



Thomas James Adams

August 7, 1951 - February 2, 2026

Thomas James Adams was born on August 7, 1951, and passed away on February 2, 2026.

Tom lived a life marked by devotion, adventure, laughter, and quiet steadiness — the kind of life that leaves a permanent imprint on everyone lucky enough to know him.

He was the beloved husband of Carla Adams, the love of his life. Their marriage was filled with partnership, travel, joy, and deep friendship. Together, they built a life rooted in family and strengthened by shared experiences that spanned the globe.

Tom was born to Rita and Dave Adams, both of whom preceded him in death. He was a twin to his brother Tim, and grew up surrounded by a loving family. He is survived by his brothers Bruce (Mary Jo), Ron, Tim (Phyllis), and Joe (Vicki). He was also preceded in death by his sister, Jean Leiboff. He was also preceded in death by his in-laws, Brawley and Theresa Vaughan.

Tom was a proud father of two and grandfather of six. He is survived by his daughters Jennifer Thiellen and Carrie Nielsen. Jennifer and her husband Jason share four children — Jacob, Sara, Samantha, and Nathan — who brought Tom endless pride and joy. Carrie and her husband Troy have two

daughters, Taylor and Caitlyn, who were a constant source of love and light in his life.

Jennifer and Carrie were the center of Tom's world. He loved being their dad, cheering them on, teaching them, teasing them, and supporting them through every season of life. He was proud of them beyond measure — and he never missed a chance to say so.

Tom was a lifelong learner and dedicated professional. He graduated from Bellevue University and spent his career serving as a Director of Project Management at First Data and TD Ameritrade. He was respected for his leadership, discipline, and calm presence — someone others could count on.

But Tom's greatest legacy wasn't found in titles or achievements. It was found in the way he lived. He was passionate about fishing, and some of his happiest days were spent at the family cabin outside of Nevis. Few places on earth brought him more peace than that cabin on Little Island Lake. There, he taught his daughters and grandchildren how to fish, passing down not just a skill, but patience, presence, and the joy of being together.

Tom was a great golfer and loved playing with his sons-in-law and friends, always enjoying the chance for a little competition — and a gentle reminder of who usually had the better swing. His adventures took him to courses around the world — from Nepal and Cambodia to Scotland, Hawaii, and the Dominican Republic. He was an accomplished bowler, always ready for a little friendly competition and an even better laugh.

When he wasn't outdoors or traveling, Tom could often be found doing what he did best — winning at the card table. He was a true card shark, known for his love of cribbage, bridge, and the family favorite, "Oh Hell." Many family nights were spent gathered around the kitchen table, playing cards late into

the evening, with Tom's laughter filling every room. He was kind and patient — until it was time to play a game. Then his competitive spirit came alive, and he loved showing off his skills, always keeping things fun, spirited, and unforgettable.

Tom was also a devoted sports fan. He was a huge Husker fan through and through, and when he married into a Green Bay Packers family, he embraced it completely. He took pride in being a Packers shareholder, a role he truly loved — another example of how wholeheartedly he joined in the traditions of the people he cared about most.

After retirement, Tom and Carla embraced the gift of travel fully. Together they saw extraordinary parts of the world: flying over Mount Everest, visiting the Serengeti, exploring Vietnam, Nepal, Africa, South America, Russia, Turkey, the Caribbean and much of Europe. Their most recent trip was to France in May of 2025 — another chapter in a life rich with discovery.

Tom especially cherished his role as a grandfather. He loved watching his grandchildren grow, excel in sports, and become their own people. He treasured time with family — whether at the cabin in summer or during the winter months in Siesta Key, Florida where they vacationed every year.

Tom was known for simple, unforgettable joys: the best chicken, the best margaritas, his ever-present ball caps, a bottle of Mountain Dew in his back pocket, and a warmth that filled every room. He was the life of any party, but also the steady, kind soul you could always lean on.

He was patient. He was gentle. He was deeply good.

Truly, Thomas James Adams was one of the best this earth has ever seen —

and the world is better because he was in it. He will be missed beyond words, loved beyond measure, and remembered forever.

In Lieu of Flowers, Family suggests Memorials to Head for the Cure.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
402-289-2222
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

Mass of the Christian Burial

FEB **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
18602 W. Maple Street
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Graveside

FEB **10** (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery
78 & Center
Omaha, NE 68101

Tribute Wall

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“ Todd Alisha Hannah Huston Norah Beran purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Thomas James Adams.



Todd Alisha Hannah Huston Norah Beran - February 09 at 02:30 PM

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“ Caleb lockman purchased the *Be My Love Bouquet* with Red Roses for the family of Thomas James Adams.



Caleb lockman - February 08 at 11:04 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Thomas James Adams.



February 04 at 12:48 PM

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“ *Condolences to the family. Upon moving to Nebraska, Tom was the 1st friend I made as we both worked for Accent Services in Omaha Ne. Tom recruited me to play Softball for the Jags along with his twin brother Tim Adams. Great memories and great games we shared. I will truly miss him. Rick Krystof*

Rick Krystof - February 03 at 07:15 PM



Thank you for sharing that story about my dad.

Carrie Nielsen - February 04 at 09:26 AM



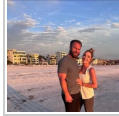
I still can remember so much about that time. My heroes ❤️. You with the coolest sports aviators. My dad and Uncle Tom still sporting glasses thicker than a coke bottle. Chip and Gary becoming 40 overnight for sign ups. Stretch and Dave Crowe. I know im missing many names. Those were some of my most cherished moments. With my Uncle Tom... many nights at the house and he would tuck me in many a night. It was those nights I slept so peacefully. Hearing your voices was a lullaby to me. Love you all.

Laura E Adams - February 08 at 01:50 PM



“ *I was Taylor’s roommate for three years in college. When we moved into our college house, I needed my shelves hung up in my room. I’m from Minnesota, so I couldn’t just call my family up to ask them for help. Taylor’s grandparents came to visit and to help Taylor with some projects in her room. I asked Tom if he could help me with my shelves and he said “of course I can help!” We chatted while he hung my shelves, talking of our different memories in Minnesota (since their family has a cabin there). After he was done, he told me that if I ever needed any help with household construction projects, I could always ask him. He continued to be a positive presence during my time in college, frequently stopping by our house with treats Carla made and sharing of his recent travels. The last time I saw him was at Taylor and I’s grad party. He came up to me, told me congratulations, and said that he was proud of me. He was a wonderful man, and he will be truly missed by many.*

Izzy Anderson - February 03 at 05:45 PM



Thank you, Izzy! What great stories about my dad. Not surprised to hear how helpful and kind he was.

Carrie Nielsen - February 03 at 06:46 PM



I met Tom two years ago on the golf course. Great guy to play golf with and frequently spoke of his wonderful family. I will miss him on the course this year. Best wishes and prayers to the family.

Patrick Noonan - February 10 at 11:46 AM