



## Tom McKellep

May 11, 1945 - May 27, 2005

Thomas William McKellep was born on May 11, 1945 to Robert Stanley and Ruth (Zosel) McKellep in Wadena. Tom passed away at his home in Wadena on Friday morning, May 27, at the age of 60 years. Tom served our country during the Vietnam War in the US Navy from 1962 to 1966. Tom married Yvonne Seeman on October 8, 1966 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wadena. Tom was the general manager of Culligan Water in Wadena for many years. He was a member of the Knob Hill Sportsman's Club, the Water Quality Association both Minnesota and nationally, and the Deer Hunter's Association. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, restoring old cars, camping, and spending time with family and his grandchildren. Tom lived in Wadena all of his life. Tom is preceded in death by his infant sister, Jane Marie. Tom is survived by his wife, Yvonne; parents, Robert Stanley and Ruth of Wadena; daughter, Michelle (Sam) Sundby of Wadena; son, Shane (Darci) of Barnum; 6 grandchildren; sister, Kathy (Charles) Lathrop of Prescott, AZ; and brothers, Phillip (Claudia) of Sun City, CA, Robert (Susan) of Sioux Falls, SD, and Scott (Bonita) of Wadena. [View this Videotribute](#)

# Tribute Wall

KL

“ Tom...my "breast" friend is your sister, Kathy!!! We have been through many trials and tribulations together!! We are both breast cancer survivors.

*She has told me so many good things about you, that I almost feel that I know you!! Kathy has lovingly been there for you to help you through your ups and downs! Now that you are at peace, she is at peace!!*

*May God be with you both!!  
Love from Kathy's BF,  
Jan*

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**Kathy McKellep Lathrop** - May 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Tom: Rest in peace, you have been through so much and Yvonne and your family have been such faithful servants through this difficult time and they will be blessed for that. You are in our prayers and thoughts and we will treasure our memories of you.  
*Love, arlene and gary*

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**Phil & Claudia McKellep** - May 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Tom's death.  
*My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Joy Macklanburg Hansen** - May 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I just wanted you all to know what a beautiful job you all did on putting the memorial service/funeral together. I can't imagine how hard all this has been for all of the family and grandchildren. Just know that you are being thought of and kept in our prayers. Please let us know if there is anything you need we would be glad to help.

*Love- Darin and Missy Kicker*

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**Missy and Darin Kicker** - May 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ Tom will long be remembered as a dedicated employee. His work for our company exemplified the advice that the Apostle Paul gave to the workers in Ephesus: "Work hard, but not just to please your masters when they are watching. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people." Ephesians 6:6-8.

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**From one of his friends at Culligan** - May 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I've been Kathy's best friend for many years, and I feel like I the McKellep family. My prayers have been with all of you these last months, and I will continue to keep you all in my thoughts and my prayers.

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**Jan Stotts** - May 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ We know how much Tom was loved by his sister, Kathy, and through that we wish pay tribute to Tom. Our condolences to his whole family.

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**Lorne & Peggy Harmon** - May 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Tom, I am a "breast friend" of your sister, Kathy! We are both survivors of breast cancer and have gone through many trials and tribulations together. She has spoken so highly of you and she was so happy to have been able to be there with you for those many weeks. You fought this awful disease bravely for as long as you could. Now, you are at peace and I'm sure right there in spirit beside your loved ones!! May God be with your whole family as they grieve your loss!

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**Jan Donovan** - May 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Yvonne, Shane and family: I was so very surprised and saddened to hear about Tom's passing. The Culligan meetings will never be the same without him and I will miss visiting with him greatly. He gave me great advice as a young manager 15 years ago as well as when I was building my house 10 years ago that was critical to our enjoying it as much as we have. I admired the fact that he was a man of action, not words, and was a doer, not a talker.

*Please accept my deepest sympathy at what I know is a very difficult time for all of you. For your sake I hope it's true that it's always darkest before the dawn and that new and brighter days are not far off for you.*

*Deepest Sympathy,  
Bret P. Tanglely*

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**Bret P. Tanglely** - May 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM