



## Thomas James Dinkelmann

June 30, 1949 - March 6, 2025

Thomas J. Dinkelmann, 75, of Royal Oak, Michigan, Passed Away on March 6, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Thomas J. Dinkelmann, age 75, of Royal Oak, Michigan, on March 6, 2025, surrounded by his loving children at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Tom was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, friend, and community member.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Frederick "John" Dinkelmann and Marie Spietz, Tom was preceded in death by his devoted wife, Barbara. But survived by his brother John (Deanna); his loving children: Jason (Maria), Jeff (Katy), and Susan (Nick). Tom was also a proud and cherished grandfather to Carson, Addison, Lauren, Evan, Charlotte, Braedyn, and Jackson.

A dedicated member of the Royal Oak Elks Club for over 45 years, Tom served as Exalted Ruler, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, and contributed to numerous committees and teams. He was deeply involved in various community events, including the Hoop Shoot, and was a valued member of the Royal Oak Eagles (F.O.E.) and the Royal Oak VFW.

Tom's passion for sports was evident through his 20+ years of coaching baseball and serving as both a baseball umpire and football referee. As a lifelong Detroit Tigers fan, Tom's love for the game was unmatched.

Professionally, Tom had a distinguished career as a materials engineer at General Dynamics, where he dedicated over 40 years of service before retiring in 2013.

Tom will be remembered for his kindness, dedication, and the love he shared with his family and community. His legacy will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

A visitation will be held on March 11th from 2 PM – 8 PM at: Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home

705 W. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067

An Elks Lodge of Sorrow ceremony will take place at 7 PM.

In addition, a Celebration of Life for both of Barbara and Thomas Dinkelmann will be held on April 12th at 4pm at the Royal Oak - Detroit Elks Club #34.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to Elks National Foundation in Tom's honor.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Elks Lodge ~ Lodge of Sorrow Service

MAR 11. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ As a 16 year member of the Elks, I can say Tom was a very welcoming member at the Elks and VFW royal oak! I swear, he seemed to always be the exhausted ruler. LOL. His wife Barb was also a huge part of the elks as well! As a former trustee, we spent many hours together. We shared many memories and will never forget Tom and Barb EVER! Bless you both, RIP Tom, I know your angel and wife (Barb) was waiting to greet you! Love you both! RIP ❤️

Pam Omiatek - March 11, 2025 at 09:51 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas James Dinkelman.



March 11, 2025 at 10:37 AM

RB

“ Tom was such a good man even with all his trash talk. But to have a real conversation with him he just showed love for everyone. I got a chance to learn a lot about his life a few times and was mesmerized by how he loved his wife and kids. He may have been a little bit hardheaded but the way he showed himself to the people he cared about was unreal. As a much younger man to get a hug and kiss on the cheeks from someone who just wants the best for everyone is just incredible. I just would love to be able to shake his hand again. Let him know I appreciate the knowledge and also the banter that affected my life. Thank you Tom.

Roger A Boone - March 10, 2025 at 12:35 AM