

Tom Carew

March 28, 1933 - June 3, 2022

Tom Wheadon Carew, age 89, passed away on June 3, 2022, at CHI St. Joseph's Hospital in Park Rapids, MN.

The memorial service celebrating the life of Tom Carew of Park Rapids and formerly of Wadena, will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, at the United Methodist Church in Hubbard, MN with Pastor Lauren Hauger presiding. A gathering of family and friends will be held at the church one hour prior to the service.

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The United Methodist Church and Schuller Family Funeral Homes invite you to view the Carew service on Thursday by using the following link:

[https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCS\\_kR8qINLNk8tFFdm-TMaA](https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCS_kR8qINLNk8tFFdm-TMaA)

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Tom was born to Harold and Florence (Wheadon) Carew on March 28, 1933 in Wadena, MN. His childhood was spent in Deer Creek, where he graduated from high school in 1951. Tom was always proud to be a "Creek-er!" Upon graduation, he attended Hamline University in St. Paul for two years. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for two years, stationed in Germany. After his honorable discharge, Tom returned to Hamline to finish his degree. It was then that he met Rita Belle Lewis. They were united in marriage on December 27, 1957, in Wahpeton, ND. Following their marriage, Tom graduated with degrees in Business and Art. He then started working for Land

O' Lakes Feed and Seed as a sales representative.

Tom always had a desire to own and operate his own business. In 1965, this became a reality when Tom and Rita purchased Wadena Floral. They enjoyed nearly 20 years successfully serving Wadena and the surrounding communities. In 1982, they sold the floral shops and greenhouses. He then began selling wholesale supplies for Lakeland Floral Supply out of Minneapolis. He also dabbled in real estate over the years, first individually, and then with two close friends. Tom was a true entrepreneur!

In 1999, Tom and Rita built a home on Long Lake near Park Rapids, directly across the lake from the family's cabin, where they had enjoyed summers for 30 years. Once in their new home, Tom planted and tended beautiful flower gardens. Later, Tom worked with Hafner's Greenhouse of Park Rapids setting up their retail sales displays and promotions. Tom enjoyed the connection that he made with coworkers and many customers. His flair for many art forms was a lifelong passion, especially in floral design.

Tom had a strong Christian faith and love of the Lord. For many years he sang in the Hubbard United Methodist Church choir and decorated the church with fresh floral arrangements.

As a family man, Tom was exceedingly proud of his "four girls" and loved them dearly. He is survived by his loving wife, Rita; daughters: Julie (Paul) Mutch of Larimore, ND, Martha (Daniel) Holzer of Bismarck, ND, and Cynthia of St. Cloud, MN. Deeply missing Grandpa Tom are Nathan (Ellen) Borgen, Mackenzie (Christopher) Neamonitis, Nicholas (Shadai) Holzer, Meredith (Christian) Prevost, Alexander Mutch; great-grandsons, Charlie and Finn Borgen; along with a multitude of friends who were very important to him.

Preceding Tom in death were his parents, Harold and Florence; sister, Jo

Marie; and brother, Robert.

Memorials may be directed to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

JUL 28. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church - Hubbard
12150 Broadway Road
Hubbard, MN 56470

Celebration of Life

JUL 28. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Tom Carew*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 14, 2022 at 05:38 PM

GA

“ *RIP Tom. Prayers to your family from the Anderson's*



Greg Anderson - August 18, 2022 at 01:54 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Tom Carew*



Sharon boline - July 27, 2022 at 03:37 PM

FL

“ *Wish we could be with you. So many special memories of Tom. We loved him and send our love to you, Rita, and your family. Russ and Fran Lewis*

Fran Lewis - July 27, 2022 at 01:35 PM

PR

“ Dearest Rita and family,
I am deeply saddened to hear of Tom's passing. May God's peace console you.
Tom took me under his wing when I hadn't even graduated from Floral design school. My first day at Wadena Floral was when he was doing flowers for his own father's funeral. I remember how calm he was. It must have been his great faith in the Lord.
Each day I learned something and enjoyed working with him and you Rita.
I will always remember your kindness also when there was a snow storm and you insisted I stay with you so I was safe.
After I got married and moved, I started my own floral shop. Tom was working for Lakeland and it was wonderful to have him come back into my life.
I no longer have the shop, but have done flowers for my own daughters' weddings, my parents' funerals, and my husband's father's funeral, (who Tom knew) Charles (Bill) Russ, also a Deer Creeker!
Tom was a great example to many people and I'm sure he will be sorely missed.
My love to you and your family.
Patricia (Trish Forcier) Russ

Patricia Jeanette Russ - July 26, 2022 at 10:49 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Tom Carew.



July 24, 2022 at 07:57 PM



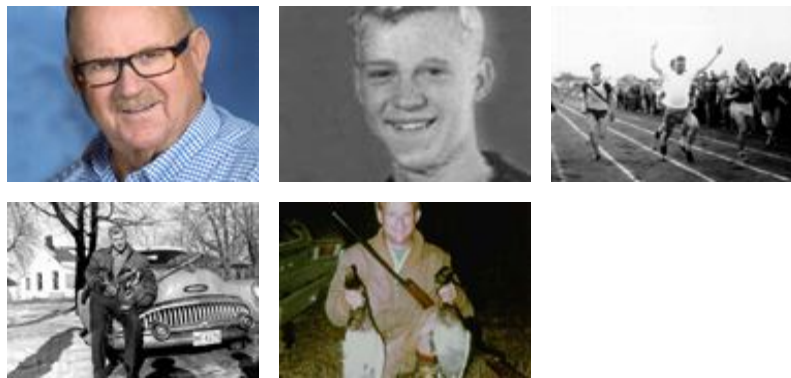
“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Tom Carew.*



July 20, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *45 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 14, 2022 at 05:30 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to his wonderful family. May God shine his grace upon all of you. We lit a candle at church for Tom.*

Michelle Paratore - July 05, 2022 at 02:22 AM

CH

We loved the "Tommer", he always went out of his way to greet up with a witty greeting, at least he thought it was.lol!!! He made every one feel special...Dancing with the Lord!

