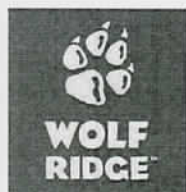


About Tom:

Thomas C. Atchison, age 93, of Minneapolis, died August 2, 2015. Tom led an exemplary life of service to his family, country, peace activism, environment, and the Universalist community. As a young man, he was a competitive figure skater. He graduated from Princeton in 1944 and served as an officer in the Navy then in the Reserves, retiring with the rank of commander in the '60s. Married in 1950, he had a long career with the US Bureau of Mines as a research scientist. After retiring from the Bureau in the '70s he continued his scientific work and volunteered much of his time to peace and justice and environmental organizations. He was a kind and gentle man whose quiet leadership and dedication to peace made a lasting impression. Survived by wife Nancy; sons Thomas (Cindy) and David (Chris); daughter Carol Hemingway; grandchildren Freya Hemingway, Noah Atchison, Rowan Hemingway, Abram Atchison, and Jaia Wilbour; sister Shirley Wells; and many other relatives and friends.



Memorial Contributions

The family requests that memorials be sent to:

Wolf Ridge Environmental Center
6282 Cranberry Road
Finland, MN 55603

Contributions may be made through their website: www.wolf-ridge.org

Wolf Ridge meant a great deal to Tom and he played a key role in helping to launch Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center. He served on the Board in the 70s and is an Emeritus Trustee. The founder of Wolf Ridge, Jack Pichotta, explained that Tom was absolutely critical to the start of Wolf Ridge which began on Earth Day, 1969. Tom "was the most intellectually able person to articulate the need for environmental education in the early days of the environmental movement of the 1970s."

Wolf Ridge owns over 2,000 acres of land 70 miles northeast of Duluth in the hills overlooking Lake Superior. Wolf Ridge is an accredited school and is the largest accredited residential environmental learning center in the country. More than 10,000 youth, students, or campers attend Wolf Ridge each year for multiple days. Since Tom helped get the center started over 500,000 people have taken educational programming at Wolf Ridge.

A special thank you to the Memorial Service Reception Team, and to everyone who helped us remember and celebrate Tom's life.