

Thomas W. Preuss

Thomas W. Preuss of Eagle, born December 22, 1950, died Feb 6, 2012, age 61, second son of the late Victor S. and Dorathy (Mau) Preuss.

Beloved husband for 40 years of Rae-Ellen (nee Belz), loving father of Rachel Staut (Christopher) and Elizabeth Preuss. Cherished grandpa of Clinton Preuss and Nathan Staut. Also survived by Molly, his faithful black Labrador. Further survived by his brothers: Victor J., Robert (Ramona) David (Anne), nieces: Melissa, Christie, and nephews: Vincent, Steven, Ryan, and Rob, many dear friends and wonderful neighbors.

Tom was a journeyman machinist and a skilled craftsman in many fields. His expertise included carpentry, electrical, plumbing and anything mechanical. He always had a project to work on. Tom retired in 2005 from Miller Brewing CO after 30 years. But he didn't retire from life. He worked that first year of retirement building a log cabin in Grand Marais, Minnesota. He and Rae-Ellen spent many wonderful days there on the shores of Lake Superior. He circled Lake Superior three times, twice on his motorcycle, during the Wolfshed

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Tour. For several years he helped to man a wilderness checkpoint for the John Beargrease Sled Dog Race, a 400 mile event up the north shore of Lake Superior and the Gunflint trail. His hobbies included motorcycling, water skiing, downhill skiing, cross country skiing, deer hunting and hiking. He loved the outdoors and was happiest in the woods.

Tom was a member of First Congregational Church of Mukwonago and the IAM Machinists Union, Local 66.

Visitation will be Sunday, February 19th from 4-7 PM at First Congregational Church, 231 Roberts Dr. Mukwonago with a service to follow at 7 PM. Interment Monday, Feb. 20th at Wisconsin Memorial Park. Memorials to the church are appreciated.

Sincere thanks to Dr. Federico Sanchez and his staff at the Aurora Cancer Clinic, the nurses and aides on 2 north of Waukesha Memorial Hospital and the Prohealth Home Hospice nurses and staff. The family is most grateful for your care and

kindness to Tom.

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