Cheryl Hoime - July 18, 2022 at 11:05 AM

CC

“ *Dad doing what we liked best! Sitting by the lake in the wind!* ”



Cynthia Carew - June 29, 2022 at 10:07 PM

MZ

“ *When Tom was in the room there was always a lot of laughter. What a gift he had to bring that joy and laughter to others. He was such a lovely man. My sympathy to all of you.* ”

Molly Zosel - June 27, 2022 at 10:20 AM

VL

“ *Sending deepest condolences to your family. Heath and I are very grateful to have had a visit, coffee, and laughs with your parents last time they visited St. Cloud. Eternal rest grant unto Tom and may perpetual light shine upon him.* ”



Veronica Lunde - June 26, 2022 at 10:43 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Tom Carew* ”



Sharon Boline - June 26, 2022 at 04:12 PM

CP

“ I was so sorry to hear of Tom’s passing. I always enjoyed seeing him when he visited Cindy in Bakersfield. He was always fun and made us laugh. My condolences to you all. I will be praying for the family and all those who loved him.

Carol Pinnell - June 25, 2022 at 09:50 AM

CH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



CC Hays - June 25, 2022 at 09:07 AM

MS

“ So very sorry for your loss. Tom was so funny. I remember his great wit and his love for you all. ❤️

Melissa Sandsness - June 25, 2022 at 06:57 AM



“ Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Tom Carew



Rocky Reese - June 24, 2022 at 11:35 PM

DC

“ Tom was a very good guy to work for. Enjoyed my time I worked for him



Diane Crabb - June 24, 2022 at 09:49 PM

JS

“ My deepest sympathies to you all. I thought of Tom just the other day before reading this sad news. I so enjoyed when I worked at Wadena Floral in the springs and summers while in college. Tom was so good to me and to my father, who worked there many years until he retired. We always had such good conversations, especially at coffee time, where he often tried to get me to trade my summer sausage sandwich for his cupcake or snowball snack! I pray you find peace in knowing he is smiling down on you and chuckling that wonderful laugh he had. God’s many blessings!

Jerry Stover - June 23, 2022 at 11:23 AM

FF

I met Tom through his wonderful daughter, Cindy. Cindy and I met in Bakersfield, CA where Cindy used to live. Cindy shared how much love Tom had for her and her sisters. She expressed how great her father was to her. I felt the love Tom had for his daughter, Cindy when I first met Tom. We need more awesome fathers like Tom out there. Condolences and love to the family. ❤️🕊️

Florence Flesche - June 24, 2022 at 11:57 PM

AD

“ Audrey Davis lit a candle in memory of Tom Carew



Audrey Davis - June 20, 2022 at 02:20 PM

JJ

“ Jon & Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Tom Carew



Jon & Patty Johnson - June 20, 2022 at 12:00 PM

MH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Marty Carew Holzer - June 19, 2022 at 09:13 PM

BG

“ Bob And Donna Grendahl lit a candle in memory of Tom Carew



Bob and Donna Grendahl - June 19, 2022 at 02:09 AM

LH

“ *Lauren Hauger lit a candle in memory of Tom Carew*



Lauren Hauger - June 17, 2022 at 09:22 AM

JS

“ *Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Tom Carew*



Jim Stoneman - June 17, 2022 at 07:31 AM

JS

“ *Jim & Tracey Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Tom Carew*



Jim & Tracey Stoneman - June 16, 2022 at 01:31 PM

MN

“ *Tom was a great man. I hold the memories from hunting trips to the angle close! Rita and kids, I'm so sorry for your loss! Tom will live on through our memories!*



Mark Neitzke - June 16, 2022 at 08:51 AM

CS

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Cheryl Steinborn - June 15, 2022 at 02:30 PM

KJ

“ Tom was my most favorite salesman when I had a flower shop in Valley City. He was kind, funny and always so easy to talk to. He and Rita came to see me my last day in business and that meant so much to me. I kept up with how he was through my son Ben who taught his grandkids at Larimore. My sympathies to all of you, I know he will be greatly missed. With loving memories. Kathy Jacobson

Kathy Gulmon Jacobson - June 15, 2022 at 01:23 PM

CS

“ Cheryl Steinborn lit a candle in memory of Tom Carew



Cheryl Steinborn - June 15, 2022 at 10:45 AM

RS

“ Rick And Debbie Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Tom Carew



Rick and Debbie Schwartz - June 15, 2022 at 10:10 AM

MM

“ *Mary Mead lit a candle in memory of Tom Carew*



Mary Mead - June 14, 2022 at 05:13 PM

MN

“ *Marilyn Nervig lit a candle in memory of Tom Carew*



Marilyn Nervig - June 14, 2022 at 03:41 PM

MF

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*



marie fraune - June 14, 2022 at 09:34 AM