



Thomas James Lucas

September 23, 1925 - March 12, 2016

Thomas James Lucas Jr., age 90, resident of Southfield for 22 years and formerly long time resident of Royal Oak and Beverly Hills, Michigan, passed away peacefully March 12, 2016 at his home. He was born September 23, 1925 to the late Thomas and Florence Lucas in Detroit. Mr. Lucas was a partner and a past President at T.M.P. Associates in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. A big part of his life was the involvement in the American Institute of Architects (AIA). He worked as a director on the board of AIA for the Detroit Chapter, a president of the state organization and a regional director for the national organization. Thomas was a consultant for the University of Detroit, and also started a company called the Argos Group. Mr. Lucas was a United States Marine Corps Veteran of World War II. He was involved in many charities, especially Heifer International. He loved to travel and after he retired he wrote a book called "Stew".

Beloved husband of the late Mary (Tibbs); the couple married January 8, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois. Loving father of Paul (Vickie) Lucas, Barbara (Bill) Amheiser, Kevin (Debi) Lucas, Mary Beth Connolly, Christine (Dennis) DiPonio, the late Thomas (Jean - still living) Lucas, and the late Mark (Paula - still living) Lucas. Dear brother of Norma Kistler, the late George Lucas, and the late Lewis Lucas. Proud grandfather of 13 and great grandfather of 13. Memorial visitation Thursday 4-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Prayer Service at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of

Woodward), Royal Oak. Family will receive friends Friday 9 a.m. until the time of the memorial Mass 10 a.m. at Church of the Transfiguration, Southfield. Inurnment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial contributions to Heifer Foundation - Mary Frank Tibbs Memorial Endowment are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 17. 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/>

Prayer Service

MAR 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Mass

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Transfiguration
25225 Code Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Lucas lit a candle in memory of Thomas James Lucas*



Jean Lucas - March 17, 2016 at 10:08 PM



A man for all seasons. I will miss his intellect, wit, wise counsel and loyalty. A father in law who became more.

Jean Lucas - March 17, 2016 at 10:14 PM



A true renaissance man!

Tom Lucas - March 18, 2016 at 02:07 PM



“ *We bonded when we served on the first Board of Directors at 5000 Town Center and brought the same philosophy to its actions. We bonded on Architectual issues due to our backgrounds. We bonded because we both had large families and accepted the old adage that " a parent is only as happy as the least happy of his children ." And finally we bonded because we were both veterans of WW II. Tom served in the Marines in the Pacific and I was an Army rifleman in Germany. Though we were perhaps 9000 miles apart, we felt like comrades, particularly now when the last 5 per cent of WW II vets are dying at 1000 each day. In three years all but a few us will be gone. I may be joining you sooner then later Tom. So rest in peace old friend. I salute you !*
Edward Hustoles

Edward Hustoles - March 17, 2016 at 01:39 PM

Tom
Lucas

“ *Tom Lucas sent a virtual gift in memory of
Thomas James Lucas*



Tom Lucas - March 16, 2016 at 01:03 PM

Tom
Lucas

I'm so proud of his service to our country.

Tom Lucas - March 16, 2016 at 01:04 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Thomas James Lucas .*



March 16, 2016 at 12:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Thomas James Lucas .*



March 16, 2016 at 08:56 AM

PA

“ Dad,

Thanks. Just, thanks. You made me a better widow because you understood. When I needed it most, you were a good father to me and understood exactly how I felt. We always agreed on the basics, the most important things. You always treated me with respect. And, like Mark, whenever I laughed hard (sometimes at your expense,) your face lit up. Remember the Christmas lights? I still laugh about all of the extension cords! It was so not you!

Thank you for our last visit! You prepared me well. I am grieving and know I will miss you terribly. Every time I make split pea soup, I will think of you and smile. And, I am overjoyed for you and Mary.

Until we meet again, your loving daughter,

Paula

Paula - March 15, 2016 at 11:19 PM

KL

“ *I will miss you Dad! YOU inspire me to join the Corps like you did as I needed to learn a way of life that I could live by the rest of my life. And I did! Honor, courage commitment meant a lot to you and a lot to me the core principle of our Corps! You stood by me thick and thin and guided me through some rough times. I don't know what I would have done without you! I loved you dearly and wish I had seen more of you than I did! I will love you always. Kevin. Like the country song "when I get where I'm going" I will see you and MOM and Tom and Mark again.*

Kevin Lucas - March 15, 2016 at 09:22 PM



JS

“ *Jerry, Connie, Nicole, Veronica & Megan Stalker purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas James Lucas .*



Jerry, Connie, Nicole, Veronica & Megan Stalker - March 15, 2016 at 09:19 PM

 Tom
Lucas

“ *Tom Lucas lit a candle in memory of Thomas James Lucas*



Tom Lucas - March 15, 2016 at 07:38 PM

Tom
Lucas

“ Grandpa,

I have so many fond memories of you, from going to the baseball game with you and Dad to how fun and funny you were at your 50th wedding anniversary. It's difficult to even try to sum up all the pictures my memories of you are flying through my mind as I think about what to write.

My mind has been reeling trying to put it all together and feelings are running as deep as the ocean, but most importantly, I want to understand how I can honor you and your memory in my life. I don't think words are going to do it all justice, and I am a writer!

Please know that I was always in awe of your accomplishments and dad shared so many wonderful stories about things that you and him did -- from when he was a child all the way until he passed. He taught me so much about you!

I learned how to be a man from dad and many of those lessons were lessons you had taught him. There is a part of me that I owe to you, and it is a part of me that I am quite proud of.

