

Thomas "Tom" Wojnar

October 26, 2025

Thomas "Tom" Wojnar passed away unexpectedly during his annual travels to attend a spiritual conference and visit loved ones. He was the husband of Eleanor (Ellie) Wojnar and dear father of Amanda "Mandy" and Christopher "Chris" Wojnar. Grandfather to Luke, Jackson and Jacob Wojnar. Older brother to Paul Wojnar and preceded in death to his parents Casmir and Casmira Wojnar and his younger sister Mary Lewandowski. Dear friend of Andrew "Andy" Sczerba, Oz Manske, and Bill Symanski to name a few.

Tom worked for the City of Milwaukee Forestry Department for the duration of his career. Trimming trees, landscaping work, and shoveling snow were some of his favorite activities in life. In his earlier years, he loved running along the Lake Michigan coast and later in life he was an avid recreational bicyclist in the area. Tom also served in the United States Army. He was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam era.

Living most of his life in Milwaukee, WI, Tom and Ellie moved to Portland Oregon 8 years ago to be closer to their grandchildren. In Portland, Tom loved to watch and attend athletic events of Luke, Jackson, and Jacob. In times alone, he loved to walk up Mt. Tabor which he referred to as 'his mountain'. Seven of the 8 years in Portland were spent living at St. Anthony's Village where Tom shared in the community; told stories over puzzles; and kept the grounds clean on his daily walks.

A continual spiritual seeker in life, Tom was active in the Eckankar religion and church for over forty years - attending services in both Milwaukee and Portland and volunteering his landscaping services to the spiritual center. He loved to read and reread his Eckankar books and discuss deeper questions about spirituality in life and death to just about anyone who would listen. His 'best' books were held together by duck tape.

Please join us in honoring and remembering the life of Tom. Attendees are encouraged to share a story about Tom to honor his memory...just like he would have wanted.

In lieu of flowers you can plant a tree of your choice in a Milwaukee County Park through parkpeoplemke.org or contribute to replanting a sustainable forest in an area such as Oregon through the Arbor Day Foundation which is endorsed by the City of Milwaukee Forestry Department.

Memorial Gathering Friday, November 21 from 12:00 – 2:00 PM at the ROZGA FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES – ROZGA-WALLOCH CHAPEL followed by a Time of Remembrance at 2:00 PM. Family and friends are encouraged to share stories, memories, or a profound moment they shared with Tom during the Time of Remembrance. Please allow only 1 to 3 minutes of speaking time for sharing.

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services
Rozga-Walloch Chapel
4309 South 20th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53221

Tribute Wall

RL

“ *Many years ago Tom & Chris decided to surprise us by jogging to our house, at night, in the pouring rain. When we opened the door our dog was barking wildly and angry at the two soaking wet men in hoods whom were entering our house.... Several years later, Tom and I were on the beach in Sarasota, we were all there for Russell's wedding. Tom told me the story that our dog had actually bit him that night. I was mortified, we had no idea. He said he went to the ER and got shots. I told him I could not believe that he did not tell me this before, and I told him I want to pay for the medical bills. He said simply - No, it was not a big deal. Here is \$100 for the liquor store for everyone's drinks tonight.*



And yes, the Tree Geezer was up in our tree and did an amazing job.

I will always remember his smile, laughter and his voice.

My deepest sympathy to the family for this huge loss.

Rachel Liberacki - November 21, 2025 at 02:39 PM

ET

“ I didn't play any sports in high school (or since), Tom and I met back @ NDHS, 5th and Mitchell Streets, in September, 1964, in Sister Claude's homeroom 101, the only sophomore coed homeroom that year. A very young Sister Claude was so much fun. You and Andy Szczerba were "studs" on the NDHS Varsity football team that year, and the following two years. You, Andy, Mike Wiza and others were leaders of our "Claude Hoppers" intramural hoops team that spring, beating both "all boys" homerooms -- I was a "moral support" member on the team!

You were drafted into the Army in late March of 1968, myself in mid-May of 1969, going to Germany and Vietnam respectively. We have remained friends ever since Homeroom 101. God Bless, be well, my friend, a LOT of us miss you, the Milwaukee area (and Milwaukie OR) is a better place because of you.

Ed Thompson, Greenfield, NDHS67

Ed Thompson - November 20, 2025 at 03:59 PM



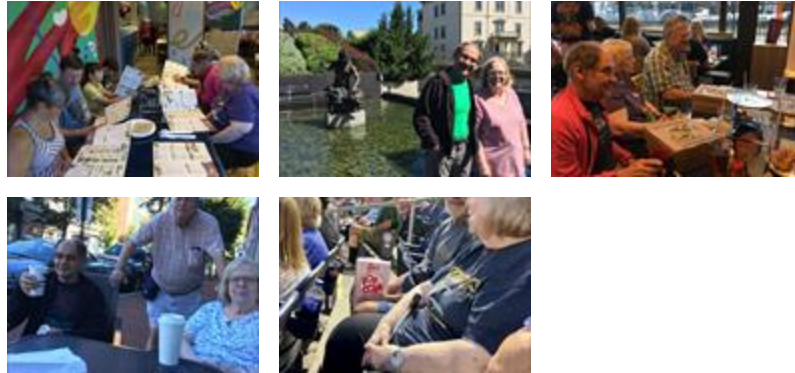
“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Wojnar.



