



Thomas E. "Tom" Bell

June 7, 1951 - June 24, 2020

Thomas E. Bell, age 69, passed away early Wednesday morning, June 24, 2020. He was born on June 7, 1951 to Oran and Frances (Hughson) Bell in Muskegon, MI. He was a faithful servant of the Lord and was a member at St. Luke Lutheran Church. Tom was a dedicated employee at American Coil Spring as a machine operator until he retired in 2006. On May 9, 1981 he married the love of his life Leah Carr in Muskegon, MI. Together they cherished 39 years of memories filled with love and laughter. Tom had a passion for museums and loved being a volunteer on the Milwaukee Clipper. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and spent every opening morning at his favorite spot, Harper Swamp. He always wanted to be remembered by the unconditional love that he had for his children and grandchildren. His easy going, generous and compassionate personality. He was the type of man who would always put others first and was always dependable. Tom also had a strong-willed personality that was balanced with a jokester like sense of humor. His comforting and loving nature towards others will truly be missed. He is survived by his wife, Leah Bell; 2 children, William (Leigha) Bell and Nicole (Ken) Boroff; 4 grandchildren, Jacob Bell, Kenneth, Kenadi and Linken Boroff; 2 brothers, James (Pearl) Robertson and Robert Robertson; sister, Jo Ann Bogue; dear friends and family; and his loving dog, Maggie. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law, Linda Robertson. A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 11:00AM at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 17122 2nd St., Nunica, MI 49448. A limited visitation will be held one-hour prior. A limited visitation with the family will be held from 6-8:00PM on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, 49444. A burial will follow the service at Oakwood Cemetery in Holton Township. Memorial contributions in Tom's honor can be made direct to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. Share memories with the family online at www.sytsemaf.com.

Cemetery

Events

Holton - Oakwood Cemetery

Holton, MI,

JUN 30 **Limited Size Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

The Lee Chapel

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI, US, 49444

JUL 1 **Limited Size Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

St. Luke Lutheran Church - Nunica

11261 South St., Nunica, MI, US

JUL 1 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas E. "Tom" Bell.



June 30 at 01:48 PM



“ Uncle Jim&Aunt Bonnie and families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas E. "Tom" Bell.



Uncle Jim&Aunt Bonnie and families - June 30 at 08:13 AM



“ One the the kindest men we have ever met. Over the years our girls were inseparable friends and I will always remember the many many school events and softball games we sat and hollered at together. I will miss running into you at Lakeside Cafe at breakfast. Our love and prayers are with your family, RIP my friend.

David L Way - June 29 at 10:35 AM



“ David and Katie Way purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Thomas E. "Tom" Bell.



David and Katie Way - June 29 at 10:20 AM



“ Love JoAnn and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Thomas E. "Tom" Bell.



Love JoAnn and family - June 29 at 09:01 AM



“ Remember the days of our being neighbors and going out on the boat with Tom and Leah. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Julie Burke

Julie Burke - June 28 at 05:45 PM



“ I was saddened to read of Tom's death. The description of his personality in the obituary matches my fond memory of him when I was his Pastor beginning in the 1980's: his kindness, his style of humor, and his commitment to his family. I gratefully remember a visit to Frankenmuth with him and Leah (my first) as well as his organizing a Bon Voyage Party for me when I went to Europe for the first time.

My condolences to Leah, their children, and all who knew and loved Tom. "May he rest in peace and rise in glory."

Kenneth Michnay
Former Pastor, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Muskegon

Kenneth Michnay - June 28 at 04:25 PM



“ I had the privilege of working with Tom on the Clipper. He was a happy person in spite of his physical disabilities, and he was a premier restorer and painter on the ship. Everything he did was quality work, and he has been sorely missed by volunteers like me who knew him well, and enjoyed working with him. He always had a big smile on his face and a kind word. Bless you and rest in peace, my friend.

Ray Hilt
Milwaukee Clipper Museum Curator

Ray Hilt - June 28 at 01:33 AM



“ I worked with Leah for years at Kmart 4428. Tom would come in very often and he would always start up a conversation. Such a nice man. My condolences to the family.

Paula - June 27 at 08:05 AM



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June 26 at 06:21 PM



“ I find it hard to believe that you are gone . From Tonka trucks to cars and girls you were a true friend !
RIP Tom
Ted Muskovin

Ted Muskovin - June 26 at 04:52 PM



“ Some of the best memories I've had with Tom were midnight Meijer shopping trips, him singing 'people are strange' by the Styx to me, taking Nicole and I places in the aero van where I pretended we were boarding a plane and always being there for all our softball games. He was a great man and will be missed by so many people. My heart is with you Nicole and Bill.

michele gill - June 26 at 03:51 PM



“ Tom has been part of our family for over 18 years. He has been to every event that we have had. He always smiled, told jokes. Showed us the Milwaukee Clipper. He was so proud of that. He would help anyone that needed it and just loved his family. He will truly be missed. But he is up in heaven with God and smiling down at us. We love you Tom!
Love Ken and Crystal Boroff

Crystal L Boroff - June 26 at 11:22 AM