



## Thomas "Tom" Saunders Jr.

February 12, 1955 - December 30, 2021

Thomas "Tom" Saunders, Jr., 66, of Coloma, died Thursday, December 30, 2021 at his home.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 4:00 PM on Thursday, January 6, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township with Rev. Eugene French officiating. The visitation will begin at 3:00 PM on Thursday at the Fairplain Chapel in Benton Township. There will be a gathering of friends and family after the service at the Coloma FOP on Angling Road in Coloma. Cremation will follow the service. Please share messages or memories at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Tom was born on February 12, 1955 in St. Joseph to Thomas, Sr. and Donabell Saunders. He was graduate of Benton Harbor High School. Tom married his wife, Tina Whitright, in 1974 and together they have celebrated 47 years of marriage. He just recently retired from LECO Corp where he was kiln operator after 47 years of employment. Tom enjoyed working at LECO and loved his LECO family of coworkers. They became his second family. He also liked automobiles especially classic and muscle cars. His first love was his family including his grandchildren which he dearly loved and he enjoyed participating in their activities.

His family includes his wife, Tina; his children, Thomas E. Saunders, III, of

Benton Harbor, Melissa Saunders of Coloma, Amy (Justin) Povilaitis of Vicksburg and Megan (William) Reynolds of Vicksburg; his 2 sisters, Darlene Hamman of Mishawaka, IN and Lillian Jones of St. Louis, MO and his 9 grandchildren, Tyler, Jayden, Jazmine, Cassidy, Aubrey, Delanie, Mason, Delilah and Grayson. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Suzanne, in 1982 and his sister, Carol Hora, in 2003.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 926-7222  
staff@florin.net

## Service Celebrating His Life

JAN 6. 4:00 PM (ET)

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1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
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## Gathering of friends and relatives

JAN 6. 5:00 PM (ET)

Fraternal Order of Police  
3470 Angling Road  
Coloma, MI 49038

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for you and your kids loss. He was a one of a kind man. I know that I had to have met Tom that one time I was in MI when I was around 5 as I spent time with Tina, but at such a young age, I do not remember specific interactions. I do know that my sister loved him, he loved her and they were married when I was 2 months old. Marriages only last that long when 2 people truly love each other.

*May you find comfort in knowing that he is able to rest easy, no longer constrained to the physical body of this life on earth, knowing your husband/dad is now fulfilling his role in Heaven.*

*Now you and your kids have 2 guardian angels watching over you, and although nothing will ever replace or fill the space of them physically being here with you, I hope having them watch over you and your family will bring you some comfort as you move through the grief process in the coming days, weeks months and years.*

*Much love for you and your family during this time my friend.*

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**lesha Young-Chapa** - January 07, 2022 at 02:55 PM

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“ I’m so sorry, Tina & all the family, you’re all in my thoughts and prayers and sending hugs & love also to you all! 🙏



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**Pam Priess Morrison** - January 07, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Saunders Jr..*



January 06, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Saunders Jr..*



January 05, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ *Britney Bruce purchased the Spirit - Memorial Globe Candle Holder for the family of Thomas "Tom" Saunders Jr..*



**Britney Bruce** - January 04, 2022 at 03:31 PM