

Thomas (Tom) Duane Hareland, of Rolling Meadows, IL, passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack on June 26, 2025, at the age of 59.

Tom was born on April 9, 1966, in Fargo, ND, to Donald and Marlys (Schuler) Hareland. Tom grew up in Fargo, ND and graduated from Fargo South High School in 1984. During his high school years, Tom was actively involved in theatre, Pizzaz and Trollwood Performing Arts. His experiences in these programs sparked a lifetime passion for theatre and the performing arts. After several years in the hospitality industry, Tom went on to earn his Bachelor of Professional Studies from Roosevelt University in 2012.

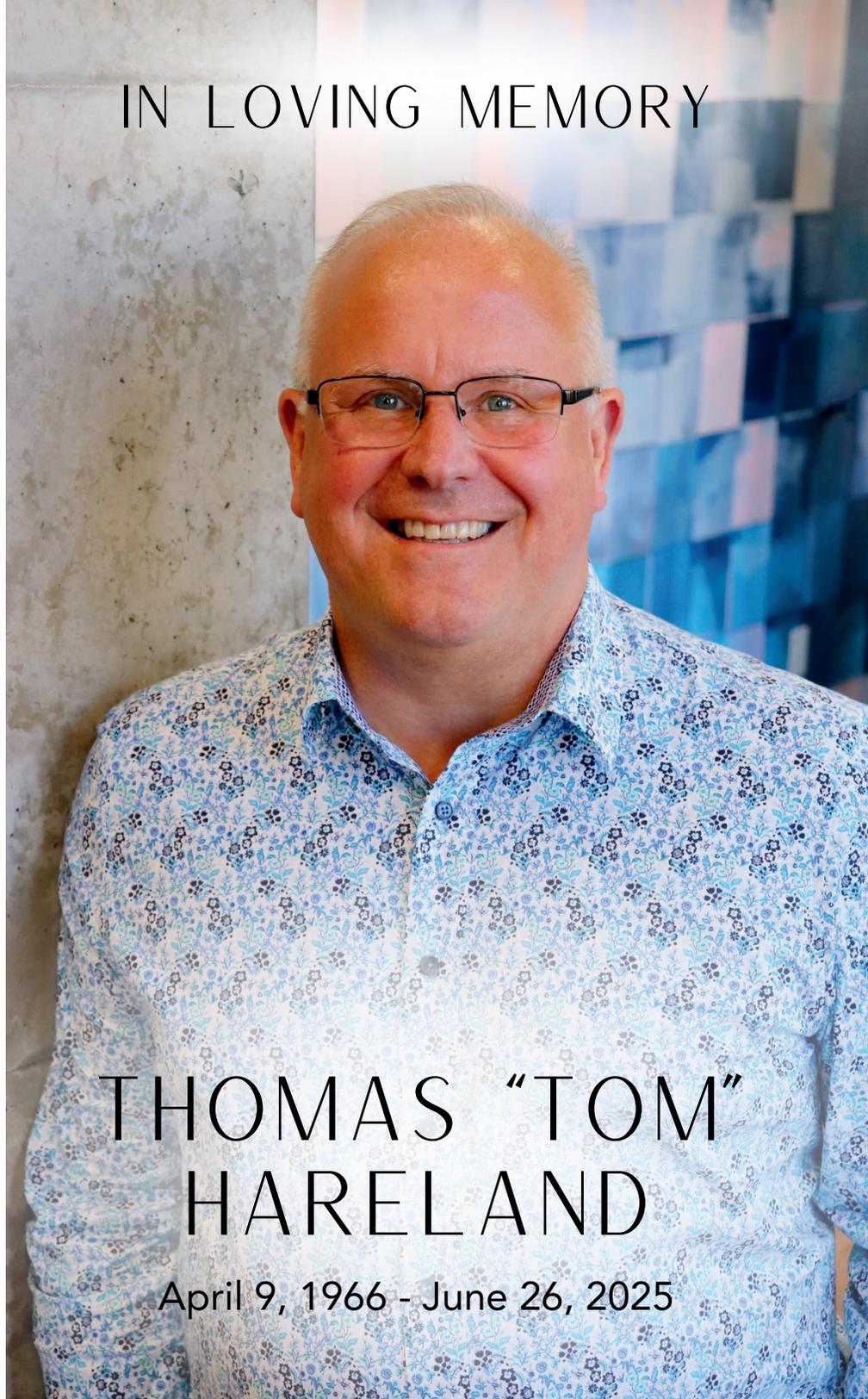
Tom built a career in hotel management that took him from Fargo to Minneapolis, Waukesha, and eventually to the Chicago area. It was in Waukesha where he met his life partner, Edward Dudek, through a mutual friend on December 1, 2000. Together, they made their home in Palatine, IL, and later in Rolling Meadows, where they have lived since 2007.

