



## Timothy B. Steinbrink

February 20, 1969 - November 14, 2021

Tim's family will receive friends for visitation on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of his service at 12:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. \*\*Tim's services will be webcasted and can be viewed here: <https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/obituaries/Timothy-Steinbrink/#!/PhotosVideos/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001/WebcastVideo>. Interment at Christian Memorial Cultural Center, Rochester Hills. Memorials are appreciated to Paws With A Cause 4646 South Division, Wayland, MI 49348 or at [www.pawswithacause.org](http://www.pawswithacause.org). Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Christian Memorial Gardens West

521 E. Hamlin Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
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## Funeral Service

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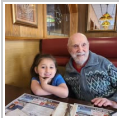
# Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Timothy B. Steinbrink*



**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - November 17, 2021 at 09:33 AM



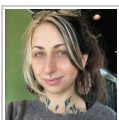
*That was an absolutely beautiful service Joyce I can't imagine the pain that you are feeling my thoughts and for you and Aunt Patty*

**Julia Racicot** - November 17, 2021 at 12:37 PM

AR

*Tim will be missed in countless ways by so many people. He was and will always will be an example to me of how a person should be. Grateful, strong, loving, funny, fearless, faithful - and not ever feelings sorry for himself. My thoughts and prayers of strength and love are with you Joyce and his entire family and friends.*

**Alison Russell** - November 17, 2021 at 06:24 PM



*I remember when he came into the tattoo shop and wanted a tattoo to express his appreciation for his mother. As a tattooer you learn to put distance between you and a client to protect your energy. But with Tim I couldn't do that simply because he is such a vibrant soul. We talked and got deeper. It was so easy to turn small talk into a soul harmonizing conversation. Truly a person full of love in his heart putting inspiration into mine. I'm very grateful to have gotten to meet Tim even in the short time he was present in my life. My thoughts and love go to everyone he touched during his time here 💜*

**Nadia Garver** - November 27, 2021 at 05:21 PM

J(

“ Tim and I were classmates and good friends. I wrote for our school's yearbook and worked closely with Tim on many stories about him and his talents. He was easy to talk to and easy to love. I hope that everyone's wonderful memories of Tim helps dull the pain of the loss. Tim is always with us and I will cherish him always. Love, prayers, and hugs to all!



Julie Saladin (Gertz) - November 17, 2021 at 05:10 PM

JR

Thank you Julie

Joyce Routh - December 14, 2021 at 05:02 PM

A(

“ Very nice service. Thank you.

Annette Ross (Shinaver) - November 17, 2021 at 12:41 PM

JR

Thank you Annette

Joyce Routh - December 14, 2021 at 05:02 PM

ML

“ Michele Longo lit a candle in memory of Timothy B. Steinbrink



Michele Longo - November 17, 2021 at 12:39 PM

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“ My name is Annette Ross (Shinaver) I was friends with Tim's in high-school he was a great guy and friend. He was an awesome breakdancer. He would always ask if I wanted to see his new move, and in the middle of Utica high's hallway He would show me the new move. Everyone would stop and watch. I babysat alot after school. I would ride a different bus home from school and get dropped off where I babysat. One day I heard music, it was Tim breakdancing in his back yard, which was directly behind the house I was at. I was his one person audience until the bus dropped the kids off I was watching. We were all devastated when we heard Tim broke his neck in Florida. I saw Tim last at a class reunion. I was sad to see him in a wheelchair but I was glad he remembered me. Every time I talk about friends in high-school Tim's story always came up. I was just talking about him a couple days ago, come to find out it was the day he passed away! Your story will live on. I will miss you my friend.

*Rest in peace Tim.*

*I will be watching his funeral on the webcast.*

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**Annette Ross (Shinaver)** - November 17, 2021 at 12:07 PM

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“ Annette Ross (Shinaver) lit a candle in memory of Timothy B. Steinbrink



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**Annette Ross (Shinaver)** - November 17, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ Elizabeth lit a candle in memory of Timothy B. Steinbrink



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**Elizabeth** - November 17, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ Julia Racicot lit a candle in memory of Timothy B. Steinbrink



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**Julia Racicot** - November 17, 2021 at 09:00 AM

ML

“ Tim had the most contagious laugh! I have such great memories of Tim, Joyce, Dane (my brother) and I up at Grandma's cabin playing cards, fishing, goofing around...laughing until it hurt. One of my favorite memories of Tim was when we were all playing and I started to feel left out. Like an 8 year old would do, I stormed off and sat on a swing and waited for others to come and find me...but nobody came...until...Tim showed up. He sat with me, talked to me and made me smile and feel loved. Tim had a kind heart. He was always looking out for people that need a little help. He spent his career helping others.