November 20, 2025 at 11:18 AM

BK

“ 10 files added to the album *Visits to Virginia*



Bob and Gail Kassel - November 19, 2025 at 03:30 PM

RM

“ *At Forestry we called him “Geezer”. What a great human being. Never heard him speak ill of anyone (except our safety officer who continually interfered with his work methods). Hellava sheephead player and generous partner. If you arrived at work after Tom, you were definitely late.*

To Ellie and family, he will be loved.

Ron Melanz

Ron Melanz - November 16, 2025 at 07:43 PM

MM

“ Back in 1966, Tommy and I (Oz) along with Mike Wiza and Phil Woodie and my memory fails me who else came along on a camping trip to Terry Andrae State Park on Lake Michigan, all of us from Notre Dame high school. We were 17, new to drinking and we bought some Vermouth to drink, brilliant move, we became drunk and sick but before we got sick I decided to swim back to Cudahy to see my 1st girlfriend Marsha Mogilka, another brilliant move since Sheboygan County is nowhere near Cudahy. As I was sure to drown, Tommy, a great swimmer, swam along side of me and convinced me that this was not a good idea - thank you Tommy for saving my life, then later, we all got sick from the Vermouth.

Notre Dame football guys, Tommy and I (Oz) and Andy and Mike Wiza and sometimes Mike Suvaka, would meet every Saturday on the off season to lift weights in my garage, fond memories and a lot of yucks and Tommy always had this incredible ability of light hearted laughter that lit the up the entire room, and especially the day Andy was a little late to lift weights and Andy comes walking down the alley wearing his Polish Boy Scout outfit, shorts and scarf and all, we were about 16 or 17 and Tommy of course kidded Andy endlessly.

One summer we were a Wiza's cottage on the lake and Tommy, a great swimmer (he's part fish) decided to swim across the lake, so here goes Tommy and Oz swimming across the lake, which for some reason is illegal, but we never got caught by the policia. Other than being in a tree, swimming was Tom's 2nd passion in life.

TREES, Tommy has told me and the family, years ago, that when he leaves this earth, he was hoping to be in a tree when he passed away, did not happen that way but the boy is with the Lord and I'll bet the Lord can't stop laughing because Tommy is telling some of his jokes.

The Gooch, who is the Gooch? The Gooch is what Tommy would call his mom and the laughs continued when Tom's mom drove us

all to the lake to swim and we'd be in the back seat and his mom was a small woman and she could barely see over the steering wheel and she is who Tommy got his sense of humor from, she would keep turning her head to talk to us and she was the world's worse driver but God was taking care of things and we never got into an accident but all the time Tommy would say: "ma, watch what you are doing, keep your eyes on the road" as we all enjoyed this thrill ride to the lake.



Mike Manske-Oz - November 15, 2025 at 06:11 PM

CA

Great stories Mike! Tommy was surely one of a kind. He was gentle sweet soul. May the Lord welcome him home into His Heavenly Kingdom. Rest in Peace Tommy.

Carla

Carla - November 15, 2025 at 08:05 PM

PD

“ Dear Ellie and Chris and the entire Wojnar family,
My condolences to all the Wojnar family at the loss of your husband
and dad and grandfather. May Tom join the saints in heaven and
come to see God face to face.

Tom helped out at St. Anthony Village, where people live, and he
helped out at St. Anthony Church. And he frequently helped out in
two ways. He used his arborist skills to prune trees and sometimes
cut them down. And he engaged in his one-man litter patrol on his
daily walks. I appreciate that he both took care of the trees and
picked up litter. Both activities enhanced the beauty of the grounds.
Whenever I would see him picking up litter, I would say, "How's
business?" And he would reply, "It's picking up." It became our own
little ritual.

One might say that God picked him up and took him to a better
place..

Peace and all good.

Love and prayers

Fr. Pat Donoghue, pastor, Saint Anthony Church, Portland

Patrick Donoghue - November 12, 2025 at 08:45 PM

LS

Rest in peace my SSCM classmate of 63. Our moms were such good
friends. Give them both a hug for me. Sincerest condolences Ellie to
you and the entire Wojnar family.

Linda (Fleis) Schulte - November 16, 2025 at 05:35 PM

RL

to our cousin Tom, You were a light in our lives. Started out in grade
school and continued with Rich to Notre Dame. Rest in peace. Until we
see you again.

Rich & Karen Luczkowski

Rich & Karen Luczkowski - November 21, 2025 at 01:32 PM