



Thomas "Thom" M. Cox

August 29, 1949 - April 10, 2022

Thomas "Thom" Michael Cox, 72, passed away peacefully on April 10, 2022 surrounded by the love of his family in Fond du Lac, WI after a courageous battle with cancer.

Thomas was born on August 29, 1949 in Milwaukee, WI to Lorraine E. Keuper and Henry R. Cox. He grew up in Greendale and attended St. Alphonsus Church and School. Thom attended St. Francis DeSales Seminary in Milwaukee, and then completed his bachelor's degree in business at UW-Whitewater. Although he had a strong faith, the priesthood would not be his path, as he had met the love of his life Bridget Kane at the age of 18. He and Bridget were married at St. Alphonsus Church in Greendale, WI on September 16, 1972 and for the next 50 years would introduce his beloved wife to others as his "beautiful bride."

Thom proudly served in the Wisconsin National Guard from 1970-1978 during the Vietnam conflict. In 1978, the family moved to Fond du Lac, WI for a career opportunity and became active members in the St. Patrick Parish community. Thom held numerous sales positions at several local and Wisconsin-based businesses, finally retiring in 2016 from the Wisconsin Manufacturers Chamber of Commerce. In retirement he had the great pleasure to become a part-time school bus driver for handicapped children, a "job" that he loved which kept him active. Thom and Bridget later became

members of the Sons of Zebedee Parish in Byron, WI where Thom proudly served as a council member and trustee. Those who knew Thom enjoyed his vibrant sense of humor, hearty laugh, and genuine zest for life. He was a proud father and grandfather and will be truly missed by many.

Thom was preceded in death by his parents and sister Geralynn. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Bridget, his daughter Ann (Dan) Reisetter of Maple Grove MN; his daughter Catherine (Michael) Vlahoulis of Whitefish Bay, WI; Thom's grandchildren: Devon, Anika, and Ella Agarwal; Tyler, Amber, Mitchell, Brooke, and Erin Reisetter. Also survived by his sister Virginia Alice Nichols (Stanly), several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

SERVICES: Monday, April 25, 2022 at Sons of Zebedee – St. John Catholic Church, W5882 Church Road, Fond du Lac (Byron), WI 54937. Visitation 9-10 AM, Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Thom's name to Vivent Health, the Pinky Swear Foundation, or the charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank the amazing caregivers at the Woodlands, SSM Agnesian Cancer Center, and Hospice Hope of Fond du Lac for their wonderful care – you are God's angels.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sons of Zebedee - St. John Catholic Church
W5882 Church Road
Fond du Lac (Town of Byron), WI 54937

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Jim Peterson - April 22, 2022 at 11:25 PM

KV

“ Miss you so much Dad. I love you.

- Kate

Kate Vlahoulis - April 22, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas "Thom" M. Cox.



April 20, 2022 at 06:40 PM

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“ Knew Thom from CYO in high school. My prayers are with your family. Take care, Bridget.

*Candee Erickson
Bay View/Milwaukee, WI*

Candee Erickson - April 20, 2022 at 01:49 PM

DJ

“ Tom and I were both members of Company B, 132nd Support Battalion(Medical) in the early 70's. He and i became very good friends during that time. We always shared a private room in Summer Camp each year, which lasted two weeks. Although doing our duty, we still found time to have a fun time. During our one weekend per month at the Richards Street Armory in Milwaukee, he and I teamed together to play basketball! He was certainly taller and more talented, but our team won most games we played and we enjoyed the time together. Just a great guy and we got along because we both had a great sense of humor!! Sounds like he had a really nice life after the Guard and a fine family. I do have great memories of our time in the Guard and our time together. RIP Tom.
Don L. Johnson

Don L. Johnson - April 18, 2022 at 03:42 PM

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“ The Nichols Family purchased the With Distinction for the family of Thomas "Thom" M. Cox.



The Nichols Family - April 18, 2022 at 01:43 PM

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Alan Wisniewski - April 17, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Thom" M. Cox.



April 17, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ Never have I known a man who treated his wife with such kindness gentleness and love as Thom. Bridget was his Queen, the love of his life. This kind and honorable man spread an upbeat attitude wherever he went. He treated all people with respect and joy. The world will be a little less joyful without Thom. May he Rest In Peace in the arms of the God he loved and served.

Judith Berger O'Brien - April 17, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Thomas "Thom" M. Cox.



April 13, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ I have such wonderful memories with Thom, Bridget, Kate and Ann. Our times on the boat on Pewaukee Lake and our weekend getaways will always be cherished by David and me. Thom was a very loved and special friend to us. We will miss him.

Mitzi Horning - April 13, 2022 at 07:44 PM