



## Theodore Thomas Okasinski

March 8, 1941 - September 6, 2025

Theodore Thomas “Tom” Okasinski, age 84, of Plymouth, passed away peacefully on September 6, 2025.

Born March 8, 1941, in Detroit, Michigan, Tom was the son of Thaddeus Joseph Okasinski and Ann Otylia (Plaszczewski) Okasinski. He grew up with his sister, Marcia Ann Newton, and cherished the many outings he shared with his Uncle Henry to baseball and football games.

A gifted student and athlete, Tom attended Mackenzie High School, where he excelled in academics, became a member of the National Honor Society, and lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. He went on to study civil engineering at Ohio State University, where he also participated in the ROTC program. Upon his graduation in 1964, Tom was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy.

During his service, he rose to the rank of Commander and served as staff intelligence officer for Amphibious Squadron Two, stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. He was honorably discharged in October 1969 and returned home to further his education at Wayne State University, earning a degree in urban planning.

While at Wayne State, Tom joined the International Supper Club, where he met the love of his life, Terise Attard. They were married on November 3, 1972, and built a beautiful life together. Tom is survived by his devoted wife, Terise; their sons, Stephen “Steve” Okasinski and Theodore “Ted” Okasinski; and his beloved grandson, Thaddeus M. Okasinski.

Tom and Terise became active members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in 1992. They enjoyed summers at Long Lake with family, trips to Malta to visit her relatives, a religious pilgrimage to Poland, and yearly winter getaways to Florida. Tom also gave back to his community through his volunteer work at Angela Hospice, where he was proud to support the We Honor Veterans program.

He will be remembered as a man of faith, integrity, and kindness—deeply loved and respected by family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Visitation Tuesday, September 16th 5-8 PM with a 7 PM Rosary at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth.

In state Wednesday, September 17th 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

Tom will be laid to rest at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. <https://www.stjude.org/>

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# Cemetery Details

## St. Hedwig Cemetery

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 16. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## Rosary

SEP 16. 7:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
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## In state

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church  
47650 N Territorial Rd  
Plymouth, MI 48170-2852  
(734) 453-0326

## Funeral Mass

SEP 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Vermeulen Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Theodore Thomas Okasinski



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**Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home** - September 16, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ I served with Tom for a couple of years on our ship off the coast of Vietnam. He kept the engines running so we could fulfill our mission. I am proud to have served with Tom. May he rest in peace.

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**Joe Mayer** - December 27, 2025 at 10:20 PM

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“ Cousin Tom is a man of faith and purpose. Even though he had health challenges of his own, he volunteered to be the advocate for Auntie Wanda's finances when she became unable to care for herself. As "the oldest cousin", he had a deep sense of responsibility for others. He loved his Faith, his Country, his Family. We will miss him.

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**Linda Okasinski** - September 14, 2025 at 12:24 PM

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*Theodore Okasinski was a shipmate on the USS Lynde McCormick DDG-8. We are saddened to to hear his passing. As the President of the USS Lynde McCormick's All Hands Reunion Association, I would like to express our condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed. Rest In Peace.*

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**Barry Hardman** - April 20 at 06:15 PM