



Thomas Wendorf

August 13, 1954 - January 24, 2015

A Time of Remembrance for Thomas Wendorf, of Deer Creek, MN, will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 21, at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena. Friends may call at the Celebration of Life Open House from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday at the chapel in Wadena. Tom passed away on Saturday, January 24, 2015, at the CentraCare Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. He was 60 years old.

Tom was born to Roy and Marlys (Graven) Wendorf on August 13, 1954, in Bertha, MN. He attended Deer Creek Public School graduating with the Class of 1972. His education at the University of Minnesota earned him a PhD in Education & Business Management, a MA in Forest/Park/Recreation Management, a MBA in Finance & Information Systems, and a BS degree for Education/Political Science & Mathematics. He also attended Bethel College where he achieved Master of Arts in Theology Studies. He worked in consulting and director levels for the State of MN, Lucent Tech, INS, and AT&T. Tom enjoyed pursuing his passions that included cooking, officiating sporting events, gardening, reading & collecting books, muzzle-loading, and visiting with family & friends.

Preceding Tom in death was his father, Roy. Tom is survived by his mother Marlys Wendorf of Glenwood; brothers Scott (Suzanne) Wendorf of Roseville, CA and Gary (Cindy) Wendorf of Rush City, MN; sisters Karen Schledewitz of

Sidney, MT, Sharon (Roger) Isdahl of Brooten and Jeanine (Calvin Smith) Wendorf of Maple Grove; along with several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Tom's nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery - Deer Creek

26842 590th Ave
Deer Creek, MN 56527

Previous Events

Open House Visitation

FEB 21. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Time Of Remembrance

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Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Wendorf*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 17, 2015 at 10:04 AM

DA

“ *Can't believe its almost a year since you left us! We miss you so much.*

Daisy - January 13, 2016 at 01:14 AM

LR

“ *So sad to hear Tom has passed. We worked together for many years as teachers, research reviewers and peer consultants at Cardinal Stritch University. I had great respect for him as a scholar and friend. He and I shared the responsibility of reviewing undergrad and graduate thesis' and he taught me a great deal as we went through the piles of papers. He often came to Saturday trainings in his referee uniform and I knew of his love for the game. He showed great care when working with students and peers. He will be greatly missed. With fondness, Liz Regimbal*

Liz Regimbal - August 19, 2015 at 10:52 AM

TD

“ Tom Decker lit a candle in memory of Thomas Wendorf



Tom Decker - August 17, 2015 at 05:48 PM



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



February 21, 2015 at 04:32 AM

GE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



greg eigen - February 20, 2015 at 09:01 AM

GE

“ I have known Tom for 25 years. We have fished together and hunted together for many years. Deer hunting was always something my son Evan and I looked forward to every year. Whether we were building deer stands or getting the garage cleaned up so we could all have a place to sleep, it was always a good time at the farm. Every year it seemed like we would always add something. Evan grew up at the farm. We always looked forward to deer hunting season at Tom’s farm. Tom also asked my son Evan to be on his reffing team for football and helped him get a job at the Rec Center while he attended the U of M. He was a great friend to both of us. The memories will live on. I’ll sure miss you Tom. I know you are in a better place.
Greg Eigen

Greg Eigen - February 19, 2015 at 06:46 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Wendorf.



February 19, 2015 at 02:39 PM



“ Tom and I refereed and timed football and basketball together for over 20 years and I am proud to say he was one of my best friends. We had more fun than should be allowed. He was a great officiating/life mentor to me and innumerable others. Tom was an integral part of the St. Paul Officials Association and is remembered by many as a great mentor and friend. He was a very generous man and was instrumental in guiding many toward their life goals. Tom will be missed.

Dick Eldridge
St. Paul

Dick Eldridge - February 18, 2015 at 11:59 AM

KS

“ Karen Schledewitz purchased the Rose Romane sque Bouquet for the family of Thomas Wendorf.



Karen Schledewitz - February 18, 2015 at 11:51 AM

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Karen Schledewitz - February 18, 2015 at 11:43 AM

RD

“ My deepest sympathies to Tom’s family and friends who have lost a wonderful human being. Tom and I refereed many football games together. Tom was a very bright individual and was quite successful in every endeavor he entered into. He was very caring and always seemed to be mentoring others as he pursued his various interests and avocations. Our High School officiating crew of Dick Eldridge, Terry Cummings and myself often stopped after a game to review our efforts. Tom always held us over for one more pitcher of our favorite beverage to discuss that “last call”. So when I golf today, here in Florida, I will buy a pitcher and toast one of the good guys, we all will miss.

*Ron Dexter
The Villages, Florida*

Ron Dexter - February 18, 2015 at 10:02 AM

JG

“ I met Tom as a freshman at the U in 1977. He was my first “boss” at Rec Sports. We were roommates for at least a year and became very close friends. Tom gave me tremendous opportunity at Rec Sports. Tom taught me so many things, one I’ll never forget. “If you can show that the people who work for you can do your job, then the person you report to will know that it is time to promote you.” Thank you for having the confidence to let me do your job. You were a blessing.

Of course you will be missed but more importantly, it is immeasurable the difference you made to the hundreds of kids who passed through Rec Sports while you were there.

