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*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Thomas E., “Tom” Ferderbar.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **THOMAS E. FERDERBAR**

*passed from this life on March 26, 2026 and services were held for family and friends on May 23, 2026 at Elm Grove Woman’s Club, 13885 Watertown Plank Rd; and*

***WHEREAS,** Thomas E., “Tom” Ferderbar, born in 1928 and raised in Milwaukee, attended North Division High School where he discovered his life’s calling to photography and took a job as a “copy boy” at the Milwaukee Journal, and in 1947 went on a road trip to California, shooting his first pictures along Route 66, a subject later influencing his professional career; and*

***WHEREAS,** Thomas E., “Tom” Ferderbar attended UW-Madison, had a stint in the U.S. army, and back in Milwaukee attended the Layton School of Art under the GI Bill and with hard work and sacrifice opened Ferderbar Studios in West Allis alongside his devoted wife Helen in 1954; and*

***WHEREAS,** Tom Ferderbar earned numerous achievements in fine art photography, influenced by his time studying with Ansel Adams at Yosemite National Park in 1958, and his work has been exhibited in solo shows throughout the United States and collected internationally; and*

***WHEREAS,** Photography ran through every aspect of Tom’s life to trips and projects with friends and family, to his experiences as a father, his daughter Pam, his son-in-law, Tom Bamberger, and a host of relatives and friends remember him lovingly; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Thomas E., “Tom” Ferderbar and mourns the passing of this loving, hardworking, and accomplished man; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Thomas E., “Tom” Ferderbar.*

***Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, Larresa Taylor, Marina Dimitrijevic, Sharlen P. Moore, Andrea M. Pratt, Peter Burgelis, JoCasta Zamarripa, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert Bauman, and Lamont Westmoreland, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 21, 2026.***