

J Thomas Brown, MD Neurosurgery/UPDATES



Dr. James Thomas Brown, known to his friends as "Tom", resident of Bonita Springs, FL, formerly of Oak Park and Elmhurst, IL, passed away on December 27, 2020 at Naples, FL at the age of 76. Born 4/2/44 in Rock Island, IL. He attended Marquette University for college, then Northwestern University for Medical School. He was in the Naval Reserves for two years and then spent two years with the United States Navy on active duty from 1971-73. He did his neurosurgery residency at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He worked as a neurosurgeon at Northwestern, CINN, NorthShore, and spent the last 14 years of his career as Chief of Neurosurgery at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital. He was also on the Board of Directors and Board of Governors at Elmhurst, earning the Distinguished Service Award in 2013. His friends say they loved Tom from the moment they met him. Smart, loving, funny, and kind. Tom had a great sense of humor, was humble, modest, down to earth, and would be most comfortable in a sweatshirt and jeans. He loved fishing, reading, classical music, boating, and was an avid Chicago Bears, Northwestern Football, and White Sox fan. He loved Door County, WI where he had his summer residence since 1986, and was active in the Stella Maris Parish there, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society. He will be sadly missed by his loving wife, Lois, of 50 years, daughter Sarah Morrissey (Paul), sons Ian (Anne Marie), and Adam, and his grandson, James. A private prayer service with immediate family was held in Bonita Springs, and a memorial service will be held in Elmhurst, IL later when it is safe to gather in person.

Memorial donations may be made to Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Foundation, 155 E. Brush Hill Rd, Elmhurst, IL 60126, St. Vincent DePaul Society, c/o Stella Maris, Egg Harbor, WI 54209, or St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Bonita Springs, FL.