

Thomas Keaveny – BS 1959 Pharmacy

Age 84 – Cokato, MN

Tom was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota April 11, 1935 to James and Madeleine Keaveny. He graduated from DeLaSalle High School. He attended the University of Minnesota before entering into the Army in 1954 for basic training at Fort Leonard Missouri transferring to the 9th infantry Division in Swaback Germany as a survey instrument operator Battery A of the 26th Field Artillery Battalion.

Released from the Service Sept 10th, 1956, he entered Pharmacy School at North Dakota State University and Graduated in 1959. He was married in July of that year to Darby Driscoll. They were married for 61 years. They had 4 children Kim Keaveny, Kelly (Deborah) Keaveny, Kari (Bradley) Skatter and Kristen (Timothy) Servin and 5 Grandchildren Danielle (Adam) Ruhland, Mitchell Skatter, Mackenzie Skatter, Killian Keaveny, Delaney Keaveny and a great Granddaughter Addison Ruhland.

Tom began his career with his father at the Drug Store on 48th and Grand Ave in Minneapolis before buying the business in 1963 upon his father's death. He continued at this location until 1974 moving to Cokato and purchasing Peterson Pharmacy. He later moved the store to Cokato Mall where it is now in his Son Kelly's able hands, maintaining a legacy of family tradition.

Tom has been active in Cokato for many years. He served on the Cokato Development Corporation, Cokato City Council, Corn Carnival and City Planning and Zoning. He was active in Boy Scouts, Rotary, American Legion and Wright County Human Services.

Tom enjoyed life and his family. He was quick with a laugh and loved a good story. He loved a good joke and was known to be quite the prankster since no one suspected him. He was there for anyone who needed a helping hand and could never say no to anyone. He will be remembered for his quick wit, great laugh and his kindness.

He enjoyed camping (Nemadji trips were memorable) snowmobiling, skiing, boating, wave runners, the official mixer of the punch at the bingo stand, coffee with the boys and the Dairy Queen. His "Happy Place" was the Cabin on the Lake at Francis where his most precious possessions still laugh and play.

He will be missed by his family and friends.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private Mass and burial will be held. In lieu of flowers or donations please give to the Alzheimers Association, charity of your choice or pay a kindness forward in his honor.