



Tom Hopp

November 22, 1939 - August 1, 2023

Tom Hopp, a devoted husband, loving father, and cherished grandfather, passed away peacefully at his residence in Shelby Township, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at the age of 83.

Tom was born on November 22, 1939, in Detroit, Michigan, to his late parents, William and Genevieve Hopp (nee' Gerwatowski). He spent his formative years in Detroit, where he cultivated a love for creativity and the arts. He pursued his passion and graduated with a Bachelor's degree from the College of Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan. He continued his academic journey, earning a Masters's degree from Central Michigan University, solidifying his commitment to excellence in his field.

For an impressive 28 1/2 years, Tom dedicated himself to the students of the L'Anse Creuse School District, serving as a remarkable Commercial Art Teacher at Frederick V. Pankow Center until his well-earned retirement in 2001. Tom's commitment to his students went beyond the classroom, inspiring many young minds to pursue their own artistic passions.

Outside of his professional life, Tom embraced various hobbies and interests. He was an avid hockey fan, with a special place in his heart for the Detroit Red Wings, cheering them on through their victories and defeats. His adventurous spirit led him to enjoy hunting and fishing, as well as traveling to

explore the wonders of the world. However, Tom's most treasured moments were spent surrounded by family. He was a loving husband of 53 years to his devoted wife, Linda (nee' Wilcox) Hopp, and a caring father to his two children, Brad (Lisa) Hopp and Kevin (Melinda) Hopp. His three grandchildren, JC, Jade, and Madison, were a source of immense joy and pride.

Tom's passions extended to community involvement, where he was an active member of the Oakland County Sportsman Club and various Corvette Clubs, indulging his love for these iconic cars. He cherished his faith deeply and, as an adult, contributed his melodious voice to the church choir for an incredible 12 years, showcasing his unwavering devotion to his Catholic beliefs.

The memory of Tom Hopp will forever be etched in the hearts of all who knew him. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, creativity, and a zest for life that inspired and enriched the lives of those around him.

Tom's family and friends will be gathering for a visitation at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica on Sunday, August 6 from 2-8pm.

A gathering and funeral mass will be celebrated on Monday, August 7 at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church 48115 Schoenherr Road (btwn 21-22 Mile) Shelby Township from 9:30am until time of mass 10am.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate At Church

AUG 7. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church
48115 Schoenherr Road
Shelby Twp., MI 48315

Funeral Mass

AUG 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ Yea. He was the "hero" that called me into his office at Pankow in my junior year and called me an asshole to my face, all because I refused to compete in VICA that year. He was a creep.

J. William - January 10, 2025 at 03:20 PM

PK

“ Rest in Peace Mr. Hopp.
You were the absolute best of so many of my teachers and I will never forget your wisdom, guidance, sense of humor and love of Corvettes and Red Wings Hockey. I'm a better artist and person because of you and I thank you for I was one of the rare lucky ones to have you as my Commercial Art instructor for three plus years. But for the person you helped guide my teenage self into I will never forget that! 🙏🙏 Pete

Pete Kelley - January 04, 2024 at 10:06 PM

DW

“ Deanna W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom Hopp.

Deanna W. - August 06, 2023 at 04:50 PM

DW

“ Deanna W. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tom Hopp.



Deanna W. - August 06, 2023 at 04:50 PM



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

August 04, 2023 at 09:10 PM



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



August 04, 2023 at 09:10 PM



“ *I have known Tom since we were fourteen years old. We studied together. We went to many red wing games and he will be greatly missed. Rest in peace old friend.*

patrick battistelli - August 03, 2023 at 05:52 PM



“ *Al, Darlene, Dollie, Rachel and Mo. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Tom Hopp.*



Al, Darlene, Dollie, Rachel and Mo. - August 03, 2023 at 05:11 PM

AM

“ AI, Darlene, Dollie, Rachel and Mo. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom Hopp.

AI, Darlene, Dollie, Rachel and Mo. - August 03, 2023 at 05:11 PM



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

August 03, 2023 at 04:59 PM



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



August 03, 2023 at 04:59 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Tom Hopp.



August 03, 2023 at 04:23 PM

SC

“ Dear Linda and family,

We were deeply saddened to hear about Tom's passing. He always brought joy and laughter with his warm smile and funny stories. We will cherish the memories of him uplifting us whenever he spoke. At St. Peter's Anglican Church, we prayed for him over the years, and we believe he will find eternal peace. May we all be fortunate to be remembered with love as Tom is.

*With heartfelt condolences,
Stephen Della Casa and family*

Stephen Della Casa - August 03, 2023 at 03:12 PM

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“ *I didn't get to see my "Uncle" Tom (he was actually my 2nd cousin) very often but it was always such a joy when I did! He was always so cheerful, would always have a quick chat with me and always was good for stories, smiles and laughter. May you rest in peace Uncle Tom and enjoy your time up there with the family that has gone before you 🙏 Thoughts and prayers sent to all the family during this tough time just remember he still will always be with you*

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Caryn Raszkowski (Kaczmarek) - August 03, 2023 at 02:21 PM

CK

“ *Tom was one of my favorite of many cousins and I have many happy memories from our years together at family outings. Always a smile on his face and I will never forget how he made me Jiffy Pop popcorn when he babysat for me. Love you Tom, Cheryl (or as you always called me "Sherry")*

Cheryl Kaczmarek - August 03, 2023 at 12:02 PM

SP

Well cousin Tom, until we meet again. Many memories through so many years of family get together's. I especially miss our talks at the gym. You were one heck of a guy and will be greatly missed. Much love from Jim and I. Xo 🙏❤️🙏😊

Susan Pylar - August 03, 2023 at 03:29 PM

ER

My condolence to the family from erica e @ work..@ Melinda that best boss ever. Your family is in my prayers

erica - August 03, 2023 at 04:43 PM

DW

My condolences to the Hopp family. My husband and I met the Hopps at a Corvette meeting, we became friends and shared many good times together. Tom always had a smile for you and he was a great guy...we always enjoyed our Corvette outings, parties at their home and even enjoyed a cruise together...he will always be apart of our memories...RIP Tom, we will miss you. Deanna Williams

Deanna Williams - August 06, 2023 at 04:30 PM