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Thomas Stuart Renne was a family man at heart and he lived a life of true example by every measure. He lived with integrity, honor, and kindness and walked in faith throughout his life. Tom, or Dah or Bah-Bah, as he was affectionately called by his grandchildren, never missed an opportunity for a silly card trick, board game, impromptu dress up performance in the living room, or an afternoon making chocolate chip cookies. Watching him with his grandchildren affirmed what everyone who knew Tom well has long known—at his core, he was a gentle giant who brought joy, laughter, and spontaneity to each day.

Tom was born on September 13, 1948 and raised in Kenosha, Wisconsin and graduated from Carthage College in 1970. His service as a young man in Vietnam shaped him tremendously, imparting a value for helping others, bravery, selflessness, and a true love for his country. Just after returning from his service in the Army, Tom married Mary Collins Renne, whom he met on campus before graduating. Together, Tom and Mary built a beautiful life centered on shared values, faith, and love for family. Tom's 38 year career in medical sales led them all across the country, from Iowa to Boston to Oregon. West Linn was their true home and a place where they have

deep roots and a true community that was a cornerstone of their life. Mary and Tom shared a very special bond and loved each other dearly. In small and big ways, Tom made sure that Mary knew just how much he cherished her. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and lived a married life full of experiences that mirrored what mattered most—card nights with dear friends, Sunday service at their local church, taking walks together, traveling, visiting family, listening to the waterfall in their backyard, volunteering, and enjoying a fire on cold evenings. Their greatest joy, of course, came from time with their children, Julie and Mark, and their four grandchildren.

Tom understood well the importance of community, service, and patriotism. From early days as an Eagle Scout to his most recent days mentoring young men in business and leadership, Tom was a true teacher and leader. He delighted in any opportunity to help mentor others and work to



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support the success of those around him. He greatly enjoyed spending time in fellowship with other men from his local church and volunteering for causes that mattered. On the day he passed, Tom had just volunteered in his granddaughter's classroom. His legacy reminds all of us that helping others is what life is all about. Tom Renne passed away passed away in his home on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 74 years old. He died suddenly, leaving his family all mourning his unexpected and all too-soon passing. He will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and everyone who knew him. Tom is survived by his wife Mary Renne; son Mark (and Lynn) Renne, daughter Julie (and Gabe) Miller; his four grandchildren Anberlin, Stella, Sydney and Logan; and his brother Dr. James Renne (and Lynn).

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations made in Tom Renne's name to The Welcome Center at The Living Savior Lutheran Church <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2QP/campaign/C-12QPB>, which Tom helped to establish. A memorial service will be held at the Living Savior Lutheran Church in Tualatin, Oregon on March 25, 2023 at 11:00 am. All who knew Tom are welcome to come pay tribute to his life and legacy.





Events

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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, March 25, 2023

 11:00 AM PT

 **Living Savior Lutheran Church**
OR



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Dave Quesnel posted:

What a great man! His life was cut short however he sure enjoyed it. He had many chapters in his life's journey that I know brought him joy, happiness, and love, but I think his final chapter is the one he earned, and that was being a Grandpa. I saw the many pictures of him with the granddaughters and there was never a one where he wasn't smiling or having a loving look for those beautiful little girls. If you want to see the best definition of a Grandpa--just take a look at TOM. I will miss him and always have good memories thinking about him and your family. Love you all--Dave Quesnel

March 24 at 2:16 PM



Kathie Heimsoth posted:

Mary,Where do I begin? We are longtime friends with you and Tom with so many memories of laughter and fun. Our friendship started in West Des Moines with all 4 of us as young couples who shared our faith and so many silly times. We did our first big bike ride with you and Tom in Wisconsin. We went to your favorite bed and breakfast in Wisconsin. Our friendship continued through the years. We cherish more recent memories when Les and I traveled to Oregon to have fun with you and Tom. Then you and Tom visited us in Kansas City. Through so many memories we remember Tom's wonderful kindness, his outstanding sense of humor, his amazing love for you and his family, his love for the Lord, and so much more.Our hearts are so sad for you and for your family. We love you, and we cherish our friendship. As we all journey closer to heaven, hopefully we can smile and picture Tom's wonderful presence. What a wonderful person!Love,Kathie and Les

March 18 at 2:15 PM



Jesse Bollinger posted:

Dear Mark, Julie, Mary and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Tom was a great guy. He and your family play a prominent role in my memories from living in WL. The Renne house was the hub of WL social life in high school and Tom was always a key part of that. He will be missed by many! Sending you love and hugs in this sad time,Jesse Bollinger

March 16 at 8:50 AM



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CB

Carolyn Bollinger posted:

Dear Mary, It has been quite a while but the memories are still there. We are so sorry to hear about Tom. Your husband was a wonderful man. It was a pleasure to know him! I know that you will go forward as the strong woman that you are, even though you have a hole in your heart. Our whole family has some great memories with your family...starting with play group for the kids. We send our love to you guys during this difficult time. Carolyn and Larry Bollinger

March 16 at 7:49 AM

JL

Jennifer (Bollinger) Lokey posted:

Renne family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. It's been awhile since I've seen you all, but Mary, Julie, Mark, and Tom figured into my childhood consistently. I have such fond memories of Fritz the Schnauzer and staying over at your house when my parents went to Alaska. Tom was always so fun, lively, HAPPY and comforting to be around. I agree with every word of the beautiful obituary you guys wrote: he was such an incredible family man. I loved being with you guys and watching how Tom (and Mary!) inspired their kids to follow their dreams and passions. I remember playing Uno with you, and randomly Tom taking my brother Jesse, and I along with Mark and Julie out for slurpees (I got banana) one hot West Linn day, and we were all laughing a lot and I had slurpee come out my nose. Tom is definitely a fixture in some of my core memories, and I'm so sad and sorry you must suffer such a sudden and profound loss. Love to you all from Colorado, Jen (Bollinger) Lokey

March 16 at 7:00 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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