



Thomas Kennedy

May 15, 1941 - September 2, 2024

Thomas Ross Kennedy, age 83, of Royal Oak, passed away on September 2, 2024.

Tom was born in Detroit on May 15, 1941 to Roscoe and Iva Kennedy, and grew up in Westland. He graduated with his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and with his master's degree from Wayne State University.

Tom dedicated over 35 years of his professional life to the State of Michigan, where he served in various roles, including employment counselor, vocational rehabilitation counselor, and adult foster care licensing consultant and supervisor. His career was marked by a commitment to helping others and making a positive impact.

Outside of work, Tom was dedicated to his family and community. He was an active member of the Shrine Dad's Club for many years and gave generously of his time with St. Vincent de Paul conference at Shrine. He enjoyed traveling and, along with his wife Christine, explored the country in her parents' 1959 Classic Airstream, visiting both family and countless national parks. Closer to home, his grandchildren were a special joy, bringing him endless happiness each day.

Outside of his family, Tom's second love was his 1966 Pontiac Catalina

Convertible. With the help of his son Ryan, he lovingly restored the car over two years. The Woodward Dream Cruise and Clawson Car Show became his favorite time of the year when he could showcase his beloved car and celebrate his passion for classic automobiles.

Tom will be remembered as the beloved husband of Christine (née Schorn), to whom he was wed on June 20, 1970. Loving father of Kelly, Kevin, and Ryan (Natalie). Proud grandfather of Rex, Vivian, and Cameron. Further survived by many nieces and nephews, and their spouses.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 5 from 4 – 8 p.m. (Scripture Service 6:00 p.m.) at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 6 at 10 a.m. (visitation 9:30 a.m.) at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 Twelve Mile Rd., Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions can be directed to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen: www.cskdetroit.org/ways_to_give/donations.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Scripture Service

SEP 5. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

SEP 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Kennedy.* ”



September 05, 2024 at 03:58 PM



“ *Mike, Gail & Amy purchased the Sweet Tenderne ss for the family of Thomas Kennedy.* ”



Mike, Gail & Amy - September 05, 2024 at 03:38 PM



“ *Drew K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Kennedy.* ”

Drew K. - September 05, 2024 at 08:05 AM



“ *Kim ,Fred ,Beth , Ryan and Johnny purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas Kennedy.* ”



Kim ,Fred ,Beth , Ryan and Johnny - September 04, 2024 at 10:26 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Kennedy.*



September 04, 2024 at 08:35 PM



“ *Jeannine (Lebens) Ballou & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Kennedy.*

Jeannine (Lebens) Ballou & Family - September 04, 2024 at 08:35 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas Kennedy.*



September 04, 2024 at 02:44 PM



“ *Kathryn M. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Thomas Kennedy.*



Kathryn M. - September 04, 2024 at 09:51 AM