



Thomas J. Dailey

January 12, 1941 - June 4, 2024

Thomas Jerry Dailey, age 83, was born in Howell, MI, on January 12, 1941 and passed away on June 4, 2024 at Core-well Health Beaumont Hospital in Troy, MI. Thomas was lovingly married for 62 years to Nancy Carol Dailey (nee Loose), his high school sweetheart. He is survived by his sister Kathi (Randy) Houseman; three children, James and Jennifer Dailey, Keith Dailey, and Denise (Dailey) DeSantis; four grandchildren, Nicholas (Tracey Daniels) DeSantis, Jeremy (Molly Preisel) DeSantis, Jessica (Patrick Murphy) Dailey, and Jasmine (Gustavo Medina) Dailey; one great grandchild, Nina Grace (Daniels) DeSantis; niece Krista Houseman; and nephew Gerald and Kimara Houseman, and their children Harlow and Hunter Houseman. He is preceded in death by his wife Nancy Carol (Loose) Dailey, and his parents Gerald "Judd" and Beulah "Bea" (House) Dailey.

Thomas was born on January 12, 1941, in Howell, MI. He graduated from Roseville High School, Roseville, MI, in 1958 and pursued higher education from both the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, MI, and LIT (now known as Lawrence Technological University) in Southfield, MI. He was a versatile and skilled craftsman and designer in the automotive industry having spent most of his career as a wood model maker, metal model maker, clay model maker, and project coordinator at General Motors where he eventually retired. Prior to General Motors, he worked at Control Data, Visioneering, and Bull Dog Electric.

Thomas had a very special gift of making others smile and feel special. He set the bar for his love of family, care for others, kindness to all, compassion for animals, gratitude for life's gifts, and appreciation for all those who served (or are currently serving) our country. He was a provider and protector. To family and friends, he was the "go-to" person for everything from matters of the heart, life's philosophies, daily happenings, gratitude reminders, antique cars, and anything that needed to be fixed. The family often joked, "If Grandpa can't fix it, no one can!" He left this life praying for the goodwill, peace and contentment for all.

Thomas' family will receive friends for visitation on Monday, June 10, 2024, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica, MI. Visitation will continue on Tuesday, June 11, from 10 a.m. until the time of his funeral service at 1 p.m. Memorials can be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America or the Humane Society of Michigan.

Paralyzed Veterans of America
David Fanning, Senior Director
Office of Individual Giving
1875 Eye Street, NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20006
(800) 555-9140 | 202-416-7789
Website: <https://pva.org/ways-to-give/>

Michigan Humane Society
2937 E. Grand Blvd, Suite 800
Detroit, MI 48202
(866) 648-6263

Website: <https://www.michiganhumane.org/support-michigan-humane/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

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Funeral Service

JUN 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Amy P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas J. Dailey.

Amy P. - June 10, 2024 at 04:24 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Dailey.



June 10, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ Lisa, Jacqlynn, Bailey & Brock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas J. Dailey.

Lisa, Jacqlynn, Bailey & Brock - June 10, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ Carol Zelinski sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas J. Dailey



Carol Zelinski - June 10, 2024 at 12:14 PM

CZ

Tom and Nancy were such great neighbors ... always pleasant and kind with a friendly "hello" and a wave. May Tom rest peacefully in the arms of Jesus with Nancy right there by his side. Our sincere condolences to the Daily family.

- Carol & Steve Zelinski

Carol Zelinski - June 10, 2024 at 12:22 PM

BA

“ *Bedoura Alam purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Thomas J. Dailey.*



Bedoura Alam - June 10, 2024 at 08:43 AM

MS

“ *So sorry to hear that Tom passed away. Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you guys. He was a good guy with a great sense of humor and a kind heart. I remember playing games in Grammas front yard when we were kids. Tom will always be in my memories. He's now with his beloved wife Nancy, Mom and Dad. That's a good place to be. Love you guys. Marv Semke and family*

Marv Semke - June 09, 2024 at 08:32 PM

JF

It was an enormously snowy day when I met Tom Daily in our workplace: GM-Flint. God made sure that I'd met an extraordinary man-friend-brother in Tom. I will never forget his kind smiles, listening ears nor his love of Biscottis. I pray that his family is comforted by all the memories they must have of him. RIP, TJ 💕💕

Jean Forrester - June 10, 2024 at 05:19 PM

MM

“ *Myriam D. Murat purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas J. Dailey.*



Myriam D. Murat - June 09, 2024 at 02:33 PM

ED

“ *Eddie purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Thomas J. Dailey.*



Eddie - June 09, 2024 at 12:51 PM

TF

“ *The Scarcelli Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas J. Dailey.*

The Scarcelli Family - June 08, 2024 at 08:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Dailey.*



June 08, 2024 at 08:52 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Dailey.*



June 06, 2024 at 08:19 PM



“ *I have fond memories of: assisting Traci in the survivor exercise wellness classes; going to Red lobster during the Christmas season and playing the white elephant exchange, going to Somerset Collection and having to do some exercises before going to California Pizza for dinner and the outings at the park.... WOW what wonderful times to remember. Now both of you are together again.*

Mary Gisslander - June 06, 2024 at 05:42 PM



“ *When Tom was born, they broke the mold. He was a special person, Tom and Nancy were so good to our family over the years, they helped when my dad was sick, they helped when my mother needed help. They were kind, caring and selfless. Tom always said my father was his hero. Well, I can say that Tom was my hero, I could only aspire to emulate the way he treated others. There was genuine goodness in his heart that just came naturally to him. I will miss him dearly as I have missed Nancy. I can only imagine the sense of loss for Jim, Denise and Keith and family.*

Ronald Keeler - June 06, 2024 at 04:36 PM

BD

“ Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Tom. I met Tom over 40 years ago when we both worked at the GM Warren Tech. Center. He had the same great smile as his son Jim. Jim and I worked together for over 40 years. We hope that sharing the wonderful memories you made with Tom will ease the pain in your hearts. RIP 🙏



Bruce and Mary DeGrouchy - June 06, 2024 at 02:41 PM

DM

Our condolences to the Dailey family. I got to know Tom through his son Jim. Jim and I have been friends for 45 years and during those years, I had the pleasure of getting to know Tom. Tom always had a smile on his face and a kind word. He will be missed by a lot of us, may he rest in peace. 😞

Dan Mayo - June 06, 2024 at 03:13 PM

BP

“ *Mr. Dailey was a lifelong friend to my Dad, Leon Payne. Whenever, Mr. and Mrs. Dailey would meet up with my Dad and Mom to socialize I'll always remember how her would greet you with a smile and show genuine interest in you and was always up for a chat.*

When my Dad was battling and eventually losing his battle with cancer, there was no better friend to him than Tom Dailey. Mr. Dailey would spend hours at the hospital or nursing facility over the course of years with my Dad. I don't have the words to express how much that must have meant to my Dad in such a dark and painful time. Again, when I would show up and Mr. Dailey was there he was such a beacon of light. His smile, his ability to talk and make everyone feel comfortable and his knowledge of any subject matter made me and my Dad feel normal for the time he was there. He was truly a special person and a blessing as a lifelong friend to my Dad and Mom and our entire family.

I hope they find a nice place to grab a cup of coffee when they meet again Mr. Dailey has a lot to get my Dad caught up since the last time they spoke.

Brian Pilarski - June 06, 2024 at 08:27 AM