



Tom McGowan

September 28, 1960 - August 6, 2025

Thomas C. McGowan, age 64, of Berkley, passed away on August 6, 2025. He was born on September 28, 1960, and married the love of his life, Sharon Gandhi, on August 27, 1982, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Royal Oak.

Tom and Sharon began their married life in Madison Heights before settling in Berkley, where they raised their family. He worked as a mechanic at local car dealerships and gas stations before becoming a machinist. Later, he owned and operated his own landscaping and snow removal business, serving both commercial and residential customers.

Tom was happiest at the family cottage in Baldwin, Michigan, where he loved "tinkering" in the garage, breathing the fresh northern air, and enjoying bonfires with family and friends. He was incredibly social-always striking up conversations, helping others with projects, and making people feel welcome. Known for his generosity, he loved to feed people, especially when grilling on the BBQ.

A devoted family man, Tom treasured time with his children and created countless happy memories. He was also a passionate animal lover, affectionately known as the "cat whisperer," and will be missed by his daughter's beloved tabby cat, Aster. Tom enjoyed life's simple pleasures-good friends, Bud Light, laughter, and the joy of being surrounded by those he

loved.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Sharon; proud children, Micky McGowan, Rachel McGowan, and Rebecca McGowan (Zack Mulvin); dear siblings, Joyce McGowan, Rob McGowan, Pat McGowan, and Maryann (Brian) Grau; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his sister, Julie Piotrowski.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral services will be Thursday, with in-state at St. Mary Catholic Church in Royal Oak at 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m.

Memorial contributions in Tom's name may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

To share a memory or offer condolences, please visit www.sullivanfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **13**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Funeral Mass

AUG **14**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
730 S. Lafayette Avenue
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tom McGowan.

August 15, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ Sharon and family,
I am deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Tom. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers during this incredibly difficult time.
May you find comfort in the love of family and friends, and in the cherished memories you shared together.

The Campbell Family - August 15, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ Thomas D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom McGowan.

Thomas D. - August 15, 2025 at 11:15 AM



“ I always enjoyed the time we spent supporting the Berkley High School swim team that our sons swam on. He was always willing to help with transportation, food, whatever was needed. He was a good man.

Tom Dolnicek - August 15, 2025 at 11:13 AM

TK

I just heard the news of Tom passing. My heart hurts for his family and those that knew him. I used to spend time with a friend going up to his place in Baldwin where we played cards, he rode his golf cart, and was always a comic! Man that man loved his wife and they were perfect for another. He always wanted the best for his kids and was a great provider. He was friends with everyone and stopped to chat with them to. McGowan family your in my thoughts and prayers.

Tonja Keller - August 25, 2025 at 04:24 PM

DF

“ David F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom McGowan.

David F. - August 15, 2025 at 06:18 AM

 Tom
Coyle

“ Tom was one of my childhood friends. We enjoyed bike riding all over the place, jumping, racing, and doing wheelies, eventually stopping somewhere to get a candy bar, or bag of Doritos, and a Coke or Pepsi. We thought we were geniuses when we built a snow fort on our house's back wall where the dryer exhaust vent came out. When we were done, we turned on the dryer and had the only heated igloo in town. I guess we're lucky we didn't die from the gas fumes, but nothing bad ever happened to us as kids it seemed. We often played catch, which often turned into "burn the other guy's glove", by throwing the ball as hard as you could, hoping for that loud SMACK from the other guy's glove that told me that I got him, or he got me when he threw it. We would both laugh uproarously at and with each other each time he or I was successful despite the pain. Even though we only saw each other once since childhood, I still remember him and his family fondly and miss those carefree days.

Tom Coyle - August 13, 2025 at 01:28 PM

IF

“ Ilkka Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi
phyllum for the family of Tom McGowan.



Ilkka Family - August 12, 2025 at 08:03 PM

DA

“ The Allyn family is sad to hear of the passing of our dear friend.
We're planting trees in your honour. We'll miss you.
Godspeed to the McGowan family. ❤️

Dr. Jeff Allyn - August 12, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tom McGowan.

August 12, 2025 at 12:46 PM

KS

“ Karen S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom McGowan.

Karen S. - August 12, 2025 at 11:03 AM

KJ

“ Rachel & McGowan Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family and sending my deepest sympathy. Please let me know if there's anything at all I can do to help



Kiana Jackson - August 12, 2025 at 09:57 AM

TF

“ The Prudhomme family. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Tom McGowan.



The Prudhomme family. - August 11, 2025 at 06:29 PM

MT

“ Mark Teasdale purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Tom McGowan.



Mark Teasdale - August 11, 2025 at 04:37 PM

MT

“ Mark Teasdale planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom McGowan.

Mark Teasdale - August 11, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tom McGowan.*



August 11, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ *Multi-Precision Detail purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Tom McGowan.*



Multi-Precision Detail - August 11, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ *Sherrie D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom McGowan.*

Sherrie D. - August 11, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ *Kathy D. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Tom McGowan.*



Kathy D. - August 11, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ *Kathy D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom McGowan.*

Kathy D. - August 11, 2025 at 11:39 AM

JG

“ Sharon & family - I'm so sorry for your loss. Wishing you strength and peace during this difficult time. Prayers are with you and your family. Julie Goldstrom

Julie Goldstrom - August 11, 2025 at 07:51 AM

PA

“ Patrick, Nyfa and Ada purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Tom McGowan.



Patrick, Nyfa and Ada - August 10, 2025 at 09:43 PM

PA

“ Patrick, Nyfa and Ada planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom McGowan.

Patrick, Nyfa and Ada - August 10, 2025 at 09:43 PM

KH

“ Kelly H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom McGowan.

Kelly H. - August 10, 2025 at 09:16 PM

YF

“ Your neighbors, The Adams family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Tom McGowan.



Your neighbors, The Adams family - August 10, 2025 at 07:57 PM

SD

“ Sandra D. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tom McGowan.



Sandra D. - August 10, 2025 at 06:57 PM

SD

“ Sandra D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom McGowan.

Sandra D. - August 10, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Tom McGowan.



August 10, 2025 at 06:51 PM

JS

“ Jesse and Chris Sanders purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Tom McGowan.



Jesse and Chris Sanders - August 10, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ *Christine S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom McGowan.*

Christine S. - August 10, 2025 at 05:54 PM