



Thomas E. Willcock

May 4, 1945 - December 6, 2025

Thomas E. Willcock, age 80, of Shelby Township, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 6, 2025. Born on May 4, 1945, in Ferndale, Michigan, Tom lived a full and generous life defined by devotion to family, loyalty to friends, and an unending passion for anything with an engine.

Tom is survived by his three children-Kevin (Susan) Willcock, Brian (Lisa) Willcock, and Kimberly (David) Smith-who adored their father and carry forward the lessons he instilled. He leaves behind his beloved grandchildren Aaron (Ellen), Carina, Connor, Mac, and Cameron Willcock, as well as his cherished great-granddaughter, Leah. He is also survived by his brother Jerry (Betty) Willcock, brother-in-law Lynn (Ruth) Maker, sister-in-law Mary Lynn (Pat) Sizemore, brother-in-law Ted (Sam) Sizemore, and twelve nieces and nephews.

Tom was predeceased by his wife of more than 40 years, Robin Sizemore Willcock; his parents, Frank and Helen Willcock; his sister Ruth (Lynn) Maker; his brother-in-law Pat Sizemore; and his sister-in-law Sam Sizemore.

Tom was a dedicated father, husband, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend-truly the kind of man who showed up whenever someone needed a hand. He met Robin while working at Chrysler, and from that moment forward, they built a life filled with love, laughter, hard work, and adventure. He deeply cherished

time spent with his children, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter, teaching them-often through his quick wit and memorable stories-the values of perseverance, integrity, and curiosity.

A lifelong enthusiast of everything fast, Tom poured countless hours into modifying cars, trucks, motorcycles, dune buggies, hot rods, and anything else with wheels or an engine. As a teenager, he spent many nights drag racing down Gratiot Avenue, a passion that grew into a lifetime collection of classic cars, sailboats, and speedboats-his treasured “toys.”

Tom was the go-to mechanic for family, friends, neighbors, or anyone who needed help getting a vehicle back on the road. A true jack-of-all-trades, he could fix nearly anything and had a natural ability to master whatever he put his mind to.

He loved weekend garage sales, entertaining friends, and hosting unforgettable parties. Tom also came from a musically gifted family; though he never learned to read music, he played trombone, organ, accordion, and harmonica beautifully by ear. Countless evenings were spent around a table playing cards or board games-where if anyone else managed to win, Tom good-naturedly insisted they must have cheated, always with a twinkle in his eye.

He loved all dogs and kept a stash of biscuits near the front door for neighborhood pups who stopped by for a treat.

Tom spent his entire 38-year professional career at Chrysler Corporation as a Title Analyst and UAW representative, forming lifelong friendships and earning the respect of all who worked beside him.

Family and friends will gather to Celebrate Thomas life with a visitation and

sharing of memories service on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at the Wm Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica from 2-8pm with the sharing of memories at 6pm.

A simultaneous livestream of the service will be available for those unable to attend in person. ~ <https://view.oneromstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTc2NTI4MjU3NzM5MjEzOCZvbWVyb29tLWFKbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

Interment will take place at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674 americanheart.org ~ honoring Tom's life by supporting a cause meaningful to his family.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 11. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Thomas E. Wilcock in memory of Thomas E. Willcock*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - December 09, 2025 at 07:16 AM

RT

Brian, Kim, Kevin and family. Saddened to hear that your father passed. I have many fond memories being at the house, and out in the garage while your dad worked on a "project" with Brian helping. And me asking dumb questions since I knew zero about cars, motorcycles, or hot rods. Your dad always helped people. And I hope fond memories of him get you through this difficult loss. - Rich Taylor

Richard Taylor - December 09, 2025 at 07:59 PM

KS

Thank you Rich. We appreciate your kind words.

Kimberly Smith - December 19, 2025 at 11:17 AM

MC

“ *My sincere condolences.*

Martha cannon - December 12, 2025 at 11:20 AM

KS

Thank you Martha.

Kimberly Smith - December 19, 2025 at 11:17 AM

BB

“ Sorry to hear about Tom's passing and our thoughts and prayers go out to our cousin's Kevin, Brian, Kim and my Uncle Jerry and Aunt Betty.

Being around Tom and my cousins as a young person are full of many special memories. Tom was always such fun to be around. I won't be able to attend services today, but will be there in spirit.

Much love from myself and my Dad,

Bernie Bresnahan - December 11, 2025 at 03:34 PM

KS

Thank you for your prayers cuz Bernie. We had some great times as kids, didn't we? Such happy memories.

Kimberly Smith - December 19, 2025 at 11:18 AM

JM

“ There are way too many memories of time spent with Uncle Tom. He was always there to help us and has been a big part of mine and my families life. Watching fireworks on top of the van, countless events, parties, and holidays, He was always there. Forever his brothers best friend, I will miss him so much.

Jill McCollum - December 11, 2025 at 03:14 PM

KS

Thank you cousin Jill. Your fun stories of my Pop shared with me at the funeral brought me so much joy. Thank you for being there. xo

Kimberly Smith - December 19, 2025 at 11:21 AM

KP

“ Fond memories of a special guy. We all love you, Tom. Keith Phillips and family!

Keith Phillips - December 11, 2025 at 09:50 AM

KS

Thank you Keith. My brothers and I growing up in Berkley with your kids made us all especially close. We share such great memories with you and your family. Thank you for your kind words.

Kimberly Smith - December 19, 2025 at 11:25 AM

KP

“ *Keith P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas E. Willcock.*

Keith P. - December 11, 2025 at 09:45 AM



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



December 11, 2025 at 09:29 AM

TF

“ *The Myers, Boroff, and Fox Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas E. Willcock.*

The Myers, Boroff, and Fox Families - December 11, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Willcock.*



December 11, 2025 at 08:56 AM

UR

“ Uncle Lynn, Vicki, Ron and Rhonda purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas E. Willcock.



Uncle Lynn, Vicki, Ron and Rhonda - December 10, 2025 at 07:17 AM

DE

“ I met Tom when I joined Chrysler in the early '70s. I could never say enough good things about him. Tom was the definition of a stand-up guy — generous, loyal, never hesitated to lend a hand. I'll never forget the day he showed up at my house with an air hockey table that he had come across somewhere and immediately thought of my young sons (young at the time). They loved it! I know his kindness touched many, he will never be forgotten. Sincerest condolences to Tom's family. Don and Donna Ellison

Donald Ellison - December 09, 2025 at 08:14 PM

KS

Hi Don. Thank you and Donna for your kind words and for sharing memories of his kindness and generosity. It means a lot to us. I know he enjoyed working with you at Chrysler because he always told us kids fun stories with Don Ellison. You held a special place in his heart.

Kimberly Smith - December 19, 2025 at 11:30 AM

JE

“ Jeff, Candice & Tatum Emerson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas E. Willcock.

Jeff, Candice & Tatum Emerson - December 09, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Willcock.



December 09, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ *The OG6 purchased the Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Thomas E. Willcock.



The OG6 - December 09, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Willcock.



December 09, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ *Patricia S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas E. Willcock.*

Patricia S. - December 09, 2025 at 11:26 AM