When Tim's accident happened in FL, my mom and dad and I were in FL on Spring Break too. Tim's courage was inspiring. I don't think I really told him the influence he had on me. I shifted my career path to help people with disabilities and learned how to fit people for wheelchairs. In 2010, Tim, Dane and I created a project called The Wheel World Project. Tim shared that he wanted to illustrate how we are all the same, whether we walk or get around in a chair, we all have the same dreams and desires. We followed 6 people in their lives...a boy with Cerebral Palsy shared his trip to a Vikings game, a young man with muscular dystrophy "took us" on a hunting trip and another took us square dancing, A woman lawyer with a spinal cord injury "took us" on a beach vacation etc...As well as being a creative vision for the videos, Tim shared about his own life and his 20/20 vision. 20 years walking and 20 years in a wheelchair. He had a wonderful message and how he was the same person. The video shows his sense of adventure from waterskiing, to sky diving and the impact he made in the community. He was a rock star! Thank you Tim for your spirit, spunkiness and courageous, adventurous attitude. You will be so missed.

Here is the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ufkvp1y6kPA>

*I love you Tim! Always...Michele*

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**Michele Longo** - November 17, 2021 at 12:43 AM

JH

*Thank you so much for sharing this video*

**jayme Kern Hall** - November 17, 2021 at 09:07 AM

ER

*Michele,  
What a beautiful tribute to Tim. I will miss him (and I miss you too).  
Love you,  
Aunt Elizabeth*

**Elizabeth M Racicot** - November 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ *We had so many great times from breakdancing in the mall to you driving all the way here to go to Woodstock. I remember getting you in and out of the car on your bored and you used to scream out loud then start laughing because you couldn't feel a thing and I was freaking out thinking I was hurting you.*



**Julia Racicot** - November 16, 2021 at 06:38 PM

ML

*I love these photos!!! Thanks for sharing your stories - makes me laugh*

**Michele Longo** - November 17, 2021 at 10:30 AM

ER

*Love the pictures and comments.*

**Elizabeth M Racicot** - November 17, 2021 at 10:52 AM

RR

“ *My Nephew Tim*

*My sister Joyce and I were very close. I remember vividly visiting her once when her son Tim seemed to demand all of my attention. “Uncle Ron, I want to show you something,” he said as he pulled me outside. “Watch me,” one of his favorite phrases. He ran to a medium sized tree with spindly branches at the top. He jumped up and quickly climbed that tree, almost to the top where the branches swayed and barely held him. With my heart in my throat, I think I fell in love with that boy that day and for the rest of his life.*

*Then came the phone call: “Ron, Tim’s had an accident and broke his neck.” I flew to Florida to be with my sister and with my injured nephew. I kissed him and cried as he tried to console me! Through the years, Tim’s courage, character, spirit, stamina, friendliness, kindness, love and his smile overshadowed anything I’ve ever done in my life. It always impressed me how Tim helped others, especially those handicapped like himself.*

*Tim is ineffable (too great and beautiful to describe in words). I hope that the grief I feel will pass but the gift of life he has given me will never pass.*

*Ron Racicot*

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**Ron Racicot** - November 16, 2021 at 02:47 PM

ML

*Thanks for sharing your stories Uncle Ron and Elizabeth. Love to you both*

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**Michele Longo** - November 17, 2021 at 10:31 AM

ER

“ *Tim became a quadriplegic after an accident. My two favorite memories of him were his showing up in a red convertible from Michigan to family in Schenectady, NY, using his mouth to drive the car while a nurse sat in the passenger seat; and after rehab returning to teach diving from his wheelchair. He had a great sense of adventure and a wonderful sense of humor. I will miss him.*

Elizabeth M Racicot - November 16, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Timothy B. Steinbrink.*



November 16, 2021 at 11:25 AM

HL

“ *Health First Hospital Div. Leadership purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Timothy B. Steinbrink.*



Health First Hospital Div. Leadership - November 16, 2021 at 10:13 AM

RF

“ *Racicot Family, purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Timothy B. Steinbrink.*



Racicot Family, - November 16, 2021 at 09:10 AM

TB

“ Tony Baldrice lit a candle in memory of Timothy B. Steinbrink



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**Tony Baldrice** - November 15, 2021 at 10:15 PM

TB

“ He was my brother-in-law I was glad to have him live with me and my family as he was my wife's only brother. He didn't Rich our lives with his positive attitude. It was a blessing having him live with us and do they have my children really get to know Uncle Tim. His family will miss him. He added a lot too many people's life Joyce you are a strong woman and a great big sister

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**Tony Baldrice** - November 15, 2021 at 09:48 PM

TB

*He did in Rich Our Lives. Stupid spell check rest in peace Tim*

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**Ron Racicot** - November 16, 2021 at 01:57 PM

JR

*Thank you Uncle Ron*

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**Joyce Routh** - December 14, 2021 at 07:09 PM