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Thomas Alan Shambeau passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2025 in Bonita Springs FL. Tom was born on February 26, 1941 in New London, WI, the oldest child of David A. Shambeau and Emilene (Harber) Shambeau. He graduated from Waupaca High School in 1959 and the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1963 where he obtained a Business degree and an MBA.

After serving his country in the Army, Tom worked at the Continental Bank in Chicago, IL, where he was a Vice President of the Commercial Lending Group. In 1976, he moved his family back to his hometown.

Tom was a longtime Waupaca businessman, originally starting at Shambeau Realty, which later became Realty World Shambeau and Lyons Real Estate. He had the pleasure of working on many projects with his younger brother, Steve Shambeau. Together, among other things, they owned Charlie's Bar, the Village Inn Motel, and countless Chain O' Lakes/ Waupaca area properties that they remodeled and sold. Additionally, over the years, Tom enjoyed flying his Cessna.

Tom is survived by his wife of 37 years, Kristine Shambeau, his son David E. (Stephanie) Shambeau of Waupaca, stepchildren Melissa Woolsey of Waupaca, Paul Weisbrod of Little Chute, and Gwendolyn (Tim Dempsey) Weisbrod of Pewaukee. He is further survived by grandchildren Thomas J. Shambeau, Michael D. Shambeau, Sarah E. Shambeau and step grandchildren Abigail Hayes, Timothy Dempsey, Madeline Dempsey, and Kristianne Dempsey. He is also survived by his sister, Susan Shambeau, sister-in-law Mary Jo Shambeau and daughter-in-law, Elizabeth "Libby" Shambeau.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Sim Shambeau and brother, Steve Shambeau. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made the Lost Companion Animal Rescue in Saxeville or the Waupaca County Humane Society on Tom's behalf.



Obituary

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A Remembrance Gathering for Tom will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at the Waupaca Country Club. Military Honors for Tom will begin at 12:00 Noon, please arrive by 11:45 AM. The gathering will begin immediately following honors until 3:30 PM.



Events

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Remembrance Gathering

 **Saturday**, April 19, 2025

 11:45 AM - 3:30 PM CT

 **Waupaca Country Club**
1330 Ware Street, Waupaca WI



Tribute Wall

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Maggie Weissman posted:

I am so sorry that I did not know of this service. I would have been there. Tom was my favorite cousin! He had a great sense of humor. I still remember one very fun summer at the lakes when we were in high school. Maggie nee Harber Weissman.

April 23 at 8:11 AM



John And Judy Hanson sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Shambeau family.



April 16 at 5:51 AM



Lynn Laufenberg posted:

Met Tom through his brother, Steve who was a law school classmate. He and Steve convinced me and Mary Jane to take a look at a cottage they had acquired and renovated on Rainbow Lake. One look was all it took for Mary Jane and we enjoyed many years of fun on the Chain. The fun times often included Tom who lived just down the lane. Good guy with a great sense of humor.

April 15 at 10:59 AM



John Maggio sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Shambeau family.



April 14 at 12:21 PM



John Maggio planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.



April 14 at 12:21 PM



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TW

Thomas Winch posted:

Tom was a positive influence in my life. He was brilliant, funny and always had a twinkle in his smiling eyes. My wife Judy and I were his classmates. I remember when I was on the sidelines of a night football game in Waupaca working as the team statistician when Tom kicked a 60 yard punt. Might be a school record.

April 6 at 5:10 PM

RO

Roberta Olson posted:

Tom and I discovered we were cousins through ancestry.com a while back. We met for lunch in Waupaca with cousin Brian several times to share family history and stories. Proud to call him Cousin. May he rest in peace. My sympathy to the Shambeau family. Roberta Olson.

April 4 at 10:05 AM

DF

Dan Fox shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



I first met Tom sometime in the Nineties, and not too long after that I was honored with a position on the Village Inn Board of Directors (VIBOD). Actually, that "honor" was bestowed mainly because, as the top ad agency guy on the Coors business, I could procure no-cost Coors Light-branded merchandise for the board members. I have no doubts there are still closets full of the stuff in and around Waupaca. Those were very good days with lots of fun afloat on the Chain and in any number of local watering holes. Ultimately, Pete Coors even joined the VIBOD group hosting the group at his Coors Field skybox. Tom was always at the heart of the fun. As a Navy veteran, he took some delight in needling me for my Army loyalty. He'd call every year when USAA made its distributions to members, so we could compare who got more cash back. Tom's was a very joy-filled spirit and it remains very strong in my memory. My sincere condolences to Kris, whose support for Tom never waned in spite of the sort of shenanigans described above. And to son, Dave, of whom Tom spoke proudly to me on a number of occasions. Godspeed, Tom. I'll see you on the other side... and I'll try to bring a Coors Light baseball cap.

March 27 at 7:56 AM

LC

Lloyd Coppersmith posted:

Here it is a week after Tom's death and I think of him every day. Can't get him off of my mind RSP Tom. Lloyd Coppersmith

March 28 at 1:28 PM



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Nancy & Bill Neuman posted:

Kris, Dave; So soory to hear of Tom's passing. A great guy, funny, bright always interesting and entertaining. He will be fondly remembered.

March 27 at 7:56 AM



Media

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Dan Fox shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

March 30 at 9:56 AM



At a Coors distributor convention



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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