



Thomas J. Murphy

February 15, 1952 - August 13, 2025

Thomas J. Murphy, 73, of Bonita Springs, FL, formerly of Minneapolis and St. Michael, MN, passed away peacefully on August 13, 2025.

Born February 15, 1952, in Minneapolis, Thom was the beloved son of the late Bernard and Bonita (Pearson) Murphy. He spent his early years in Minneapolis, St. Michael and Walker, MN where he developed a lifelong appreciation for the outdoors and strong Midwestern values that would guide him throughout his life.

Thom dedicated over 35 years of his career to Hunt Electric in St. Paul, MN, where he served as a trusted and respected Electrical Project Manager.

He and his wife JoAnne (Quiram) Murphy, his devoted partner of over 45 years, spent many cherished years living in St. Michael, MN, and enjoying time at their cabin on Lake Leech in Walker, MN. In 2014, they moved to Bonita Springs, FL where they embraced a slower pace of life and the warmth of the Florida sun.

Thom had a deep love for fishing, boating, and hunting—pastimes that brought him peace and joy throughout his life. He also enjoyed golfing during his working years. One of his favorite personal pleasures was smoking his pipe, a tradition he took great pride in. He curated an extensive collection of pipes, cigars, and fine tobacco, which he considered both a hobby and an art

form.

Thom is survived by his loving wife, JoAnne; his brothers Richard (Pam) Murphy of Minneapolis, Scott (Nancy) Murphy of Milaca, Bruce Murphy of Minneapolis, and David Murphy of Minneapolis; his sister Cathy (Harold) Hartwig of Pawleys Island, SC; and numerous nieces and nephews who will remember his warmth, humor, and generosity.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Tim Murphy and sister Kimberly Arneson.

A private graveside service will take place in Richville, MN.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ Thom was Thom, He was a fun guy! He'd come over on our deck quite frequently and talk, tell stories, smoke his pipe The highlight was oh, I gotta show you this new pipe I just got. He was a collector of some beautiful pipes and good smelling tobacco. When it got harder for him to walk he got a golf cart, and the pipe was always with him. We'd bs back and forth and yes, we will and do miss him. Joanne was very attentive to his needs and taking care of Thom, also my good friend. Thom, your pain free! 🙏 RIP

Diane & Hank Arends - September 01, 2025 at 12:14 AM

DM

“ He was more than a friend he was a brother who i could trust with anything life through at me. We could talk and always come up with a peaceful solution. He will be missed by all that had a chance to know him. Love to all, and special hugs to his wife Joanne

David Murphy - August 25, 2025 at 11:43 AM

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“ Tom loved the finer things in life. Nothing but the best. That's how he ended with Joanne. He loved when she made blueberry pancakes on the weekends.
He was one of the first people I knew to have sushi. He would entertain the kids by eating live minnows. He loved fishing.
I think he loved smoking his pipe most of all.

Cathy J Hartwig - August 21, 2025 at 08:12 AM

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“ Larry and I loved spending time with Thom and Jo in Bonita Springs, Florida. We went to dinner, played games, like 5 crowns and dominoes.

We also had a great time making decorated tumblers. Thom loved his pipe, he grew his beard long for awhile and then shaved it off. We liked it better off. He will be greatly missed. I made him hug me. The first time when we got together in the fall and then again before we left in the Spring. I didn't get my last hug when we left in the Spring. That breaks my heart. He will be missed. Lots of hugs, love and prayers to Jo and the family.

Susan K Fannon - August 20, 2025 at 09:18 PM