



Wilho Allan Tuomaala

September 24, 1937 - July 8, 2025

Wilho Allan Tuomaala was born at home on Sept 24, 1937 in Painesdale, Michigan and died at home in Royal Oak, Michigan on July 8, 2025 at the age of 87. He was the son of Fanny and Matias Tuomaala and brother to Helen Gilbert and Allie Lindstrom.

Growing up in Michigan's upper peninsula, he was influenced by the woodshop teacher at Jeffers High School to forgo his first choice of a career as a carpenter in order to pursue architecture. While serving in the United States Army Corps of Engineers he assisted the base architects at Fort Leonard Wood in south central Missouri.

Following his discharge, he enrolled in the University of Michigan School of Architecture. He spent his summers working aboard the luxury cruise ship Aquarama on the Great Lakes to support his education. He later became a partner in the firm Siegal Tuomaala Associates, which established a reputation across the greater Detroit metro region for designing office buildings, assisted living facilities, and hockey rinks. He inherited his strong drive to work from his father and was never afraid to show up at the office on a weekend.

Allan was impressed the first time he met Linda Quinn at Trainor's Bar on Woodward because she loved architecture and knew who Frank Lloyd Wright

was. Despite being two hours late for their first date (due to a vet emergency for his nephew's dog), they were married several months later.

Both Allan and Linda enjoyed boating and were members of the Detroit Yacht Club, where Al volunteered his expertise to consult on preservation and remediation efforts on numerous occasions. He served as moderator for the First Congregational Church of Royal Oak, where he was a member with his wife. Al also served as a volunteer for the City of Royal Oak's Downtown Development Authority and Historic District Commission and was a charter member of the Finnish Center Association.

While civic life and architecture framed Allan's life, his commitment to his beloved wife and family was the center. He and Linda were a formidable team whether it was navigating health issues, remodeling their homes, or just finding the humor in life. Allan's unshakeable faith and determination provided the inspiration for his family to grow and express themselves as strong individuals.

He was a reserved man of few words, but when he did speak you were smart to listen. If fewer words could be used, he would find a way to use fewer words.

Allan was a good man with strong values who made his contribution in life to his family and everyone lucky enough to have worked with him. He is survived by his wife Linda, daughter Tara, son Glen and daughter-in-law Charlotte, and two grandsons Adrian and Jackson. He will be remembered for his intelligent and dry sense of humor, his unwavering loyalty and support for his family and friends, and his unstoppable work ethic.

Memorial visitation for Allan will be held on Tuesday, July 15, from 3 - 7 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of

Woodward), Royal Oak.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly Upper Michigan Chapter (lbfemichigan.org) or the Royal Oak Salvation Army (centralusa.salvationarmy.org/royaloak).

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 15. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

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“ Deepest sympathies to the entire family in Al's passing. He was a great architect and even greater guy and I have the fondest memories of working with him on the many projects he helped make a reality for Singh Development. One of the best architects I ever had the privilege of working with.
Mike Kahm

Mike Kahm - July 15, 2025 at 02:35 PM

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“ Carol Twedt and Chet Rzonca planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilho Allan Tuomaala.

Carol Twedt and Chet Rzonca - July 14, 2025 at 06:24 PM

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“ Carol Twedt and Chet Rzonca purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Wilho Allan Tuomaala.



Carol Twedt and Chet Rzonca - July 14, 2025 at 06:24 PM

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“ Linda and family, George and I are so sorry to learn of Al's passing. He was indeed a modest man of few words, but perhaps it was because he was a rare good listener. Hope to see you on Tuesday. Again, our deepest sympathy.
George & Dale Camp

George & Dale Camp - July 14, 2025 at 01:00 PM



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

July 13, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Wilho Allan Tuomaala.



July 13, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ Al and his wife Linda were friends of ours at the First Congregational Church of Royal Oak. Our children were of similar ages to theirs and while our husbands worked, Linda and I (both former math teachers) did PTA and volunteered in the Royal Oak public schools. Al was a gifted architect and generously donated his time to our church when architectural expertise was needed. I remember when the decision was made to replace the windows in our entire building and Al did all the work of doing the necessary drawings to select a window replacement company. Our church treasurer did some research of our heating bills before and after the installation of the windows and found that we had saved hundreds of dollars in utility bills with the new windows. Al was quiet and giving of his time and preferred to stay out of the limelight. He was very much appreciated and will be missed. Kathy Howell

Katherine Howell - July 13, 2025 at 04:53 PM



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

July 11, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wilho Allan Tuomaala.



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“ Al was a true gentleman, always thoughtful and honest. He will be missed along with his wonderful Scandinavian style and impressive collection of Eskimo art. My best to his family!
Julie Quinn

Julie Quinn - July 11, 2025 at 01:27 PM