



## Mr. Thomas "Tom" I. Holschuh

July 31, 1935 - January 5, 2022

Thomas I. Holschuh passed peacefully to his Eternal Home on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022. Tom was born in July of 1935 to Irwin and Theresa (McCabe) Holschuh and attended St. Patrick's grade school followed by Catholic Central high school. He graduated in 1957 from St. Norbert College with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. From a very young age Tom worked in the family business (Cherry Transit Lines) and met his wife of 62 years (Joyce Tlachac) while driving bus to Sturgeon Bay. Heavily involved in the Green Bay community, Tom served terms as President of the Chamber of Commerce, Director of Green Bay City Transit, and additionally was on numerous transportation-related boards and committees until retiring from the busing industry in 1999. Tom was quite mechanically gifted and enjoyed any task or hobby where he could employ his skills. Teenage summers filled with cars, boats, and waterskiing grew into fixing anything for a friend or neighbor. One of Tom's proudest accomplishments was donating his talents to St. Vincent DePaul, where he helped to keep the shelves stocked with any donated item he could repair.

He is survived by his beloved wife Joyce and five children: Mark (Pat), Richard (Julie), Ann (Rahn), Steven, and Nancy (Chris). Tom and Joyce were blessed with thirteen grandchildren: Matt, Alex, Brett, Tom, Mary, James, Sarah, Jon, Joseph, Audrey, Elizabeth, Grace, and Elaina as well as two great grandchildren: Becket and Cody-Jean (with more on the way!). Tom is further survived by his sister, Donna Haanen.

Due to health-safety concerns there will be no wake. A private funeral mass will be held at St. Willebrord's Church. The funeral mass will be livestreamed Saturday, January 15th at 10:30 A.M. on the St. Willebrord Facebook page. Online condolences can be left at [www.hansenfuneralservice.com](http://www.hansenfuneralservice.com). A celebration of Tom's life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to either St. Willebrord's Catholic Church or St. Vincent DePaul.

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Aloha Joyce! I just heard the news about Tom. You have both in my prayers throughout this whole time since I moved to Maui. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. Sending much love hugs and prayers! Rita Bauldry*

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**Rita Bauldry** - January 18, 2022 at 09:00 PM

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“ As a longtime former member of the Green Bay Transit Commission I would like to share some of Tom's accomplishments as General Manager of Green Bay Transit in the 1970s. In 1972 WPS, who had operated public transportation service, sold the bus company to the city of Green Bay. The transit office and garage on South Washington were a stinky mess, aging and decaying facilities with no suitable place to hold meetings. The solution was to meet across the street, in the dining area of what is now the Quality Inn. To avoid paying for holding our meeting there, we made a deal. If the commission agreed to have breakfast and order from the menu, charges for using their facility would be dropped. Step one.

More important, WPS had run transit to the ground, to dust. Buses need to be painted, there were no bus stop signs, no route map, nor printed public information about transit service. The best way to get information about bus service was to ask someone getting off the bus. If you knew a street where the bus went, you could wave for one to stop and pick you up. This was the situation when Tom stepped in. Fortunately, management and the commission stepped in. A grant from the Wisconsin DOT provided the resources to develop colorful, hand held map of the bus routes, schedule, fares. Bus stop signs were designed constructed and installed for the first time. Buses were painted and a jingle encouraging ridership was played over the radio.

With Tom at the helm Green Bay Transit was saved and was recovered from the dustbin of history. Thank you, Tom Holschuh.

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David Littig - January 15, 2022 at 11:00 AM

LT

“ *Luxemburg Casco Varsity Volleyball Team purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of Mr. Thomas "Tom" I. Holschuh.*



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**Luxemburg Casco Varsity Volleyball Team** - January 12, 2022  
at 11:05 AM

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“ *We are very sorry for the loss of Tom. There was not a better Company than Wisconsin Michigan coaches. Tom really knew how to run the Company and made those years very enjoyable. We will always remember the lovely Christmas Parties that the Company put on for the holidays. Rest In Peace Tom. Tom and Phyllis Hutte*

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**Tom and Phyllis Hutte** - January 11, 2022 at 03:18 PM