he worked with kept him working until his recent 2019 retirement.

Tom's other passions included Marmion Academy, boating, and his family. He has been a longtime supporter of Marmion, holding roles with the Alumni Association and Board of Trustees for decades. In the late 2000's, Tom proudly established the Thomas J and Marilyn Leuer Family Scholarship to help others benefit from the Marmion experience. A third generation of Leuers are now graduating from Marmion.

Boating has been a big part of Tom's leisure since the early 80's. First sailing off the beaches of St Petersburg, Florida with his kids, then moving into powerboating on the Illinois waterways and in Florida, teaching his kids to enjoy water skiing, tubing and leisurely rides. Since the mid 90's, Tom has kept a boat on Lake Michigan where he enjoyed entertaining on warm summer days and evenings. There were no better ways that Tom would rather spend his weekends than with his family floating under the sun on the lake.

Tom was truly devoted to his family. He met the love of his life, Marilyn, and married in 1962. Together they raised a tight, loving family. Even with six children, he always found time for all of them...always interested and always attentive. As a family, they had many great adventures together, and continued to gather weekly as they grew up and moved out. Tom loved family gatherings. They were crowded, they were loud, they were fun, and he loved every minute.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 24, at The Daleiden Mortuary, 220 N Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506. Due to Covid-19 pandemic protocols, visitors are asked to pay their respects to the family for only a few minutes and exit the funeral home in a timely fashion. Social distancing and face masks are required for those in attendance.

A funeral mass to celebrate his faith will be at 10:00 AM Thursday, February 25, at Holy Angels Catholic Church (180 S Russell Ave, Aurora, IL 60506) with interment at Marmion following. Upon entry to the church for the funeral mass, attendees are asked to sign in with your name and contact information for contract tracing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to Marmion Academy, ? Thomas J and Marilyn Leuer Family Scholarship Fund, 1000 Butterfield Rd, Aurora, IL 60502.

Tribute Wall



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Daleiden Mortuary - July 19, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ Dear Marilyn and Family, Our deepest sympathy. We just heard the sad news. Tom will always be remembered as a pleasant and kind man. May knowing others share your sorrow provide some comfort. Most Sincerely, Dale and Marilyn Leuer

May 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Too many fond memories to mention here having had the Leuer family actively in my life from kindergarten through college. Tom would always greet you with a Texas size smile. You could never tell if he was having a bad day. The day Tom and Marilyn dropped off Mark and myself at ISU he said "John, think of this time as your job for the next four years and you will do fine." Sage advice for an 18 year old going to a state where the drinking age was 18! All of our prayers go out to Tom, Marilyn, Mike, Jim, Mark, John, and Paul and their families. May God Bless you during this difficult time.

February 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Marilyn and Family, I am so sorry to read of Tom's death. What a wonderful and joyful man. Please know of my deepest sympathy and prayers. Mary Catherine Fox Winona, Minnesota

February 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ I am heart broken with Tom's passing. He was truly one of the most kind amicable person I've known. His compassion was unmatched. I will miss our lunches where we caught up on our families and talked about many things. May he rest in peace and may God give strength to his family.

February 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ We send our condolences to all. We have fond memories of family vacations visiting the Leuers in Aurora or your family coming out to Iowa. Tom was always a fun loving, laid back dad we enjoyed seeing. Karie Beck- daughter of Don and Pat Hermsen and other children Ann, Jenny, Mick and Marty.

February 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Dad, The love you showed, laughs we shared and your constant generosity will live on in our memories forever. We miss you dearly!

Ocean Breeze Spray - February 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Leuer Family, What a devoted husband, amazing dad, and loving grandfather. His legacy will live on in all of you. With love and prayers,

Roses and Moonlight Bouquet - February 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

Written in the Stars - February 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ We care and share your sorrow. Tom was a Great man.

Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant - February 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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Life Journey Celebration Video - February 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Marilyn & family, Tom was a "true son of Marmion" MayGod welcome Tom Into Eternal life. Tom was a honorable man who lead by his example to his fellow men & family May he rest in peace. Ray & Bonnie Beach

February 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked at Lifetouch for 13 1/2 years. It was a very fun and hard working group. Condolences to the family.

February 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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