

## Honor our Friend



Enjoy a cup of coffee  
Debate politics with friends  
Swim in the ocean  
Listen to music  
Lend an ear in times of trouble  
Pop a wheelie  
Have another slice of pie

And above all...  
Laugh loud and laugh often!

# A Celebration OF LIFE



## Thomas Mark Will

May 14<sup>th</sup> 1960 – August 9<sup>th</sup> 2020

Bradshaw Funeral Home  
October 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 6 PM

## Obituary

During the course of his life Thomas was many things: a son, a brother, an Army veteran, a printer, a mechanic, a husband and a friend. Those who knew him remember his sense of adventure and ability to find fun in any situation; his love of live music; his passion for cars, motorcycles and sound systems; his loyalty as a friend in good times and bad; his enjoyment of good coffee, conversation and his signature laugh: a booming, musical sound accompanied by twinkling eyes and an infectious smile.

As the third eldest boy in a family of 6 children, Thomas was both an incorrigible instigator and a warm-hearted mentor (but mostly an instigator). He could be relied upon to take on any dare or challenge, especially those rejected by others. His childhood was filled with fun and fearless antics that he shared with siblings, many cousins and friends- egging houses, fabricating explosives, bb gun fights, daring bike jumps (and crashes) and his specialty, sneaking out of the house. But according to his mother, he was such a good boy.

Thomas joined the Army when he was just 17. As you can imagine, he was not well-suited to the authoritarian nature of the military though he did manage to be honorably discharged. He looked good in that uniform, though. He was introduced to the printing business by his uncle, Mitch, and worked many years in that field before switching gears to become a mechanic. He made Minneapolis his home but briefly lived in Los Angeles and Nashville with his first wife, Penny. You might say he also "lived" at Bob's Java Hut for a time and made many lifelong friends over caffeinated conversation. He owned and loved many cars, enjoyed motorcycle rides with friends and took pride in his excellent driving abilities whether it was drag racing or autocross.

Thomas and Michele married on September 28, 2002. Their loving partnership was filled with adventures big and small. Whether trying a new restaurant, snorkeling in Mexico, engaging in political activism or attending a concert at the Cedar Cultural Center, they loved being together and spending time with good friends.

Thomas was taken too soon by glioblastoma multiforme, an aggressive form of brain cancer for which there is no cure. He died peacefully at home with Michele and his devoted dog, Alfie. He is survived by Michele, his mother, Alma, brothers, Michael, George, Jeffrey and Peter, sister, Christine. and his absolutely freaking pristine 2012 Ford Mustang.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome	Sarah Sawyer
Song: Heroes	Dan Gaarder
Photo Tribute	Cathan Murray
Reading: Ecclesiastes	George Will
Reading: The Heart of Understanding	Christine Will Hesskamp
Song: I Wish You Peace	Dan Gaarder
Reading: The Little Prince	Georgia Mrazkova
Memories	Peter Will
Reading: The Waking	Egan Haugesag
Song: To Live Is To Fly	Dan Gaarder
Reflection	Sarah Sawyer
Candle Lighting/Song: Let it Be	Sarah Sawyer/Dan Gaarder
Closing	Sarah Sawyer/Sheila Delaney
Song: Long May You Run	Dan Gaarder
Zoom Reception	Sheila Delaney
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