



**Thomas W. Firchow**  
**SP5, USA Broadcast Engineer**  
**Saigon 1968-69**



The following is from his obituary

Born: November 24, 1946  
Died: April 26, 2015

Thomas W. Firchow, 68, passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2015.

He was born in Kenosha on Nov. 24, 1946, son of the late William Roy, Jr. and Dorothea (nee: Sinclair) Firchow. Tom was a 1964 graduate of Mary D. Bradford High School. On Dec. 27, 1969, he was married in St. Casimir Catholic Church to Joyce Petersen.

Tom was in the US Army from 1966 to 1969. He deployed to Viet Nam and served in the American Forces Viet Nam Network. His experience working with AFVN was a catalyst for his career in television. He graduated from MATC and worked for Milwaukee Public Television as an engineer for over 30 years. Tom was nominated for two Emmy awards and was especially proud of his work on "Outdoor Wisconsin" and "Tracks Ahead." He had a gift for electronic gadgetry, and often was called upon by family and friends to solve their own audio/visual equipment problems. He was always willing to help others, no matter what the problem was. Tom was a kind and gentle man whose amiable nature was easy to like. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his children, Kevin (Sarah) Firchow of Madison, and Steven Firchow of Plymouth, Minn.; grandchildren, Benjamin and Emily Firchow; brother, James (Myla) Firchow of Kenosha. Tom is also survived by brothers-in-law Ron (Sherry) Petersen of Cary, N.C., and Dan (Rhonda) Petersen of Mountain Home, Ark., and his nieces and nephews, Joel (Anja) Firchow, Chad Petersen, Shelly Petersen, Anna Petersen, and Emily Petersen; as well as other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his dear wife Joyce in 2008.

