



Thomas Arthur Skuza

December 6, 1941 - November 9, 2014

OBITUARY

Thomas “Tom” Arthur Skuza, formerly of Becker, passed away at home in Alexandria, MN on November 9, 2014 at the age of 72. He was born December 6, 1941 in Minneapolis, MN to Arthur and Emma Skuza.

Tom grew up in Northeast Minneapolis and graduated from Vocational High School in 1959. He joined the Navy on April 1, 1962 proudly served until June 10, 1966. Tom served 3 tours of duty in Vietnam aboard the U.S.S. Hancock, 7th Fleet. After the Navy he became a Route Salesman for PepsiCo in Burnsville where he retired from after 35 years.

In June 1962 he met “his bride” Donna and they married on January 1, 1964. After 50 years of marriage not a day passed that he didn’t refer to her as “his bride”. They started their family in Blaine, MN and later moved to Becker, MN in 1972 where they stayed until 2007.

Tom joined the Becker Fire Department in September 1978 as a firefighter. He proudly served on the department for 26 years. During that time he was a Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, Training Officer, Assistant Chief and retiring as Chief in September 2004. Tom was also a certified fire instructor for the State of Minnesota and a member of FIAM. During his time on the department he made many lifelong friends.

After moving to Alexandria he decided he needed a hobby and had always loved trains. He joined the Alexandria Model Railroad Association where he made many additional friends. During his time with the club they traveled around the state of Minnesota sharing their love of trains with others.

Although he was very dedicated to his job, the most important aspect of his life was his family. He cherished the time he spent with his wife, children and grandchildren. Being a grandfather was the best job in the world because you don't have to change the diaper. He enjoyed deer hunting, fishing and playing cards with the family. Tom was known for his sense of humor and love of candy. He loved being retired and living on the lake.

Tom is survived by his wife of 50 years and 10 months, Donna of Alexandria, MN, son Richard (Tracy) Sioux Falls, SD, daughter Sally (Greg) Venema, St Michael, MN; Daughter in Law Sherrie Skuza, Fargo, ND; 7 grandchildren Travis, Kirsti, Nick, Kiley, Kassidy, Karianna and Mitchel; his brother, Doug Skuza, Clear Lake, MN; his mother in law, Dorothy Zoerb, Minneapolis, MN; brother in law Donald (Jeanette) Zoerb, Palmer, AK; sister in law Dawn (Jon) Rasmussen, Kennett Square, PA; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Tom is preceded in death by his son Jeff Skuza, parents Arthur "Art" and Emma Skuza, father in law Donald W. Zoerb Sr, brother in law Dale Zoerb and sister in law Diane Thorson.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at the Anderson Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery at a later date. Honorary Urn Bearers were all of Thomas's Grandchildren.

Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria

www.andersonfuneral.net

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home
659 Voyager
Alexandria, MN 56308
<http://andersonfuneral.net>

Memorial Service

NOV **15**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



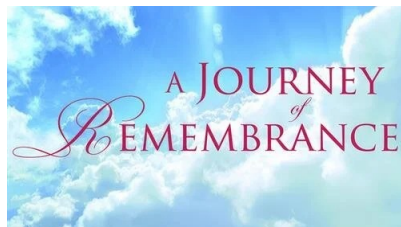
“ Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Arthur Skuza



Anderson Funeral Home - November 19, 2014 at 01:27 PM



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Anderson Funeral Home - November 14, 2014 at 09:37 AM

RC

“ I served. With Tom on the USS Hancock and knew him as a great shipmate, willing to help others, always had a smile, and was a genuine person. I know for a fact that in the heat of Southeast Asia, he longed for the coolness of Minnesota. We will miss you, Tom Ray Chapman

Ray Chapman - November 14, 2014 at 05:22 PM

ST

“ Sally's friends at TCF purchased the *With Distinction* for the family of Thomas Arthur Skuza.



Sally's friends at TCF - November 14, 2014 at 09:00 AM

JF

“ John and Connie Hall and family purchased the *Quiet Expressions* for the family of Thomas Arthur Skuza.



John and Connie Hall and family - November 13, 2014 at 08:30 PM

NM

“ I always loved that no matter what day or what time he always made me feel welcome when I dropped by to visit Donna. A gentle and sweet man! Reen

Noreen McCalla - November 13, 2014 at 03:38 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Skuza.



November 13, 2014 at 03:31 PM

AB

“ Allison, Pete, Steph, Christian, Lisa, Mike, Phil, Betsy purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Thomas Arthur Skuza.



Allison, Pete, Steph, Christian, Lisa, Mike, Phil, Betsy -
November 13, 2014 at 11:55 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Skuza.



November 13, 2014 at 11:44 AM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Skuza.



November 12, 2014 at 06:23 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Skuza.



November 12, 2014 at 05:43 PM



“ *Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Skuza.*



November 12, 2014 at 02:55 PM



“ *Victorian Teacup Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Skuza.*



November 11, 2014 at 11:18 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Skuza.*



November 10, 2014 at 09:54 PM