



Thomas G. Gregory

April 8, 1940 - December 5, 2023

Thomas G. Gregory was born on April 8, 1940 to James H. and Nancy (Hyde) Gregory in Milwaukee, WI and passed away peacefully on December 5, 2023 in Elkhorn, NE with loving family by his side. He was one of 4 children and grew up in Shorewood, WI with a group of boys who became life-long friends. After high school, Tom attended Wesleyan University (CT), graduating with a degree in Political Science in 1962. After months of sailing adventures on a 62' ketch at sea with friends, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged in 1965. Shortly after, Tom returned to Wisconsin and earned an MA in Journalism at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Serendipity and graduate school brought Tom and (future) wife Susan of California together. They were married on January 21, 1967 at Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church in Portola Valley, California. Following graduate school and the wedding to Susan, they moved to Decatur, IL where Tom

kicked off his career in science and education writing for a regional newspaper chain. In 1969 they moved to Sue's home state of California where Tom worked with her father's film and TV production company, Lawren Productions, Inc. serving as its Vice President and helping develop national award winning documentaries, medical films, and television shows. With credentials in filmmaking, Tom was recruited to Omaha, NE to work at Boys Town's Center for the Study of Youth Development, to help develop and disseminate science-based research. Tom had an immediate and sustained impact at Boys Town, making a career helping children. He was named Senior Vice President and was the Board of Trustees' designated Interim Executive Director until he retired in 2013. Through a passionate work ethic, Tom made important contributions wherever he went. His first priority, however, was always his family. Tom was preceded in death by his infant son, Jens Hyde and leaves behind his loving wife Susan and their surviving children Kelvin (Heather) of Pittsburgh PA, Ted (Tirzah) of Overland Park KS, Jens (Rebecca) of Elkhorn, as well as 7 grandchildren: Fiona and Ronan in Pittsburgh, Merritt and Delia in Overland Park, and Eve, Ivan, and Ellen in Elkhorn. He was proactive and immensely encouraging in each of their unique and cherished lives. He is also survived by loved nephews and nieces, Greg Karmazin, Daniel

Cowan, Patrick Cowan, Meg Cowan, Jennifer Waters, and their families. He also leaves behind great lifelong friends and caring neighbors who eased his days with humor and messages of encouragement. Thank you, to all.

After a challenging two-year struggle with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, he passed into the loving arms of God. It was Tom's wish that whatever could be learned from the trajectory of his disease and treatments be made available to research and medical science to help others. Tom's family would like to acknowledge the skillful and compassionate care of the doctors, nurses, and staff at both the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the Veterans Hospital of Nebraska and Western Iowa.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Paralyzed Veterans of America (pva.org), ALS in the Heartland (alsintheheartland.org), Boys Town, or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation with family

DEC 11. 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/>

Funeral Ceremony

DEC 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Dowd Memorial Chapel
13943 Dowd Drive
Omaha, NE 68010

Tribute Wall



“*Simply the Best*”

Anonymous - December 12, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“*Rod Whitmarsh and Laura Langan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas G. Gregory.*”

Rod Whitmarsh and Laura Langan - December 09, 2023 at 07:01 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas G. Gregory.*”



December 09, 2023 at 07:01 PM



“*Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Thomas G. Gregory.*”



December 09, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas G. Gregory.*



December 09, 2023 at 12:48 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas G. Gregory.*



December 09, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *Bethany, Jami & Lissa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas G. Gregory.*

Bethany, Jami & Lissa - December 08, 2023 at 06:55 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas G. Gregory.*



December 08, 2023 at 06:55 PM

KD

“ *Great Mentor at Boys Town*



K G Dilocker - December 08, 2023 at 06:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas G. Gregory.*



December 08, 2023 at 12:37 PM

JT

“ *Jim Vena and the UP Senior Staff team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas G. Gregory.*

Jim Vena and the UP Senior Staff team - December 08, 2023 at 12:15 PM



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