



## Thomas McCotter

January 8, 1931 - October 1, 2023

HAMILTON LAKES - Thomas Charles McCotter age 92 of Hamilton Lakes (formerly of Whitefish Bay, WI), passed away peacefully overlooking the lake on Sunday, October 1, 2023.

Tom was born January 8, 1931, son of Howard and Louise (Peters) McCotter. He was the fourth of six children. He is preceded in death by his parents Howard and Louise McCotter; brothers Larry, Phil and Jack; and sister Mary Lou McCormick (Dick).

Tom is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Donna; children, Kathleen (John Koster), Daniel (Christina Rigby), and Susan (Rich Finn); grandchildren, Emily Cialdini (Vince), Nicholas Pier, Madeleine Pier and Eleanor Pier, and Jack McCotter; great-grandchildren, Emilia and Nellie Cialdini; and sister Judy (Don Laub).

Tom graduated from Marquette University High School in 1949 and attended Marquette University after serving in the US Army during the Korean War.

In 1956, Tom, his father Howard and brother Larry established McCotter & Sons, Inc a manufacturers' representative agency for boiler and HVAC systems. His reputation and knowledge in the industry is still held in the highest regard and remains legendary to many that worked with him through

his 60-year career.

In life and business, Tom earned the respect of those who knew him. Though a man of few words, all knew his ethos; honesty, integrity, decency, kindness, hard work, to lead by example, family and friends first-always. Tom leaves this legacy and example to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and his many nieces, nephews, and friends, as well as his entire family at McCotter Energy Systems.

Tom 's Catholic faith was a cornerstone in his life. He was a devoted husband and father and inspired his children with a sense of duty and to always put others before oneself. He lit up when in the presence of children and was quick to entertain them with a smile and now infamous series of funny faces. Tom, a consummate gentleman, lived a full life filled with laughter, good times, good friends, and family. He was loved and will be missed by so many.

A special thank you to Marshfield Clinic Home Health and Hospice of Dickinson County for their compassion and assistance caring for Tom in his final days at the cottage.

Family will greet friends on Saturday, October 14, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church, 4825 N Wildwood Ave, Whitefish Bay, WI 53217.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated immediately following at 11:00 a.m. with a reception will follow.

Memorial gifts may be made to Marquette University High School, 3401 W Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208, or a charity of choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
4825 N Wildwood Ave  
Whitefish Bay, MI 53217

## Memorial Mass

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Whitefish Bay, MI 53217

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tom had a great life, Always friendly my condolences.. Will miss him*

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**GERALD VANGOETHEM** - October 10, 2023 at 06:23 PM



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**Ortman Funeral Home** - October 03, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers. Dann & Shellee*

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**Shellee** - October 03, 2023 at 08:45 AM