

Celebrating the Life of

Thomas "Tom" Edwin Beyer was born to Merlin Beyer and Marge (Ascheman) Beyer on January 4, 1958, in Morris, Minnesota. He was the eldest of eight children. Tom attended St Mary's Elementary School, Morris High School, the University of Minnesota, Morris and Saint Cloud State University. Tom served with the Alpha Company, 136th Infantry Battalion of the Minnesota National Guard from 1976 - 1980.

In 1980, Tom was united in marriage to Kristin Anderson. They established their careers and family in Willmar, Minnesota. Daughter Katherine (Kate) was born in 1983 and son Jacob arrived in 1986. Willmar Public Schools, Cardinal Athletics and big (often loud and always loving) extended families were the hallmarks of the young family.

Tom's passion for education was evident by his over thirty-five years of service as an educator. As an elementary school teacher in Kandiyohi and then Willmar and as an instructional coach in mathematics in Willmar and then KMS, he was a continual advocate for all children and a champion for those who faced adversity in life or in the classroom.

Tom was passionate about athletics and contributed significantly to the Minnesota wrestling community. As a collegiate wrestler, Tom earned a NCAA National Champion title and contributed to many team successes. After graduation, Tom transitioned to coaching. In Coach Beyer's twenty-six years as head wrestling coach for the Willmar Cardinals, his teams won 248 matches and had sixty state entries, eight of which were state finalists. He went on to serve as the Head Wrestling Coach for Ridgewater College Warriors from 2010-2015. After retirement, Coach Beyer found great joy supporting the New London youth wrestling program where his grandsons Holton and Kellon Hanson and many honorary grandsons were introduced to the sport.

In 2006, Tom married Stacy Hagen Guptill. They made their home at Eagle Lake, where Tom used his construction talents to take on several remodeling projects. They shared a love of country music and danced whenever given the chance. They enjoyed traveling, socializing with mutual teacher friends, and spending time with family. The best times were when their children and grandkids could be together. Tom never turned down an opportunity to hold a baby, enjoy a caramel roll or watch a sunset over the lake.

Tom is survived by children Kate (Drew) Paris of Maple Grove, Minnesota, and Jake (Holly) Beyer of Denver, Colorado; grandchildren Jack, Crosby, and Liz Paris and Maddy and Grace Beyer; siblings Ed (Carol) Beyer of Morris, Julie (Mark) Grimme of Bloomington, Jan Jallo of Morris, Beth Beyer of Waikoloa, Hawaii, Bonnie Beyer of Eden Prairie, Joel (Jamie) Beyer of Morris, and Jerry Beyer of San Antonio, Texas, as well as several aunts and uncles and many nieces and nephews. Also left behind are family members Stacy Beyer of New London; children Hannah (Kraig) Hanson of New London and Jennifer (Eric) Tone of New Brighton; and grandchildren Holton, Kellon and Luella Hanson and Briar, Lofton and Waverly Tone; Kristin (Steven) Anderson, John (Marty) Anderson and Family.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Merlin and Marge Beyer; his parental grandparents, Alvin and Melba Beyer; his maternal grandparents, Henry and Rose Ascheman; his brother-in-law, Joel Jallo; Mother-in-law, Karri Hagen and grandson, Aaron Hanson.



Tom Beyer

1958 - 2022

Remember Me

*Speak of me as you have always done.
Remember the good times, laughter, and fun.*

*Share the happy memories we've made.
Do not let them wither or fade.*

*I'll be with you in the summer's sun
And when the winter's chill has come.*

*I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze.
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.*

*I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,
But memories we've shared are yours to keep.*

*Sometimes our final days may be a test,
But remember me when I was at my best.*

*Although things may not be the same,
Don't be afraid to use my name.*

*Let your sorrow last for just a while.
Comfort each other and try to smile.*

*I've lived a life filled with joy and fun.
Live on now, make me proud of what you'll become.*

-Anthony Dowson

In Loving Memory Of *Tom Beyer*

January 4, 1958
Morris, Minnesota

July 23, 2022
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Friday, July 29, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church
Spicer, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Seyward Ask

Words of Remembrance

Jacob Beyer

Readers

John L. Anderson Drew Paris

Music

Musicians: David Moen Dean Gylten Dave Eliason
Bob Whitney Marti Carlson Norma Monson

"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

"Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone"

"I'll Fly Away"

Honorary Pallbearers

Ed Beyer Joel Beyer Jerry Beyer Bonnie Beyer
Beth Beyer Julie Grimme Jan Jallo