



Dr. Thomas Smith Manion

November 13, 1941 - June 30, 2024

Dr. Thomas Smith Manion, beloved by family and friends, passed away on June 30, 2024. Born in St. Paul, MN, on November 13, 1941 to John P. and Evelyn V. Manion. Fondly called “Smitty or Tom”, Tom's life was marked by service, love, and adventure. Tom's educational journey took him from Worthington, MN, where he completed his elementary and high school education, to St. John's University in Collegeville, MN, where he earned his B.S. in 1963. His medical education continued at Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, NE, culminating in his graduation in 1967. After his internship at the University of Missouri Kansas City in 1968, Tom was drafted into the U.S. Army Medical Corps, serving as a Captain at the 3rd Surgical Hospital in Dong Tam Base Camp, Vietnam. His service was recognized with the Army Commendation Medal and the Bronze Star. Returning to Kansas City, Tom completed his urology residency in Kansas City, MO, in 1974. He became Board Certified by the American Board of Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Tom dedicated his career to his practice in Independence, MO, until his retirement in 2000.

A man of many interests, his hobbies included fishing in Canada, small game hunting, playing bridge, golf and poker, and occasionally trying his luck at the local casino slot machines. During his retirement, he was deeply involved in his grandchildren's lives, always keeping them laughing with his stories. He instilled his passion for fishing and hunting to his children and grandchildren,

creating cherished memories on many trips with family and friends. He touched and influenced many lives through his caring and compassionate nature.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Shirley; his children, Colleen (Jesse) Smith, Melanie Manion, Keely (Steve) Thomas, and Smith (Elizabeth) Manion; and his eight grandchildren, Carson and Champlin Smith, Ashley and Logan Sinclair, Aidan and Kaitlyn Schaefer, Evelyn and Smith Hughes Manion. Tom was preceded in death by his parents. Tom will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his legacy of love, service, and joy will forever live on. A Celebration of Life will be held to honor his memory on September 21st from 2pm-5pm at The Brookdale (formerly the Edenborough) in Edina, MN.