

Thomas M. Gottwalt, 84
St. Cloud, MN
Feb. 20, 1933 - Nov. 11, 2017



A gathering of family and friends was from 4-8 p.m. Nov. 15, 2017, at the Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, St. Cloud for Thomas M. Gottwalt, age 84, who passed away honorably on Veterans Day at St. Benedict's Senior Community in St. Cloud. Burial took place with honors at 1 p.m. on Thursday in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis. Ritual honors were presented at 6 p.m. by St. Cloud VFW Post No. 428 followed by the Waite Park American Legion Post No. 428 on Wednesday at the funeral home in St. Cloud.

Thomas was born on Feb. 20, 1933, in Waite Park to Martin and Lucile (Laustad) Gottwalt. He proudly served his country in the United States

Navy during the Korean War aboard the USS Yorktown. Tom married Orlyue Schmidt on May 28, 1958, in Wayzata. He worked as a bricklayer for Adolfsen & Peterson until his retirement in 1995; following retirement he delivered auto body supplies for Finish Master. Tom was a member of the Waite Park American Legion Post No. 428 and Life Member of St. Cloud VFW Post No. 428. As a way to give back to his fellow veterans, Tom volunteered at the St. Cloud VA. Following Orlyue's passing Tom took it upon himself to explore and experience life through travel. Tom will be remembered for his sociable personality and his hard work ethic, he will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Tom is survived by his daughters, Debra (Bob Updike) Becker of Avon, Julie (Jeff) Condon of St. Cloud; siblings, Winnefred Schonning of Blaine, Julietta Weber of St. Cloud, Dave of St. Cloud, Phyllis (Lee) Mohs of Carmel, Ind.; six grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and wife, Orlyue.

Tom's family would like to thank CentraCare Hopice, St. Benedict's Community; and a special thank you to Lori for her endless time and kindness.

Our Country is in Mourning, A Soldier Died Today.