The memory of you that I keep coming back to is when you drove down to Florida back in 2005(?). You drove yourself and kept yourself company by listening to classical music the whole trip down. You came to Boca and took me out to dinner.

I remember that dinner vividly. You shared much of your wisdom with me that night and also told me several personal and honest stories that remain with me to this day -- how you truly loved my father, how proud you were of what I had done with my life (turning it around and making something of it), how to deal with making mistakes (something all people must learn how to do) and so many other thoughts that made me feel loved and recognized.

That dinner was a special gift and I know that when I think about you, or if people ask me about you, it's most likely the first story I

will tell. I was so profoundly touched by you that night and I am so utterly grateful that we had that time together.

Unfortunately, I cannot be there for the service, but I will be thinking about you and the family. We are blessed to have such a large family and I know that there will be much said. I fully expect there to be many tears, but I am sure there will be laughter as well, for all families share the ups and downs of life.

You are a wonderful man. You taught me so much. I will hold you close to my heart, always.

And...although many can share similar feelings or thoughts, there is one thing that no one else can say...

I feel truly honored to share your name. Tom Lucas. I will carry it with joy and I hope that I always live up to it. It's a special bond that I have with both you and Dad and I will do my best to carry it forward with reverence.

With all my love, forever.

Tommy

Tom Lucas - March 15, 2016 at 06:52 PM

MB

Tom it is comforting to know that you understood how much your grandfather loved you and how very proud of you he was. Love you!

Mary Beth - March 15, 2016 at 08:22 PM



Tom
Lucas

Thank you, Aunt Mary Beth. Something I have come to understand as I have grown older is that some things don't have to be said out loud to be known. I want you and the rest of the family to know that even that Grandpa and my dad had a complicated relationship, I do not carry any ill feelings and I have nothing but love for you all. I do wish I could be there but it's simply not in the cards for me. But please know, and carry this on to the rest of the family, that my lack of presence is by no means an act of defiance or disrespect. I have nothing but love for Grandpa and I will hold my memories of him dear.

Tom Lucas - March 16, 2016 at 12:07 PM

BA

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Barbara Amheiser - March 15, 2016 at 06:49 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas James Lucas .



March 15, 2016 at 04:50 PM

WA

“ *Will Wittig, Dean & Professor, AIA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas James Lucas .*



Will Wittig, Dean & Professor, AIA - March 15, 2016 at 02:40 PM

DD

“ *I considered Tom one of my best friends, and an inspiration to us all. Our friendship will never be forgotten. May his soul rest in peace. My most sincere condolences to the family.*

Dick DiLaura - March 15, 2016 at 02:30 PM

WW

“ *Tom will be greatly missed. Like many architects in my generation, Tom offered his guidance and mentorship to me and my partners as we started our business. He also has been a valuable leader behind the scenes for the School of Architecture at the University of Detroit Mercy, and in particular for our Detroit Collaborative Design Center. Our condolences to the family and Tom's closest friends.*
-Will Wittig, Dean, UDM School of Architecture.

Will Wittig - March 15, 2016 at 01:45 PM

JF

“ Tom is now reunited with Mary and his two sons, Tom and Mark and all of his architectural colleagues from the Saarinen years, TMP and AIA. His dedication and passion for the architectural profession will greatly be missed - but his legacy will live on through all of us that he personally mentored.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.....

John and Barbara Castellana

John Castellana, FAIA - March 15, 2016 at 11:23 AM

MC

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Marybeth Connolly - March 15, 2016 at 04:42 AM

MC

Happy 90th birthday!

Marybeth Connolly - March 15, 2016 at 04:43 AM

 Tom
Lucas

*Grandpa looks great here. He was always a stylish man. An artist whose work as an architect will stand as a monument to his many talents and accomplishments. I am going to miss him so much. --
Tommy*

Tom Lucas - March 15, 2016 at 06:31 PM

BA

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barbara amheiser - March 14, 2016 at 07:40 PM

MC

Tom Lucas and his children March 2007

Marybeth Connolly - March 15, 2016 at 04:30 AM

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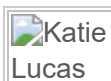


Barbara Amheiser - March 14, 2016 at 07:04 PM

MC

Their wedding day 1942

Marybeth Connolly - March 15, 2016 at 04:46 AM

Katie
Lucas

I love this photo!

Katie Lucas - March 15, 2016 at 05:18 AM

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Barbara Amheiser - March 14, 2016 at 07:03 PM

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Barbara Amheiser - March 14, 2016 at 07:02 PM

JA

“ *As a young architect at the midsummer conventions at the Grand, I will always remember the business meetings early Saturday morning and Tom's way of cutting through the rhetoric with his poise and decorum of a person who spoke with the experience of an architect who could see how to get a job done. He instantly gained my respect and I learned to listen when he spoke.*

I hope to see him again in Paradise in the prime of his life. Our condolences to his family and loved ones and may all-mighty Jehovah bless him to a life ever after.

John and Becca Allegretti

John Allegretti - March 14, 2016 at 06:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas James Lucas .*



March 14, 2016 at 05:04 PM



“ *Resource Transportation purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Thomas James Lucas .*



Resource Transportation - March 14, 2016 at 04:24 PM



“ *I am truly sorry for the loss of Tom for his family and friends! Tom put a lot of time into AIA Michigan and its activities to benefit architects from our state. I served on the board with him and he was always supportive and direct and to the point whenever he worked on anything. He was well known for his statement "Say it in American!" whenever we architects would get talking in our own esoteric "jargon". He helped consult with me at a time when our firm had a tough client to deal with and he was always willing to offer words of wisdom from his vast experiences.*

He will be missed!

*Randy L. Case AIA
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Randy Case - March 14, 2016 at 03:55 PM