



# Timothy George "Tim" VanderSchaaf

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**T**imothy George "Tim" VanderSchaaf, age 62, of Spring Lake passed away suddenly Sunday, March 11, 2018. He was born April 6, 1955, in Grand Haven to Charles and Ginny (DeWitt) VanderSchaaf, and married Carol Wilson on April 12, 1975.

Tim graduated from Grand Haven High School and worked for the Township of Spring Lake, Department of Public Works Water Department for 25 years. He loved fishing from bluegill in Spring Lake to Salmon in Lake Michigan with his wife and soulmate Carol. There is nothing he loved more than to take people out on his boat and watch them catch fish. In recent years Tim also found a love of knife making which he learned from his good friend Doug Noren. He will be so dearly missed by his family and extended family at Spring Lake Township.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Carol VanderSchaaf of Spring Lake; his daughter, Dawn (Rick) Slagboom of Spring Lake; son, Josh VanderSchaaf of Holland; five grandchildren: Kyle, Chase, Nyda, Jordan, and Brayden; his parents, Ginny and Charles VanderSchaaf of Spring Lake; his sister, Chris (Art) Haas of Fruitport; and brother, Chuck (Tina) VanderSchaaf of Norton Shores; two brother-in-laws, Tom (Evelynn) Wilson, Rick (Elizabeth) Wilson; sister-in-law, Nancy Wilson, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his aunt, Cecilia Rose Wilson, and brother-in-law, Ron Wilson.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, March 16, 2018, at Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services – The Spring Lake Chapel with Rev. Dan Anderson officiating. Friends may meet the family from 1-3 p.m. Friday, at The Spring Lake Chapel (213 E. Savidge Street) Memorial contributions to The NOAH Project are appreciated. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at [www.sytsemafah.com](http://www.sytsemafah.com).



## Events

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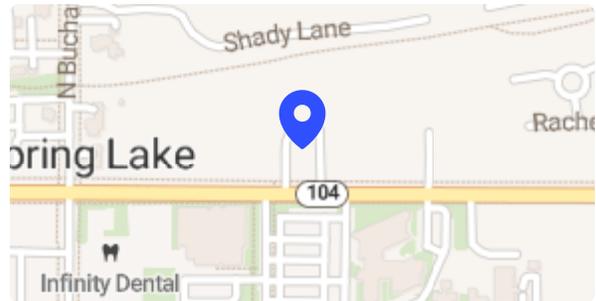
### Visitation

 **Friday**, March 16, 2018

 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Spring Lake Chapel**

213 East Savidge, Spring Lake MI 49456



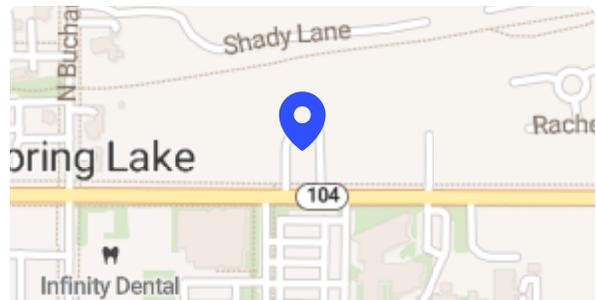
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JM

**Janet Mastenbrook** posted:

Dear Carol and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. We are thinking of you. Mike and Jan Mastenbrook

March 20 at 3:56 AM

NA

**Nancy** posted:

I remember happy times fishing with Tim on the big lake in a big boat & on a small lake in a small boat. A truly special experience fishing with "the best of the best"!!! "Anchored in the harbor upon the sea of peace, Serenity surrounds me with each wave that is released. Calm and peaceful waters, warm embracing winds Billows blowing in life's storm have ceased from coming in. My journey is completed now, the tide is drifting in My vessel moves on gentle waves.... Eternity begins." I will remember you Tim, as gentle, kind, loving, and caring, and the loyal husband, soulmate, and best friend to my beloved sister-in-law Carol. And to your family, Tim, may God wrap his arms around you and comfort you. Love, Nancy Wilson

March 17 at 7:40 AM

TS

**Ted, Emily, Steve, And Susan** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the VanderSchaaf family.



March 16 at 5:53 AM

BS

**Bob And Lou Start** lit a candle in honor of Timothy.



March 15 at 3:29 PM



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**Dan Saul** posted:

So sorry to here of Tim's Passing. He will be miss by all who knew him!Gone Fishin' by Delmar PepperPoet's PagePoemsCommentsStatsShare on FacebookShare on TwitterPoems by Delmar Pepper : 1 / 3 next poem »Gone Fishin' - Poem by Delmar PepperAutoplay next videoI've finished life's chores assigned to me,So put me on a boat headed out to sea.Please send along my fishing poleFor I've been invited to the fishin' hole.Where every day is a day to fish,To fill your heart with every wish.Don't worry, or feel sad for me,I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.We will miss each other for awhile,But you will come and bring your smile.That won't be long you will see,Till we're together you and me.To all of those that think of me,Be happy as I go out to sea.If others wonder why I'm missin'Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'Dan & Tena Saul

March 15 at 10:13 AM



**Mary Ann Willoughby** posted:

So sorry for your loss Carol and Family. He was a great guy and will be missed. May God be with you and yours.

March 15 at 7:04 AM



**Denise North** lit a candle in honor of Timothy.



March 14 at 5:33 PM



**Pat Maki** posted:

Dearest Carol and Family,Our hearts go out to you during this unfortunate time..I have such good memories of Tim and won't ever forget his kindness...so sorry.In sympathy and love, Pat and Shirl

March 14 at 3:31 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the VanderSchaaf family.



March 14 at 2:07 PM



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**Marvin Jenkins** posted:

Thoughts and prayers to Tim's family. Marv Jenkins

March 14 at 9:28 AM



**Gary & Vonnie Mayse** posted:

Keeping you close in prayer. Tim will be missed by many. 🙏

March 13 at 4:43 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Timothy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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