



Tom Allen Wilder

August 5, 1949 - April 30, 2012

Tom Allen Wilder, 62, of Benton Harbor died Monday, April 30, 2012, at the Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 11 AM on Friday, May 4, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Benton Harbor. Family will receive friends and relatives from 5 PM to 8 PM on Thursday at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor. Cremation will follow the service.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Benton Harbor. Please leave memories, messages and photos at www.florin.net.

Tom was born August 5, 1949 in Benton Harbor to Raymond and Ilene Wilder. He married his wife, Erika, on June 26, 1970 in Benton Harbor and together they celebrated 41 years of marriage. He retired in 2003 and was a Master Plumber and Pipefitter and was a member of Local 166. Tom graduated with the 1968 class of Benton Harbor High School and was a proud alumnus. He attended Lake Michigan College for the Plumber's Apprenticeship Program and became a Master Plumber and Pipefitter Welder. During his employment he worked at numerous power plants. Tom was very proud of his trade and enjoyed meeting people "on the road" many of which became his friends. Tom loved spending time with his family both immediate and extended. He was especially proud of his sons and what they have accomplished. Tom also enjoyed having his grandchildren around and watching them play.

He is survived by his wife, Erika; his mother, Ilene Wilder; his children, Allen (Peggy) Wilder of Sanford, FL, Brian (Julie) Wilder of Stevensville, and Nicholas (Carrie) Wilder of Benton Harbor; his brothers, Steven (Char) Wilder of Benton Harbor and Rodney (Sylvia) Wilder of St. Joseph; his sister, Karen (Michael) Kasischke of St. Joseph; his grandchildren, Austin, Andreas, Alex, Easton, and Lucas Wilder; his uncle, Francis (Martha) Wilder; his great aunts, Irene Feller and Darlene Adams; nephew, Steven; nieces, Jori, Kelley, and Jessica; and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond J. Wilder and his grandparents, Edwin and Evelyn Wilder and Florence and Max Kelley

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1965 Broadway
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Tribute Wall

AW

“ Gramps,
I miss you so much, I can't believe it's been over 12 years since your passing. I keep finding all your sports records in the Herald Palladium archives, and even a few stories I never knew about. I miss seeing you and having grilled cheeses with you and I really wish you could've been there all these years. But I am glad that you are no longer in pain, I hope your hitting homers and bowling with Jesus.
Love, Dre

Andreas Wilder - July 20, 2024 at 12:19 AM

ST

“ Erika & all the Wilder families,
My friend from Baptism & Sunday school to Little League baseball games & vacations at Dewey Lake. We've talked about our health, reflected on life & the love for our families.
I will miss you, my friend.
Susie (Froberg) Topp, Mike, Betty & all the Froberg families

Susan & Michael Topp - May 11, 2012 at 11:35 AM

DM

“ I will always remember the great times our family's shared together growing up. The trips to Dewey Lake. The pool party's that Eilene (Mrs. Wilder) would have for the kids. The baseball games. Tommy you cold throw a baseball threw a brick wall. I should know, I was one of the few who would get back behind the plate to catch him. Later the card games , with all the guys. You would draw that ace, and give us that high pitched laugh. You were a big teddy bear, my prayers and condolences go out to the Wilder family.

David Machemer

David Machemer - May 06, 2012 at 10:41 PM

AB

“ Arnie And Nancy Bunkley lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder



Arnie and Nancy Bunkley - May 04, 2012 at 02:10 PM

RK

“ I was so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. I remember the fun family reunions on Little Paw Paw Lake when we were young and carefree.

May your memories of all the great times give you comfort.

Randee (vollrath) Kurth

Randalyn R Kurth - May 04, 2012 at 10:19 AM

BD

“ Dear Erika, Allen, Brian, Nicholas, Ilene, Steve, Rod, Karen, and Families:

Our condolences to you on the loss of your husband, father, son, and brother. We just heard the sad news last evening--too late to attend the visitation in person and pay our respects. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Growing up on Messner Drive, my memories of Tom always include a gentle, smiling person. May your sadness be somewhat lessened by your wonderful memories.

