



Tom J. Copa

September 9, 1946 - January 29, 2021

Tom J. Copa, 74 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away Friday, January 29, 2021, at his residence. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, February 5, 2021, at 11:30 A.M., at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, with Father Ben Kociemba officiating. A visitation will be held from 10:00-11:30 A.M., at the church prior to the funeral. Burial will take place following the funeral at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery.

Tom Joseph Copa was born on September 9, 1946 to Harry and Rose (Rutz) Copa. He grew up on the west side of Little Falls and loved hunting squirrel, grouse, and deer with his father and brother, then later with his children on his Uncle Stanley's farm. He also loved fishing of all kinds and watching John Wayne westerns. He graduated from Little Falls High School in 1964 and joined the United States Navy. He was a member of the Naval Secret Service stationed at the Pentagon for 3 years. After his discharge from the Navy, he met the love of his life Mary Jane (Lindberg) in March of 1968. They moved to Detroit, Michigan for one year and then moved to Minneapolis for five years. Tom and Mary were married on July 18, 1970 in Our Lady of Lourdes Church and then later moved back to Little Falls and purchased their home on the west side of Little Falls. Tom worked for Crestliner for five years then Anderson Processing, where he later retired after 37 years of exemplary service. In January of 1975, they had their first son Jeremy Joseph, and in June of 1979, they had their second son, Luke Michael. Upon their son's

graduation from Little Falls High School, like their father, both boys joined the Armed Forces. Jeremy joined the Marine Corps and Luke joined the Army. Tom couldn't have been prouder of his boys for their service and following in his footsteps. Tom and Mary Jane celebrated 50 years of marriage in July of 2020. Tom battled an unknown illness for 14 years and lost the battle at his home on January 29, 2021.

Tom was deeply loved and cherished by his wife, children and grandchildren and will be sincerely missed by all who have come to know and love this wonderful family man.

Tom is survived by his wife, Mary Jane; his sons, Jeremy (Mary Beth) Copa, Luke (girlfriend Robyn) Copa; his grandchildren, Alexis, Asiaann, Breeanna, Tiffany, and Royal; his great-grandchildren, Hunter, Everett and Jasper; his brother, Michael (Cathy) Copa, and sister Karen (Jerry) Ringwelski.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Rose Copa and his in-laws Olaf and Molly (Scribner) Lindberg.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church
208 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 5. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church
208 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 01, 2021 at 05:26 PM



“ *Tom J. Copa*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you all.*

Nicole Paulson - February 06, 2021 at 06:51 PM



“ *Patty Weiss Seybold lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Patty Weiss Seybold - February 03, 2021 at 09:17 PM

LP

“ *Linda Paycer lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Linda Paycer - February 02, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tom J. Copa.*



February 02, 2021 at 02:41 PM

CE

“ *Collette And Vern Ehrenberg lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Collette and Vern Ehrenberg - February 02, 2021 at 07:31 AM

JU

“ *Mary and family you have our deepest sympathy on your loss of Tom. Tony and Judy Armbrust*

Judy - February 02, 2021 at 04:51 AM

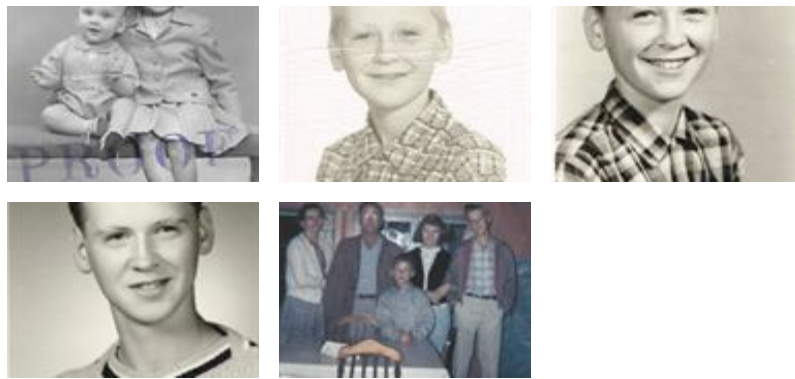
WR

“ *Mary and family, sympathies to you. You were so devoted to giving Tom the care he needed. May he now rest in peace. God bless you and your loved ones.*
Wendy and Dave Rutz

Wendy Rutz - February 01, 2021 at 09:33 PM



“ *46 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 01, 2021 at 05:28 PM

AP

“ *Anderson Custom Processing purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Tom J. Copa.*



Anderson Custom Processing - February 01, 2021 at 02:09 PM

DL

“ *Sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.*



Donna lukasavitz - February 01, 2021 at 10:41 AM

KI

Mary, so sorry for your loss. We are praying for you and your family.

Kevin and Sally (Scribner) Iverson - February 01, 2021 at 11:25 AM

AS

“ *Audrey Stout lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Copa*



audrey stout - February 01, 2021 at 10:34 AM

RS

“ *Ron & Lisa Sahr lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Ron & Lisa Sahr - February 01, 2021 at 09:39 AM

RO

So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Ron - February 01, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ *our deepest condolences to you and your family God Bless You Ed and LouAnn Kanieski*



Louann Kanieski - January 31, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers*



Ken and Kathy Garrison Kloss - January 31, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ *Theresa Przybilla sent a virtual gift in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Theresa Przybilla - January 31, 2021 at 05:21 PM



“ *Arnelle Schlicht lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Arnelle Schlicht - January 31, 2021 at 05:10 PM

JV

“ Hugs to you and your family Miss Mary! You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jana Volbert

Jana Volbert - January 31, 2021 at 02:33 PM

CM

“ So sorry for your loss. My sympathy goes to you and your family.

clarice marshik - January 31, 2021 at 09:42 AM

RG

“ Rebecca Gillette lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Copa



Rebecca gillette - January 31, 2021 at 04:51 AM

DJ

“ Mary and family I am sorry for your loss of Tom. May he rest in peace; God bless you all.



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - January 31, 2021 at 03:22 AM

DC

“ *Darlene Chirhart lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Darlene Chirhart - January 30, 2021 at 07:19 PM

CF

“ *Connie & Dan Fenske sent a virtual gift in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Connie & Dan Fenske - January 30, 2021 at 06:52 PM

RH

“ *Rhonda Heurung lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Copa*



rhonda heurung - January 30, 2021 at 06:14 PM

RM

“ *Roy And Mary sent a virtual gift in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Roy and Mary - January 30, 2021 at 05:40 PM

JL

“ *Joyce Lundell lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Joyce Lundell - January 30, 2021 at 05:18 PM

JL

So sorry Mary and sons. My deepest condolences to you.

Joyce Lundell - January 30, 2021 at 05:20 PM

AS

“ *Allan & Marilyn Schneider lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Allan & Marilyn Schneider - January 30, 2021 at 05:15 PM

RW

“ *Rich And Wendy Waltman lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Rich and Wendy Waltman - January 30, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tom J. Copa.*



January 30, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ *Faye & Jerry Waltman lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Faye & Jerry Waltman - January 30, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ *So sorry Mary and boy's for your loss sending hugs and prayers
LeAnn and Lenny Maciej*



LeAnn Maciej - January 30, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *Judi Ficek lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Judi Ficek - January 30, 2021 at 12:21 PM

PM

“ *Patty And Joe Mallak lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Copa*



Patty and Joe Mallak - January 30, 2021 at 09:31 AM