Since 2009, Tom held leadership roles at several Hilton properties, including Embassy Suites Schaumburg, DoubleTree Schaumburg, and most recently, Hilton Garden Inn in Des Plaines. As Assistant General Manager, he found a special home at the Hilton Garden Inn, where the positive culture and his colleagues at Raymond Management Company made it his favorite workplace.

Tom's vibrant personality and love of life led to countless adventures. He loved entertaining friends and family, attending live theater, exploring botanical gardens, and planning spontaneous travel-often sparked by finding a great employee rate. Hawaii was Tom's favorite destination. He visited the islands many times with many loved ones. Tom was passionate and self-reliant when it came to things needing to be fixed, repaired or updated. He was capable, inventive, resourceful, and creative when inspired to get into action. He poured his heart into every home improvement project and gardening project he took on. He took immense pride in transforming spaces with great detail and care, giving him much satisfaction of the before and after comparisons.

Tom is survived by his partner of 24 years, Edward; his mother, Marlys Hareland of Fargo, ND; his brothers, David Hareland of Moorhead, MN, and Steven (Autumn) Hareland, of Horace, ND; six beloved nieces, Jocelyn, Payton and Maren of Horace, ND, Kaylynn, MacKenzie and Julia of Moorhead, MN, and two great nieces. Tom was preceded in death by his father, Don Hareland.

IN LOVING MEMORY



THOMAS "TOM"
HARELAND

April 9, 1966 - June 26, 2025

FOR GOOD

I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason
Bringing something we must learn
And we are led to those who help us most to grow if we let them
And we help them in return

Well, I don't know if I believe that's true, but I know I'm who I am today
Because I knew you

Like a comet pulled from orbit as it passes a sun
Like a stream that meets a boulder halfway through the wood
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
But because I knew you, I have been changed for good

It well may be that we will never meet again in this lifetime
So let me say before we part
So much of me is made of what I learned from you
You'll be with me like a handprint on my heart

And now whatever way our stories end
I know you have re-written mine by being my friend

Like a ship blown from its mooring by a wind off the sea
Like a seed dropped by a skybird in a distant wood
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
But because I knew you
Because I knew you
I have been changed for good

~ Stephen Schwartz

Remembering

TOM HARELAND

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Celebration of Life

Thursday, July 10, 2025 - 10:00 AM
Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home
Fargo, North Dakota

Officiant

Dave Pfau

Special Music

Andria Messelt - Guitar/Vocal
"Joy Comes in the Morning"

Recorded Music

"Borrowed Angels" - Kristin Chenoweth
"To Where You Are" - Josh Groban
"Welcome Home" - Michael W. Smith

Honorary Pallbearers

Ardell Schuler - Lisa Adahl - Kyle Adahl
Jocelyn Hareland - Payton Hareland
Maren Hareland - Kaylynn Hareland
MacKenzie Hareland - Julia Hareland

All are invited to a luncheon following the service.



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