



Thomas Gibbs

March 24, 1979 - December 20, 2025

Thomas Chester Gibbs (3/24/79 - 12/20/25)

On December 20th 2025, Thomas passed away peacefully in his sleep. Thomas was a loving husband to Sarah, devoted father to Isaiah, Eliana, Grace, and Noah, cherished son to Matthew and the late Charlene Sabotka, caring brother to Danell (Jennifer), Marty (Paula), Tracy (Norm) Kanapsky, Amanda, Tara, Aaron, Candice, Joshua, Jordan, Chelsea. Thomas was also a proud uncle to Anthony, Camryn, Brandyn, Anna, Grace, and Brianna. Cherished son-in-law to Ruth and the late James Bradley, brother-in-law to Caitlin (Andrew) Clemens, and loyal friend to many. He was someone who gave his whole heart to the people he loved, and his presence made life fuller for everyone around him.

Thomas had a larger-than-life personality. His energy was felt the moment he entered the room, by his humor and his unmistakable laugh. He was full of wit and sarcasm, always ready with a quick remark or perfectly timed joke. Making people smile came naturally to him, and he took genuine joy in bringing laughter and warmth to others.

He loved to travel, explore new places, and create memories that would last a lifetime. Thomas especially enjoyed curating memorable vacations for the love of his life, Sarah. Thomas embraced life with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a

deep appreciation for the moments shared with those he loved most.

Most summer weekends you could find Thomas hosting pool parties for friends and family, but most often his days were filled by cheering for his kids on the basketball court, the soccer field or the baseball field. He took great pride in watching his oldest son begin his college education at Oakland University.

Above all else, Thomas will be remembered for his kindness, his love for family, and the way he made people truly feel seen and valued. His absence leaves an immeasurable void, but his spirit, laughter, and love will live on forever in the hearts of those who were blessed to know him.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 29, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and again on Tuesday, from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 12:00 p.m., at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (three blocks east of Van Dyke), Utica.

In lieu of flowers that family is requesting that donations be made to Big Brothers, Big Sisters of America:

<https://www.bbbs.org/get-involved/donate/>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Visitation

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Thomas C. Gibbs in memory of Thomas Gibbs*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - December 29, 2025 at 11:57 AM

TG

*Rest in Heaven cousin.
I'm your uncle H.R. son Thomas Harmon Gibbs.
My condolences to your family and children.*

Thomas Gibbs - March 18 at 12:47 AM

LM

“ *we are all heart broken at work hearing this devastating news. Tom was fun to work with always had a sense of humor and lead his department with pride. It was great working with you Tom youre spirit will be forever with us. Thoughts and prayers to all your family and friends. God bless and rest in peace*

lee manalisay - December 30, 2025 at 07:59 AM

MJ

“Gibbs family, you are all very heavy in our hearts during this time. We are praying for each of you, that you find comfort, strength, and remain close together through this incredibly difficult season.



Tommy was such a wonderful man. He was deeply loved and will always be remembered. We hope it brings you some comfort knowing that Charlene was there to welcome him into heaven. Until the day you are reunited with them both, may peace and the love of God surround you.

Ken & Michelle Jones

Michelle F Jones - December 29, 2025 at 07:49 PM

AE

“ My dear cousin, the time we had with you was nowhere near enough, but what a gift it was to have you in our lives. Your hilarious stories, legendary Facebook posts, and the way you filled every room with laughter and warmth will stay with us forever.

You loved my parents like they were your own, and our whole family felt that love every time we were together. You built hundreds of friendships through work and life simply by being yourself – thoughtful, caring, and always present. The stories people are sharing now are proof of the impact you had on everyone. Your passing was sudden and heartbreaking, but your presence is still everywhere. You will be remembered and cherished by everyone who was lucky enough to know you.

- Amanda Sabotka & Eric Flowers



A & E - December 29, 2025 at 02:48 PM

DA

“ So sorry Sarah and family for your loss!!! Praying for peace for you all. Sharing memories helps! Diana Armstrong

Diana Armstrong - December 29, 2025 at 11:46 AM

KR

“ I lived across the street from Tommy growing up, we walked to school & played at his house when we were kids growing up on Yemens. I'm a deeply sorry for your loss. Prayers 🙏 to the Gibbs Family....

Krystalyn Rubago - December 28, 2025 at 05:55 AM

JB

“ Tommy was an amazing father, husband and friend. I have so many wonderful memories with him and will cherish them always. Until we meet again. Rest in peace my friend.

Jennifer Boger - December 27, 2025 at 06:31 PM

ZB

“ Gibbs Family,
Our deepest Sympathy
May the God of peace surround you with His
love at this time of sadness.



Zaria Johnson & Family (Utica Girls BB) - December 24, 2025 at 10:29 PM

SH

“ My heart is with the entire Gibbs family! Tom was a remarkable man and will missed deeply. Prayers for his family



Sara Hubbard - December 24, 2025 at 01:21 PM

JF

“ Praying for the entire Gibbs family. Tom was always such a positive presence at our girls Utica High basketball games, and will be missed tremendously. Sending all our love from Nachelle's family.



Jen Price-Baker & family - December 24, 2025 at 08:55 AM

BF

“ *Battisti Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gibbs*



Battisti Family - December 23, 2025 at 09:44 PM

CG

“ *Now he's up there with our dad ❤️ RIP big brother. You'll be missed by many 😞*



Chelsea Gibbs - December 23, 2025 at 02:10 PM

MF

“ *Michael Kulinski & family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Thomas Gibbs.*



Michael Kulinski & family - December 23, 2025 at 11:57 AM

DQ

“ *You will be missed!*



Da'Mon Quilter - December 23, 2025 at 11:14 AM

AM

“ Andy, Shelly, Tom, Drew & Caylee Mason purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Thomas Gibbs.



Andy, Shelly, Tom, Drew & Caylee Mason - December 23, 2025 at 10:56 AM

AM

“ Andy, Shelly, Tom, Drew & Caylee Mason planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Gibbs.

Andy, Shelly, Tom, Drew & Caylee Mason - December 23, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Gibbs.



December 23, 2025 at 09:30 AM

PF

“ Petruccioli Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gibbs



Petruccioli family - December 23, 2025 at 05:00 AM

RN

Your light will forever shine in the hearts of everyone you touched

Ruth Naponick - December 23, 2025 at 07:32 AM

LJ

“ Love Kara Jane purchased the *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* for the family of Thomas Gibbs.



Love Kara Jane - December 23, 2025 at 01:03 AM

LJ

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