



Thomas "Tom" Pendergrass

April 2, 1935 - February 4, 2019

July 31, 2019 obituary -

Thomas "Tom" Pendergrass, 83, of Lincoln Township died Monday, February 04, 2019, at the Royalton Manor in Royalton Township.

A family and friends Celebration of Life will be held at Island Pointe Marina Clubhouse (434 Anchors Way, St. Joseph) Aug. 4, from 12-4PM, resort casual wear suggested. Food and drinks will be served along with fond memories. Stop by for a few minutes or the whole afternoon. Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Tom was born on April 2, 1935 in Campbell, MO. to Thomas and Marie Pendergrass. He married his wife, Gerry, in 1956 and together they have celebrated 62 years of marriage. He retired from Gast Manufacturing in 1994 as a supervisor after 30 years of employment. Tom loved golfing, family camping and traveling with his wife. He was a neat guy and a very talented model builder of boats and lighthouses.

His family includes his wife, Gerry; his sons, Thomas "Mike" (Karen) Pendergrass of Los Flores, CA, Marc (Julie) Pendergrass of Morrisville, NC and Timothy (Kim) Pendergrass of Lake Forest, CA; his brother, Wesley Pendergrass of Noblesville, IN; his 4 grandchildren and his 2 great grandchildren.

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Services celebrating his life will be held at a later date. Please watch for the announcement. Cremation has taken place and burial of the ashes will be at Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Lincoln Township. Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation. Arrangements are by the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Please share messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.

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Cemetery Details

Hickory Bluff Cemetery

4312 Cleveland Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

AUG 4. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Island Pointe Marina Clubhouse
434 Anchors Was
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Tribute Wall

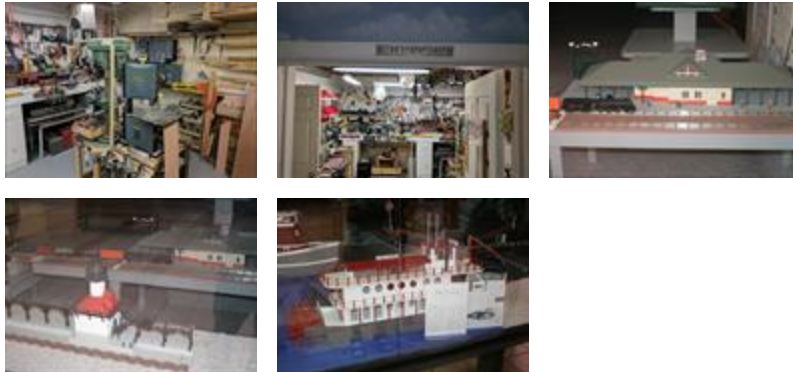


“ Tom (my dad) was a VERY intelligent man. In our phone conversation on Christmas Eve 2018, we mentioned that we were looking at the St. Joseph Pier webcam and all the snow/ice on the catwalk. Tom said, "I built that catwalk," referring to the model he built of the St. Joseph Pier. Tom was proud of his work and rightly so as you can see in the photos of the models he built. Tom's grandchildren (Thomas and Jean MARIE) are very intelligent, successful young adults and we always tell them, "You inherited your brains from Papa (Tom)."

Mike Pendergrass - March 04, 2019 at 11:34 AM



“ 20 files added to the album Tom's Handywork



Mike Pendergrass - March 03, 2019 at 06:24 PM



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Mike Pendergrass - March 03, 2019 at 06:23 PM



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Tim Pendergrass - March 01, 2019 at 10:42 AM



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Mike Pendergrass - February 16, 2019 at 05:35 PM

JF

“ Dear Geri ... my sincere condolences to you and your children with Tom's passing. I just this morning discovered Tom had passed earlier this month. I feel so shocked that I didn't know. Tom and you have been such wonderful friends especially in the past few years when you both would be able to be at our "54 BHHS breakfasts" How we will miss seeing Tom. We hope you will be able to come and visit with us on those special times
. Good friends ... God's special blessings for you.

Janet Frazier - February 13, 2019 at 04:04 PM

LO

“ Gerry & family,

Tom was a great friend to our dad, Richard Berends. We are sorry for your loss.

- Lori, Stacy and Craig

lori - February 12, 2019 at 03:30 PM

MD

“ Gerry,

Thank you for the honor of knowing Tom and you.

He will be missed.

You were a faithful friend to him.

Mary Jane Davenport

Mary Jane Davenport - February 11, 2019 at 12:27 AM

MS

“ Back in the 1970's I lived next door to Tom and Gerry. Tom was a great neighbor, always friendly and fun to talk to. I had two little boys who were 2 and 4 at the time this story took place. We had a seven foot tall fence around our backyard and my boys were playing there when I went in the house and down the basement to take a load of clothes out of the washer and put them in the dryer. I also took some clothes out of the dryer and folded a few items when I heard the doorbell ring. I ran upstairs, opened the front door, and there was Tom holding my three year old like a sack of potatoes. He said, "I found him on my roof. He was planning to fly off". Philip, my son, was wearing his superman costume that I had made for the previous Halloween. :In that short time, he had climbed the fence and gotten onto the roof of Tom's shed and evidently flown off the shed. Then he saw Tom's triangular television antenna which was planted in the ground next to his house. Philip climbed the antenna and was running around on top of Tom's house. Tom was home for lunch and heard the unusual sounds up above, went outside in his back yard, only to find Philip on the edge of his roof. Needless to say, both of the boys' supermen suits got thrown in the trash that day.

Thank God for a great neighbor!

Marlene Bruno Smith

Marlene Smith - February 09, 2019 at 03:32 PM

MD

*Thanks for sharing, Marlene.
What a great neighbor.*

Mary Jane Davenport - February 11, 2019 at 12:24 AM

RS

“ Geri so sorry to read of Tom's passing. God be with you. Kathy Splese

Ronald Splese - February 07, 2019 at 06:53 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Tom's family at this time. He will be modded by many, haveing coffee at Martin's and his boats at the mall" Rubin Isom*

Rubin Isom - February 07, 2019 at 03:41 PM

SV

“ *To all of Gerry & Tom's Family ... Friends to many to list! All of us at Indian Lake Hills will miss Tom and Gerry. I could tell when he came out, he enjoyed watching and heckling the Gast League teeing off. He was a striker in his day and we're so happy to be a part of his life that brought him such pride (on a good day!) and humility (on a bad day!).*

Susy Vanderburg - February 07, 2019 at 01:53 PM

JP

“ *What a sweet and gentle man. Great neighbor. Had a beautiful yard always. Outgoing and always friendly. Talented in so many ways. Joan Kuhn Peden*

Joan Kuhn Peden - February 07, 2019 at 11:14 AM

MS

“ *Gerry and family, I just saw you husbands obit on line and am so sorry for your loss. Il don't know if you were at our 60th reunion and I wasn't at last summer's luncheon, so I missed seeing you. I know that your children will take good care of you and God will watch over you all. My sincere condolences to you. Mary Te Roller Stewart.*

Mary Te Roller Stewart - February 06, 2019 at 05:43 PM

Jl

“ *A good neighbor !*

jim - February 06, 2019 at 09:16 AM