

Thomas John Osterberg was born on June 25, 1936, in Alexandria, MN to Athen “Tony” and Pauline (Anderson) Osterberg. He was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church in Alexandria. In 1954, Tom graduated from Central High School in Alexandria. He attended the University of Minnesota where he earned a Bachelor of Architecture. In 1958, Tom married Jane Hustad at First Lutheran Church in Alexandria, and after graduation began working for architectural firms in St. Cloud and Sioux Falls, while also serving in the U.S. Army Reserves.

They settled in Marshall, MN in 1964, where Tom took a job with Stegner, Hendrickson and McNutt. There they began to raise their family. Erik was born in 1964, followed by Jon and Kirsten in 1967 and 1968. In 1978, Tom and his business partner Ron Halgerson bought out their old firm and started Group II Architects. Their firm flourished, eventually adding Paul Boerboom as a partner, and offices in Sioux Falls and Brookings. In 2002, Tom retired, and he and Jane moved to Alexandria.

In Marshall, Tom was involved with the Southwest State University Boosters, the Chamber of Commerce, the Marshall Golf Club and the Parks and Recreation Community Education Board. After moving to Alexandria, he was active in Golden K and the Lake Darling Area Association. Tom enjoyed hunting, snow skiing, golfing, and lake living. Most of all, Tom loved spending time with his family and his faithful dogs Luv, Izzy, Dee, and Gracee.

Tom died on Saturday, December 22, 2018, at his home in Alexandria at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife, Jane; sons, Erik (Suzanne) Osterberg of Brentwood, TN and Jon (Lori) Osterberg of Maple Grove, MN; daughter, Kirsten (Keith) Leimbach of Evergreen, CO; 7 grandchildren, Athen and Jakob Osterberg, Tyler and Oliva Osterberg, and Luke, Jack and Sofia Leimbach; sisters, Nancy (Osterberg) Schroepel of Buffalo, MN and Marcy (Osterberg) Laabs of Stillwater, MN; and many nieces and nephews. Tom is preceded in death by his parents, Tony and Pauline.



*View looking out from their lake home*

This little oak with its enflashed  
Ladder, the rusty one we used  
To climb to reach a fort no longer  
There, will soon reveal no sign

Of ever having cradled us,  
The bending cottonwoods that blaze  
In breezes undetectable  
To skin will soon bow down too low

And down themselves. On shore the wall  
Of rocks will fall, bulldozed by ice-  
Flow and a pounding surf. And sad  
To say, the house you built will crumble

In time's relentless wheel of death  
And change. Who knows? This ancient chain  
Of lakes may sink beneath a sea  
Of ice again, or burn away

In scorching heat, and all we knew  
And loved beyond measure will pass  
As though no one had ever called  
This beauty home. And yet, this lake

We cherish--aptly named--this lake  
Will always burn on sunny days,  
Will always churn, and turn dark gray  
When wind and weather blow in from

The East, will always mirror blue  
Sky and white puffy clouds--the heav'ns!--  
On calm and quiet summer mornings,  
even after all we've seen

And touched and tasted's disappeared.  
For every ravaged, dying bit  
Of this creation groaning in  
Travail, will one day be what it

Almost reveals today: a new  
Heaven and earth, transfigured by  
The love that made and bathed here in  
These waters, now unto the ages.

*--for Thomas Osterberg*

*In Memory of*

**Thomas J.  
Osterberg**

June 25, 1936



December 22, 2018

**Funeral Service**

Berea Lutheran Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Thurs, December 27, 2018

11:00 AM



**Officiant**

Reverend Steve Walswick

**Pianist**

Beverly Stueck

**Musicians**

The Chordsmen Octet

**Honorary Urn Bearers**

(Tom's Grandchildren)

Athen Osterberg

Jakob Osterberg

Tyler Osterberg

Oliva Osterberg

Luke Leimbach

Jack Leimbach

Sofia Leimbach