Steve and Becky (Fields) Doak

Becky Doak - May 04, 2012 at 08:54 AM

RO

“ *I remember in grade school attending one of Tom's birthday party's. It was so much fun, and his mother kept all us boys in line. Tom was also a great athlete growing up. His ability to throw a baseball at an early age was unmatched. In ninth grade football, he was also a strong running back. But, as big and strong as Tom was, he had a great sense of humor and a tender heart. He will be missed.*

Richard Oberheu - May 04, 2012 at 08:29 AM

NA

“ *Nancy lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder*



Nancy - May 04, 2012 at 06:42 AM

RF

“ Rod And Sylvia Wilder Family lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder



Rod and Sylvia Wilder Family - May 03, 2012 at 09:13 PM



“ Linda {Huff} lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder



Linda {Huff} - May 03, 2012 at 08:39 PM

GH

“ Gisela Holtz lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder



Gisela Holtz - May 03, 2012 at 06:48 PM

CL

“ Christie Latz lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder



Christie Latz - May 03, 2012 at 06:16 PM

CL

“ *Christie Latz lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder*



Christie Latz - May 03, 2012 at 06:16 PM

LM

“ *Lindsay Morlock lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder*



Lindsay Morlock - May 03, 2012 at 03:39 PM

CR

“ *Chris Ramer lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder*



Chris Ramer - May 03, 2012 at 12:37 PM



“ *Lori Faust lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder*



Lori Faust - May 03, 2012 at 12:28 PM

JM

“ Joel And Marla Mashke lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder



Joel and Marla Mashke - May 03, 2012 at 11:41 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tom Allen Wilder.



May 03, 2012 at 10:37 AM

CU

“ Cindy Frantz Unrath lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder



Cindy Frantz Unrath - May 03, 2012 at 08:55 AM



“ Janis Smith lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder



Janis Smith - May 03, 2012 at 08:40 AM

LM

“ Erika, prayers are with you and your family
Tom is in heaven a perfect place.



Lisa Marie Martin - May 03, 2012 at 08:17 AM



“ lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder



May 03, 2012 at 07:44 AM

DM

“ David And Paula Morlock lit a candle in
memory of Tom Allen Wilder



David and Paula Morlock - May 03, 2012 at 07:40 AM

DM

Erika, Sorry for you loss. Praying for you and your family. David and
Paula

David and Paula Morlock - May 03, 2012 at 07:43 AM

DW

“ *Dan Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder*



Dan Whitaker - May 03, 2012 at 05:46 AM

EW

“ *Erika Wilder lit a candle in memory of Tom Allen Wilder*



Erika Wilder - May 02, 2012 at 10:02 PM

SD

“ *Erika and all,*

We share in your loss of Tom. We are sorry that we are unable to attend the service. Know that we have been praying for all of you and will continue to do so. We have so many fond memories of all the Wilder family! Each one a blessing! May the Lord be your strength and comfort now and always.

Love,

Steve & Sally Dennison and family

Steve & Sally Dennison - May 02, 2012 at 08:59 PM

VS

“ *Ericka; so sorry to hear about Tom. My thoughts are with you.*
Virginia Lewis Scheuer

Virginia Lewis Scheuer - May 02, 2012 at 12:23 PM

MG

“ *Marika Guse lit a candle in memory of Tom*
Allen Wilder



Marika Guse - May 02, 2012 at 10:00 AM

MG

“ *Dear Aunt Erika and family,*
We are so very sorry to hear of Uncle Tom's passing and our
prayers and thoughts are with you and your family we will all miss
him very much!!!

Love Marika, Paul, Alyssa, Sam
Katie and Alex

Marika Guse - May 02, 2012 at 09:58 AM