

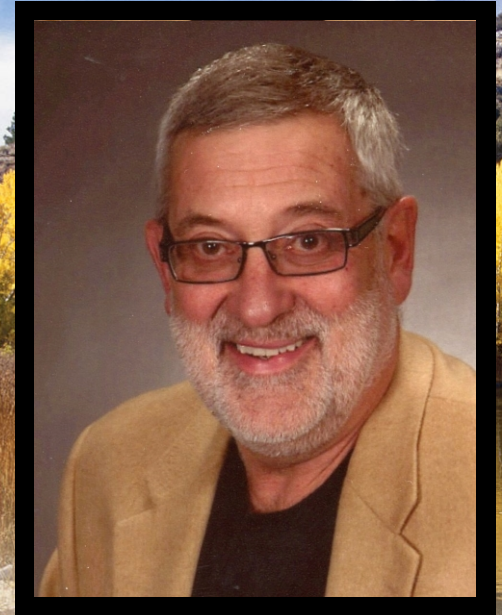
Thomas was born on September 22, 1953, the son of Frank J. "Dobber" and Arlene (VanOpDorp) Van Vooren, in Geneseo. He graduated from Atkinson High School in 1971 and attended Northern Illinois University for undergraduate courses. He then attended Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, to obtain his Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry. On March 25, 1972, he married Beth M. Riekema at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Tom purchased Dr. Graham's dental practice in Annawan in 1978 and started Dr. Thomas Van Vooren Dental Office, retiring in 2013. He was a member of the American Dental Association, Rock Island District Dental Society, Henry County Health Department Board, and a former Atkinson School Board member. He loved his trips to Canada, where he served as CEO, at Possum Lodge. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, hunting, and especially spending time with his friends and family.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Beth; his children, Jacob (Jill) Van Vooren, Chicago, and Jennifer (Phil) Cipfl-Koch, Shiloh, IL; grandchildren, Cole Aldeguer and Monet Van Vooren, Jack Cipfl, Maebree and Madelyn Koch; sisters, Bonnie (Ron) Obrecht, Geneseo, and Mary Kay (Jerry) Franks, Atkinson; brother, Duane (Kathryn) Van Vooren, Atkinson; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Arlene.



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Remembering
THE LIFE OF



Dr. Thomas J. Van Vooren

September 22, 1953 - December 1, 2019



Memories

a True Fisherman

knows when and where
the fish are biting.
He rises up early in the morning,
plying the water for that
elusive catch,
waiting in the stillness for a nibble
A slight twitch in the line,
expertly he reels it in –
A good fisherman
knows a keeper when he sees one,
he knows when to toss one back,
and when to *head for home.*

Funeral Mass To Celebrate His Life

Saturday, December 7, 2019 10:00 a.m.

St. Anthony Catholic Church

Atkinson, IL

Celebrant

Reverend S. Stephen Engelbrecht

Musical Selections By

Mary Lou Goebert - Organist

St. Anthony Resurrection Choir

Private Inurnment

St. Anthony Cemetery

Atkinson, IL

Casket Bearers

Frank Verstraete, Rock Van Opdorp

Keith Taber, Ken Taber, Randy Diericx

Peter Van Vooren, Mike Van Opdorp

Jim Motley

Honorary Casket Bearers

Cole Aldeguer, Monet Van Vooren

Jack Cipfl, Maebree Koch, Madeline Koch

