

# *Thomas Antrim Draz*

Eau Claire - Thomas Antrim Draz, 58, passed away unexpectedly Friday, April 13, 2018, at his home in Eau Claire, WI.



Thomas was born in Washington D.C. to Peter and Beverly (Antrim) Draz. Thomas lived life to the fullest, as a devoted husband, proud father, and loving grandfather.

Thomas proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1988 until his honorable discharge in 1996. Through that service, he found his passion for teaching.

As a teacher, most recently at Chippewa Valley Technical College, Thomas worked to inspire his students to achieve their career goals. After the passing of both his father and father-in-law, he set up scholarships in their honor to help his students realize their own potential.

Thomas did not let personal adversity stop him from achieving his goals. Despite suffering health setbacks, Thomas realized his dream of finishing an IRONMAN triathlon in 2015. That drive didn't end there, as he was training for this year's IRONMAN in Madison.

Never putting the focus on himself, Thomas used his participation in triathlons to bring awareness to many local and global causes, becoming an inspiration to his teammates and fellow triathletes.

Thomas is survived by his wife Geralyn; his children, Chris (Lindsay), Jen (Kenn Paquette), Andrew; and his grandchildren, Roxy and Liam. Thomas is also survived by his brother, Steve (Dottie) Draz; and his sister, Dorothy (Steve) Anderson.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



Funeral Services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at Unity Christ Center, 1808 Folsom St., Eau Claire, with Rev. Sandra McKinney officiating. Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Chippewa Valley Cremation Services in Altoona is serving the family. To express condolences online, please visit [www.chippewavalleycremation.com](http://www.chippewavalleycremation.com).  
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