



## Thomas W. Rutherford

February 26, 1936 - May 28, 2017

Rutherford, Thomas W. Age 81, May 28, 2017

Beloved husband of the late Marjorie. Loving father of Chad (Bernice) Rutherford and Amy (Dennis) Barlow. Proud grandfather of Ashlyn Rutherford, Sarah (Mitchell) Drummond, Bethanie (Chad Brannan) Barlow, Joy (Ricky) Brooks and Shannon Barlow. Dear brother of Eleanor (Jerry) Micol. Uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Rutherford was a proud Navy veteran and submariner who served on the USS Sablefish SS-303 and the USS Sea Owl SSK-405. He was also a huge U of M football fan that really enjoyed riding his bike with his best friend Jerry at Light House Park.

Visitation Friday 1-9 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral 11 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica.

Memorials appreciated to Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba. [www.sudsdiving.org](http://www.sudsdiving.org)

Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Christian Memorial Cemetery

521 E. Hamlin Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 2.** 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Visitation

**JUN 3.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Services

**JUN 3.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Rutherford.*



June 01, 2017 at 05:49 PM

TF

“ *The Tomasik Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas W. Rutherford.*



**The Tomasik Family** - June 01, 2017 at 11:38 AM

CM

“ *Construction Video Media purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Thomas W. Rutherford.*



**Construction Video Media** - June 01, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Rutherford.*



May 31, 2017 at 04:16 PM

RT

“ *Randy, Judy & Alexander Tomasik purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Thomas W. Rutherford.*



**Randy, Judy & Alexander Tomasik** - May 31, 2017 at 03:56 PM

DL

“ Dave and I are sending our heart felt condolences. Losing a loved one is so very hard and with deep sympathy we are hurting for you and your family. He had such a struggle the past few month and it was hard for you to see him suffer so. God in his mercy took him home and he is not suffering any more. Sadly he couldn't make it to his favorite spot up north anymore. An era at the park has ended with Tom and Jerry riding their bikes and waving at folks as they were riding by. They were known everywhere.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you, God Bless. Dave and Felix

---

**Dave and Felix Loranger** - May 30, 2017 at 09:58 AM

JM

“ My first encounter with your dad was about 13 years ago at your home. In the course of the visit he discovered I did not have a cell phone. He REALLY encouraged me to purchase one, expressing concern for my safety as a single woman. Later we went to dinner and he insisted on paying. Always a gentleman! He really touched my heart. God bless him and all of you!

---

**Josy Maurer** - May 29, 2017 at 05:16 PM