



Tom Phillips On the night before he passed away from a brain tumor on Aug. 14, 2025, Tom Phillips' phone rang and his wife, Beth, got the voice message that her husband was being inducted into the Albert Lea High School Hall of Fame. She was able to share the joyous news with him.

Tom graduated from Albert Lea High School in 1985, where he participated in football, wrestling and track and field. After playing wide receiver for the Tigers football team as a sophomore and junior, he switched to running back his senior year, but a broken thumb ended the season for him. He wrestled on the Tigers varsity team for three years and won Region titles both his junior and senior years and placed fourth in the state his junior year and second in the state his senior year. In track and field, he was a captain for two years and was the regional champion in the 300 Intermediate hurdles both his junior and senior years and placed second in

the state his junior year. His time in the 300 intermediate hurdles still is a record today for the Tigers.

Tom and his wife, Beth, raised their three sons, Jacob, Michael and Sully in Wausau, Wisconsin, where he had a successful 30-year career with Best Buy.