



## Thomas John Chapaton

February 15, 1965 - January 1, 2023

Chapaton, Thomas John.

Age 57, died at home in Sterling Heights, Michigan on January 1, 2023. Tom was born February 15, 1965 in Mt. Clemens, Michigan to his late parents Oscar John and Genevieve Pauline Chapaton (DeClerk).

He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Natalie (Olsen). Natalie and Tom were married on May 17, 2002 at St. Isidore Catholic Church, Macomb, Michigan. Dear father of Mathieu Thomas Chapaton, a sophomore at Michigan State University and Clarice Agnes Chapaton, a senior at Henry Ford II High School, Sterling Heights, Mi. He is also survived by his sisters Maureen (Dr. Patrick) Rivard and Ann (Wesley) Masters. Uncle of Jeffrey (Cambria) Rivard, Dr. Elisabeth (Dr. Jeffrey Gulick) Rivard, Katherine (Christopher) Edwards, Margaret Masters and three grand nephews and one grand niece. Tom worked for over 33 years with General Motors in Research and Development. His family will receive friends on Friday, January 6th, 2023; from 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 Blocks East of Van Dyke, on the north side of Hall Road), Utica, Michigan. His Funeral Service will be on Saturday, January 7th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Entombment at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, Michigan. Family has requested donations to Capuchins Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliot St., Detroit, Mi.48207 OR MSU Alumni Association, 535 Chestnut Road, East Lansing, Mi.48824 OR The National Audubon Society, ATTN: Donations, 225 Varick Street, 7th floor, New York, NY 10014,

OR Michigan Humane Society, 13701 Lakeside Circle, Sterling Heights, Mi.  
48313 OR Michigan Coalition for Homeless Veterans, 333 Pennsylvania  
Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20003. Please share a memory with his family at  
[www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

BP

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Tom's family. He was a brilliant co-worker with a heart of gold and tremendous sense of humor. He loved his family and his eyes lit-up when telling stories of his children and their accomplishments.*

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**Bernard Pyne** - February 15, 2023 at 12:48 PM

MM

“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Maria Militello** - January 09, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas John Chapaton.*



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January 05, 2023 at 08:17 PM

MB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Michael Balogh** - January 05, 2023 at 08:52 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Michael Balogh** - January 05, 2023 at 08:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
*Thomas John Chapaton.*



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January 04, 2023 at 02:22 PM

SI

“ My sincerest condolences to the Chapaton family. I had the pleasure of working with Tom for many years at GM, and most recently on a difficult project which he was most helpful with. I am very saddened to hear of his passing and will miss him. My thoughts and prayers to his family, friends and all who knew him. God Bless.

*Sam Ibri*

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**Sam Ibri** - January 04, 2023 at 12:45 PM

SP

“ I had the great pleasure of befriending Tom and his family back in 2009, when I briefly worked at GM R&D. Although we lost touch over the years, I fondly remember all the laughs we shared. You will not be forgotten my friend. Deepest sympathy to Natalie, Mathieu, Clarice and the entire Chapaton Family.

*Shane Phillips*

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**Shane Phillips** - January 04, 2023 at 09:44 AM

MS

“ My condolences to the Capaton family. I interacted with Tom at work a quite a bit this year and was stunned to hear of his passing. He was a colorful character and a talented chemist!

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**Marty Sechan** - January 04, 2023 at 08:48 AM

MS

*"Chapaton" family!*

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**Marty Sechan** - January 04, 2023 at 08:51 AM

AR

“ Armand. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas John Chapaton.



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Armand. - January 03, 2023 at 07:59 PM

AS

“ Mon cher ami! Je garderai de toi un magnifique souvenir. All my thoughts with you my dear Natalie, Mathieu and Clarice. Armand.

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Armand Soldera - January 03, 2023 at 07:56 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas John Chapaton.



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January 03, 2023 at 03:05 PM