RIP “Keys ” Wendorf

John Gabos

John Gabos - February 17, 2015 at 01:41 PM



Dan
Carlson

“*Reading through all the wonderful comments and memories reminded me how so many of us were touched and connected through Tom. Tom was one of my very best friends, and my life is forever changed by his presence. I've had the fortune of knowing Tom nearly 30 years. Rarely did we go more than a few weeks without connecting. Tom was my teacher, mentor, advisor, confidant, supporter, and he is the closest to a brother I ever had.*

Tom was also a gift to my children, Hannah and Jacob. He read to them, he taught them life lessons, and he shared his love of travel and the farm with them. They are better people today because of Tom.

I have grieved every day since Tom's passing, but I've also smiled and laughed over the hundreds of wonderful memories I have of him. Words cannot describe how much he is missed in my life.

Dan Carlson - February 15, 2015 at 12:48 PM



DD

“*To the Wendorf Family; I am really sorry to hear about Tom. Will remember all the bus rides!!! Glad I got to see and talk to him at deer hunting. Dennis Druar*

Dennis Druar - February 03, 2015 at 04:45 AM

TH

“ My condolences to the entire Wendorf family. Tom was a friend and a mentor to me in my early professional career and as a young football and basketball official. I can honestly say that I would not be the person I am today without his friendship. Although we have lost touch I will remember Tom as a hard working dedicated friend.

Tom Houle
Stillwater MN

Tom Houle - January 30, 2015 at 04:31 PM

LH

“ Am shocked and saddened to know that Tom is no longer with us. As a neighbor with farms that bordered, I have fond memories of riding the school bus with Tom and other neighbor friends, Gary Wanner and Barb Druar. The four of us played at least a couple hands of Whist going to school and possibly 4-5 hands coming home. With that keen mind of his, Tom was tough to beat. And, years later, it was Tom who drove up the driveway offering to buy the farm when we decided the Riedel farm would need to be sold to cover Dad's nursing home costs. Tom was gracious and a gentleman through it all.

I extend my sincerest condolences to Marlys, Scott, Gary, Karen, Sharon and Jeanne. Linda Hachfeld

Linda (Riedel) Hachfeld - January 29, 2015 at 07:32 PM

LH

“ Linda (Riedel) Hachfeld lit a candle in memory of Thomas Wendorf



Linda (Riedel) Hachfeld - January 29, 2015 at 06:47 PM

JD

“ *Jerry & Janice Denny lit a candle in memory of Thomas Wendorf*



Jerry & Janice Denny - January 29, 2015 at 03:08 PM

KH

“ *Both my wife and I were friends with Tom since about 1989. From that time, we would see or talk to him and enjoyed his view on the world.*

One of my best memories of Tom was the year I spent with him on an assignment in Iowa City on a major consulting project. We had dinner with each other almost every night and he kept me laughing all the time.

Ken & Nancy Hasledalen

Ken Hasledalen - January 29, 2015 at 10:18 AM

GC

“ *Gladys Hansen Chase lit a candle in memory of Thomas Wendorf*



Gladys hansen chase - January 28, 2015 at 06:32 PM

RW

“ *Robert & LaQuita Wierima lit a candle in memory of Thomas Wendorf*



Robert & LaQuita Wierima - January 28, 2015 at 02:27 PM

RO

Remembering the Wendorf family at this sad time.

Robert - January 28, 2015 at 02:31 PM

GE

So sorry for your loss...I know all too well, as I just lost my brother.

Gwen and Dean Eckhoff - January 28, 2015 at 04:32 PM

DM

“ *My deepest condolences to the entire Wendorf family. I was shocked and saddened to hear of Tom's passing. He was a great friend and colleague to all of us at AT&T Consulting. Tom was known for his willingness to take on any challenge and work on behalf of our clients. We will all miss him and were fortunate to have known him.*

Dave Mingo

Dave Mingo - January 28, 2015 at 02:18 PM

DH

“ Tom was about the smartest guy I ever met. I used to referee with him, many years ago and he hired me to work with him on a State project. He was an excellent leader, a hard worker and a genuinely nice man. Even having been out of touch with him for quite a while, I will miss him as will, I am sure, many others. All of my good thoughts go to his family.

*Don Hockman
Eagan*

Don Hockman - January 27, 2015 at 05:13 PM

SS

“ So sorry for your loss of Tom, he was a wonderful man. God needed a very intelligent man like Tom as one of his Angels ! My deepest sympathy !!

Shari Spanswick - January 27, 2015 at 12:37 PM

JS

“ My deepest sympathies to the Wendorf family. While I was a business associate of Tom's, I did have the opportunity to get to know him personally. He was a good man and a good friend. I am grateful to have known him.

James Sitek - January 26, 2015 at 02:42 PM

KL

“ Our deepest sympathies to the entire Wendorf Family. Our families were so close growing up, camping together and built lots of wonderful memories. Please know we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Kim & Becky [Zeise] Lovgren

Kim & Becky [Zeise] Lovgren - January 26, 2015 at 11:48 AM

JO

“ *Joyce OHern lit a candle in memory of Thomas Wendorf*



Joyce OHern - January 26, 2015 at 08:51 AM

SH

“ *Samantha Horn lit a candle in memory of Thomas Wendorf*



Samantha Horn - January 25, 2015 at 07:35 PM