



## Thomas Evans

January 16, 1933 - February 15, 2020

Thomas Fredric Evans, 87, passed away Saturday, February 15 at his residence in Traverse City. He was born in Indianapolis to William and Lois Hathaway Evans and had four older siblings. After graduating from Shortridge High School, he enrolled at Princeton University where he was a member of the Tower Club and a coxswain for the Crew, graduating as a history major in 1955. After Princeton he served with Army Counterintelligence. During that time, he met the love of his life, Jane Parsons, in Chicago and they married in April 1957. His love for Leland began then. He was an investment banker in Indianapolis and later at Princeton Bank and Trust where Jane and Tom moved to raise their family in 1969. They spent summers in Leland until retiring there in 1998. Tom became immersed in Leland life, going to Coffee with the gents, enjoying 4th of July parades and making his yard colorful for birds and butterflies. He also proudly served as a County Commissioner and a board member for ShareCare. He and Jane moved to Cordia in May 2018. Jane passed away unexpectedly in July 2018, leaving a huge void in his life. He grew to enjoy his friends and activities at Cordia as well as his 'vacations' back to Leland with his girls and their families.

He is survived by Julie Rogers (Mike), Amy Rullo (Tom) and his three grandchildren whom he cherished: Malcolm Rogers, Joshua Rogers, and Jessica Rullo. The family would like to acknowledge with thanks, gratitude, and appreciation, the wonderful people who surrounded him these past months with love, support, and care; especially his 'family' at Cordia. All are welcome to celebrate his life at 11AM this Saturday, February 22, at the Leland Community United Methodist Church, with calling at 10AM.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his name to the Leland Library, ShareCare, or The Fishtown Preservation Society.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Comments

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“ Tom was a good man. I worked in Leelanau County as a Veteran Service Officer and we had many nice conversations about his brother who was killed in World War II. He stopped often to visit at the office and it was always a pleasure to spend time with him. He was one of those special people who makes this world a better place. He will be missed.  
Please accept my condolences .

**Joseph Meredith** - February 23 at 12:22 PM

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“ Tom was a true gentleman and a very effective Commissioner! Tom and Jane did so much for the community and were both so personable!  
I have many fond memories of both and they left a positive impact on everyone they knew!

**Mike Oltersdorf** - February 19 at 10:07 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was a great joy to talk to and help him with his computer issues. I always enjoyed talking to Tom, always so positive and upbeat.

Gretchen Fontichiaro



**Gretchen Fontichiaro** - February 18 at 02:03 PM

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“ Mr. Evans will be missed by so many, well loved man. Always loved hearing his stories; the time he rode in the race car! Always a pleasure to talk with. Tom, fly high my friend. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to assist in your care. My condolences go out to this beautiful family.

With all my love,

Whittney (wellness assistant)

**Whittney Ager** - February 18 at 12:01 PM