



Tom Stockton

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Thomas Eugene Stockton, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and legendary coach, passed away peacefully on March 5, 2026, surrounded by the family he loved so dearly. He was 72 years old.

Born in Detroit on August 17, 1953, to Ina Stockton and the late Baugh Stockton, Tom grew up with a deep love for playing sports, a passion for drag racing in his younger years, and a heart for service. A proud graduate of the Warren High School Class of 1971, he went on to dedicate over 40 years of his life to Cook Industries, where he served as a respected Machinist Supervisor.

Tom's passion for mentorship began on the local fields, where he spent years coaching his sons' baseball and football teams. He eventually brought that same competitive spirit and leadership to the bowling lanes. For 29 years, he served as the Stevenson High School Bowling Coach, where he became a titan in Michigan high school sports. A multiple-time State Champion Coach and Coach of the Year, Tom's dedication earned him well-deserved spots in the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Macomb County Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame. As a longtime MHSIBCA Board Member, he didn't just coach the game; he shaped the future of the sport for generations of athletes.

Beyond the trophies, Tom was a man of simple, enduring passions. He was

happiest when salmon fishing, especially in Frankfort, Michigan, spending an evening with friends at the bowling alley, or cruising Woodward Avenue in his classic cars. A man who truly loved to talk, Tom could find a story to share with everyone he met and was always the first person to offer a helping hand to anyone in need.

Tom's greatest pride, however, was his family. He is survived by his loving wife Cindy of 52 years; his mother, Ina Stockton; his son Tom Stockton and wife April; and his cherished grandchildren, Connor and Abigail, who were the light of his life. He is also survived by his son Andrew Stockton; his siblings, Bob (Mary) Stockton, Melissa (Chris) Turak, and James (Kathy) Stockton, Sister in-laws Debby Lance and Sandy Woloski; as well as a large, loving circle of nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Baugh Thomas Stockton, and his sister, Linda Stockton.

He leaves behind a legacy of integrity, mentorship, and a reminder that a life well-lived is one spent helping others reach their full potential.

His visitation will be held Friday, March 13th, 2026; from 1:00 p.m. until the time of his Funeral Service at 7:00 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home - Utica, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks east of Van Dyke Avenue on the NORTH side of Hall Road) Utica, Michigan.

Memorial contributions are appreciated to: Gift of Life Michigan, 2203 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, www.giftoflifemichigan.org ~ OR ~ American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674, americanheart.org

Please share a memory with the Stockton Family at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Service

MAR 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Tom Stockton's Livestream in memory of Tom Stockton*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - March 07 at 12:22 PM

JK

Thank you for coaching our daughter and son on the Stevenson Bowling team. Many great memories from that time. It was great seeing you and Cindy over the years at various places. You will be missed. The Keena family ❤️🙏

Joanne Keena - March 08 at 12:45 PM

MM

“ *Tom taught me how to defend student-athletes from overbearing parents. IYKYK. Of all the things I've learned from him over the 30 years that we've been friends, THAT was the most important lesson. Kids come first.*

Thank you, Cindy and Drew for sharing Tom with me. Know of my prayers for you all. God bless you.

Michael Maes - March 13 at 08:20 PM

WF

“ With love, The Hellebuyck family purchased the *Serene Reflections Bouquet* for the family of Tom Stockton.



With love, The Hellebuyck family - March 13 at 09:20 AM

WF

“ With love, The Hellebuyck family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom Stockton.

With love, The Hellebuyck family - March 13 at 09:20 AM

GF

“ Going Going Gone, Family. purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Tom Stockton.



Going Going Gone, Family. - March 13 at 08:13 AM

DJ

“ David and Diana Jazenski purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Tom Stockton.



David and Diana Jazenski - March 12 at 09:23 AM

SR

“ It was a great pleasure to know Tom during my son, Dylan, bowling years with Stevenson HS (class of 2015). Throughout the 4 years Tom showed the boys how to handle the wins in life with grace and deal with the losses with dignity. He treated both the boys and their families like part of his own family and it was always wonderful to see him at the bowling alley. I know he will be missed by many. Prayers of comfort and strength being sent to the family
Love The Rainko Family

Shari R - March 12 at 09:05 AM

RF

Tom embodied what it meant to be a coach... he possessed the skills himself and imparted this knowledge of discipline, execution, sportsmanship, fun, and a competitive spirit! He was a tireless advocate for the sport of bowling, as well as for the kids and I was proud to call him friend. He was a rock for the kids to lean on as well for the parents sometimes...lol! I'm grateful for the opportunity to have enjoyed those days so much, as well as for the many friends I made like Tom! Extending prayers of peace and comfort to the family on behalf of the Furtneys. ❤️🙏

Rick & Debbie Furtney - March 12 at 09:47 PM

JP

“ Judy, Debbie & Paula Persichino purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Tom Stockton.



Judy, Debbie & Paula Persichino - March 11 at 09:28 PM



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



March 11 at 05:18 PM



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

March 11 at 05:18 PM



“ *Maria, Renee, Tiff & Family, Matt, Gordy purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Tom Stockton.*



Maria, Renee, Tiff & Family, Matt, Gordy - March 11 at 10:53 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Tom Stockton.*



March 11 at 10:15 AM

TF

“ *The Gott Family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Tom Stockton.*



The Gott Family - March 10 at 06:30 PM

SD

“ *Tom, you were a mentor to Jim and I when we started our Coaching journey. High School is what it is today because of you. We will miss you immensely and will do our best to carry things on in a way to make you proud. Jim and Sue DeLong, Lake Shore Bowling*

Sue DeLong - March 10 at 02:51 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Tom Stockton.*



March 09 at 06:32 PM

JK

“ *Joanne K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom Stockton.*

Joanne K. - March 08 at 12:46 PM

CT

“ Tom was a great guy. He would always try to help you out with anything that you needed help with if he could. He was a man on a mission and lived life to the fullest doing many different things that made him and his family happy.



Chris T - March 07 at 01:18 PM

SJ

We will sure miss Tom. He was my best friend and was always there to help me. He was the most unselfish person I I have ever known. He will be missed.

Steve jones - March 09 at 06:04 PM

PM

“ On behalf of the Dearborn Unified Bowling team, I am sending our deepest condolences on the passing of Coach Tom Stockton. Tom was a giant in our bowling community, not only for his incredible success at Sterling Heights Stevenson but for his tireless dedication to running the MHSAA State Tournaments. He mentored so many coaches and athletes, and his legacy of sportsmanship will live on. He will be dearly missed.
With heartfelt sympathy,
Coach Paul Marcon
Dearborn Unified Bowling

Paul Marcon - March 06 at 10:23 PM

TD

“ May you rest in peace in the hands of God. ❤️

Thomas and Georgina Dluzynski

Thomas and Georgina Dluzynski - March 06 at 08:55 PM

YT

“ Your 2001 Girls Bowling Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tom Stockton.



Your 2001 Girls Bowling Team - March 06 at 05:45 PM

YT

“ Your 2001 Girls Bowling Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom Stockton.

Your 2001 Girls Bowling Team - March 06 at 05:45 PM

KM

“ Thank you for being a mentor to my daughter Kimberly. She loved you like a father. You and Cindy have been so good to her. RIP Tom. You were loved by so many ❤️🙏

Karen/Mickey Maddy - March 06 at 04:30 PM