



Thomas F. Ward

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Mr. Thomas Ward, age 76, of Grand Haven passed away Tuesday, June 14, 2022. He was born on February 11, 1946, in East St. Louis and moved to Michigan when he was 4. On July 19, 1986, he married Sandra Szymanski in Spring Lake.

Thomas was a Marine veteran having served during Vietnam. He was a police officer for 35 years and worked for the City of Muskegon, Muskegon County and for the last 25 years for Ferrysburg and Spring Lake police departments retiring in 2002. He is a past member of the American Legion Post 28 and the Fraternal Order of Police. Thomas was a wonderful storyteller, dog and animal lover who will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; two daughters, Kristen Wright of Middleville, and Torre (Scott) Walper of Allendale; stepson, Lewis Szymanski of Twin Lake; three granddaughters, Nevaeh, Sarae, and Jazmine; siblings: Linda, Debbie, Gary, Steve, and Nancy; many nieces and nephews; and former wife, Janet Stutzman. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Ward.

In keeping with Thomas's wishes a private family service will take place at the funeral home. Interment will take place in Norton Cemetery. Memorial contributions in memory of Thomas maybe given to The [Wounded Warrior Project](#) or [Harbor Humane Society](#). Please sign the family's online guestbook at <http://www.sytsemafh.com>.



Events

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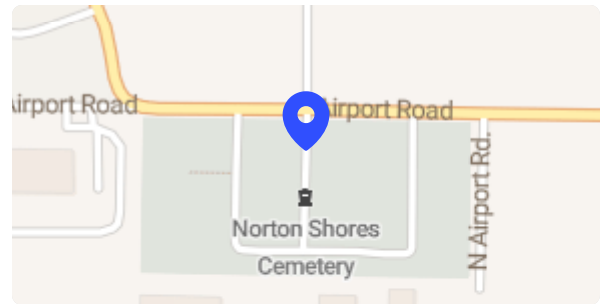
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Cemetery Details



Norton Cemetery

743-761 Airport Rd., Norton Shores MI 49441





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JB

Judith Buchalski posted:

Dear Sandy, Torre and JanIt was wonderful to sit with you, and listen to the shared memories as you prepared for Tom's service. We feel so fortunate to have been in Michigan during that important time. Of course we are proud to contribute to Wounded Warriors in Tom's memory. You are all in our hearts, and we send our love. Judy and Dennis

June 26 at 10:34 AM

PB

Paula Ballard posted:

Rest in peace our dear Tom. Our family will always remember your funny jokes and quips. Also your long Entertaining stories and you chasing us around with your camcorder. "Don't camera me". You were a wonderful brother-in-law and uncle. I hope the puppies were waiting to say hi as you entered heaven.

June 16 at 8:48 AM

TA

Teri Aldrich lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



June 15 at 12:08 PM

DB

Dana Beekman posted:

What a sad day. I enjoyed working the road with Tom in SL years ago and running into him around GH. Sandy please let our department know if you need anything!

June 15 at 6:01 AM

JA

Jack Adams posted:

What a great guy and fellow police officer. Always friendly, smiling, reliable and respected. Tom wore his police uniform like the proud Marine he was. His calm demeanor was reflected in his compassion for everyone from traffic stops to homicides. It's a sad day. On behalf of all the officers in Ottawa County, our sincere condolences to his family. He will be missed and always remembered.

June 14 at 5:06 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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