

Obituary

Tom O. Tenney

Tom O. Tenney, described by many as the personification of a successful, self-made salesman, died on July 8, 2018 at his home in Wabasha, Minnesota. He is survived by his wife Linda, three children, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Tom was a member of Kappa Sigma at Dartmouth. He transferred to Stetson University, from which he graduated with a degree in biology in 1952. He later earned a masters degree in microbiology from the University of Buffalo and attended medical school for one year. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952-1954.

Tom got his start in sales with The Upjohn Company. Later he joined Encyclopedia Britannica's Great Books program where he became the company's top salesman in the U.S. At Sherwood Medical, where he was a product manager, he continued to set sales records.

The qualities that led to these successes helped to make Tom a major contributor to the quality of life in his long-time home town. He was a city councilman for 13 years and a member of Wabasha's Historic Preservation Commission. He played a key role in founding the National Eagle Center, a world class interpretive center and outdoor observation site on the banks of the Mississippi River in Wabasha.

