

Thomas Raymond Cleary

Tom was a graduate (1969) of Lane Tech High School, where he first learned the ins and outs of the printing industry. He went on to graduate with an associate's degree in graphic arts from Triton College. After college, Tom held jobs and leadership roles at a variety of printing companies which prepared him to proudly open the doors to The Printing Station, in Elmwood Park, in 1989. His motto of "You tell me what you need, and I'll print it," is what grew his business into what it is today.

Throughout his 33 years in business, Tom became active as a resident and business owner within the community. He held various offices including the role of president in the Grand Corridor Chamber of Commerce. Tom's love and dedication to the community found him serving on many committees over the years.

In 2019, Tom was awarded the "Pillar of the Community" award from the Grand Corridor Chamber of Commerce.

Tom's family was everything to him. Everything from a backyard barbecue, a family fishing trip to northern Minnesota, an annual trip to the Cubs Convention, to reading *The Night Before Christmas* to his grandkids on Christmas Eve, are things that brought him the greatest joy. Tom was always up for a quiet afternoon of fishing or listening to some of his favorite songs from the 60's and 70's. You could often find him behind his extensive drum set playing along to some of these tunes.