



## Thomas J. Graetz

August 16, 1950 - December 19, 2011

Thomas J. Graetz, age 61, a resident of Lathrup Village, died December 19, 2011 at Beaumont Health System in Royal Oak. He was born August 16, 1950 in Detroit to the late William Graetz and Lorraine Marsh. Mr. Graetz was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He also worked for the Shaklee Corporation as a sales leader. He is survived by his brothers, Gerald Marlene Graetz and John Gail Bianco. The visitation will be Monday 2-5 p.m. and 7 p.m. until the time of service 7:30 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. The burial will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

SD

“ We are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. We are sorry that we were not able to attend his funeral. We will continue to keep him in our prayers.

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**Susan and Ray DeBrincat** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ So very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. His kind and generous spirit will be greatly missed. May he rest in Peace.

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**Jerry Kolesar** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Rest in peace Tom. I will never forget all that you've taught me. I will miss our long talks together, and our random Thai lunches. Rest easy now my friend, and let's talk soon.

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**Kevin Wirth** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ So sorry to read of Tom's passing. I am also a 2nd generation Shaklee kid, like Tom was. I got to know him at the many events we attended over the years. He will be missed. Our condolences and prayers go out to the family. Sincerely, Cheryl & Paul Legg

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**Cheryl Legg** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I will remember Tom's smile - His love for close friends - the great hats - His courage. If only I could have talked with him about cars, space and music. Tom will not be forgotten.

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**Diane D.** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ You trained me on my job, 10 years ago. Since then you've told great stories about the boss lady and I will miss that. Szwed parties won't be the same.

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**Susan Schmidt** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Tom will be buried with military honors. The ceremony will take place exactly at 1:00PM in the Chapel at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Bedford Rd., Holly, MI 48442. Please spread the word.

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**Rose Szwed** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ So many years. So many memories. At this time last year, we sat in Dragonmead and quaffed a couple of pints as we enjoyed the snowfall. A good friend, we were there for each other through all of life's turbulent times. The strife. The good. The bad. Ups and downs. We heard all about it and just supported as one or the other just needed to vent. I was so glad when your Mother gave you the business. You deserved it. And, I was delighted when you so willingly helped me in my office. When the hospital vacations started to increase, we both knew what was going on. Thank you for making me your patient advocate. It wasn't easy. You trusted me and that alone was a true gift. I appreciate the many dimensions you added to my life. I know you arrived safely.

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**Rose Szwed** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ I remember the great times during those youthful years when Tom was a start up member of the band several of us played in. He brought a lot of laughs to our practices and gigs and played a great bass line. I'll always remember Tom and will keep him in my prayers.

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**Gary Durak** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Tom was also my band mate with Allan and Craig. We had a great band. Tom you always smiled and that is what I will remember most about you. So glad you got to see the shuttle launch. Your spirit will always be flying high my friend.

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**Thomas Fox** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Rest in peace grandpa you were always there when I needed to talk you always taught me knew things every time we talked if it was about shaklee or about me as a little boy ill miss our talks and texts love you and miss u already

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**Richard nusbaum** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ A dear man of love and integrity. I am so glad for the time he shared with me

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**Mary Riley Porter** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ tom was one of the best. he was the bass player in my first band, OURSELVES.AND THE TRESSPASSERS. FORTUNATLY i got to spend my 63rd birthday with him and allan goode at the SRC reunion in june. we had kept in touch over the years and I will miss him terribly. FLY ON TOM

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**craig maceachern** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Tom was my band mate in high school and I was able to reconnect with him this past year. Got to have a great reunion with him and others this summer, and although his health was not good, he continued to enjoy life! Rip in Peace Tom. My condolences to his entire family and his friends.

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**Allan Goode** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Tom was a kind and kindred spirit. He touched my heart - having only known him well for the last few years - he was a great treasure to everyone around him. I am so happy he got to see the last shuttle launch and experience the joy that was in his life about space. Tom will be missed - we all will miss him. May God bless him TC

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**Terry Whiteside** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Rest in Peace Tom. We shared school together at Brother Rice. We hung out together and shared a few Brew ski's. You did the best paint job on my motorcycle that I will never forget. You had some of the most interesting cars. The Studebaker and the Citron. You were the only one I ever knew who had a pilots license in high school. I will carry the fond memories of you forever. I also have a Grande Ball room pop art poster from the late 60's that you gave me. God bless!

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**Chris Szwed** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM