



## Thomas G. Bliznick

May 24, 1940 - March 7, 2021

Bliznick, Thomas G., March 7, 2021 Age 80 of Oak Park. Beloved brother of Judith (Frank) Koontz of Lafayette, Indiana. Dear uncle of Theresa Wilcox and Christine (Dan) Isbell. Tom was born in Detroit and graduated from Cooley High School in 1958. He attended Lawrence Institute of Technology, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Upsilon fraternity. Tom served in the U.S. Army from September of 1963 until September of 1965 with a tour of duty in Germany. He was employed at Ford Motor Co. more than 55 years, retiring in 2018 at the age of 78. He was a materials engineer at Ford's Central Lab in Dearborn and was a member of UAW Local 1970. He was active in the Gaelic League of Detroit Irish American Club and in planning the city's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Detroit and also attended daily Mass at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak, where was a member of several prayer groups. Funeral Mass Friday, March 26th 10 AM at the National Shrine of the Little Flower, 2100 12 Mile Road/Woodward, Royal Oak, MI 48073. Gathering will be from 9:30-10 AM. Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery. Arrangements by Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to CRS-Catholic Relief Services, 228 West Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfh.com](http://vermeulenfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St Hedwig Cemetery

23755 Military Road  
Dearborn Heights, MI

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

MAR 26. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Catholic Church  
2100 West 12 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

## Funeral Mass

MAR 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Catholic Church  
2100 West 12 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas G. Bliznick*

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December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *We were very sorry to hear, just today, of Tom's passing. He will always be remembered as a very fine Christian man possessed of great intellect and humor, a comrade in the love of cars and immediate friend to all who encountered him. I thought he would pursue his career forever and enjoy a long life, but we all hang by a thread here. May he enjoy eternal peace in the hands of our Lord. Sadly missed, he is. May his memory be with us always.*

*Dean Russell*

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**Dean Russell** - April 29, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas G. Bliznick.*



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March 25, 2021 at 11:51 AM

DF

“ Tom had discipline like no other man. I remember he walk with William Cunningham and Focus Hope. I also remember his fraternity brother Bob Bowden teasing him for the 'foreign' Ford car he drove. Tom supported the Tamahara (sp) Indian cause from Mexico. Tom and I were at opposite ends of the political spectrum. He was a Bob Schlaff liberal. Bob and Tom were good men who always put their best foot forward for their Fraternity, Phi Kappa Upsilon. He will be missed.

*Dean Fitzpatrick (brother)*

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dean fitzpatrick - March 23, 2021 at 02:00 PM

PF

“ Phi Kappa Upsilon Fraternity purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Thomas G. Bliznick.



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Phi Kappa Upsilon Fraternity - March 22, 2021 at 02:21 PM

TO

“ Well ... what can I say other than I will miss my pledge brother's comfortable laugh and friendly counsel and advice. Tom was one of those rare people - a true gentleman - he did not make enemies, had a calming presence, and never wore a scowl. Time has separated us but pleasant memories of over 60 years will carry on. I always reminded him that I was his "older brother" by about a month and a half in age. I will toast his memory with a Guinness and I will have another glass by my side to remind me of Tom.

*I will miss you my brother,*

*Tom O'Connor  
Pledge Class of 1960.  
Phi Kappa Upsilon Fraternity*

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**Thomas O'Connor** - March 22, 2021 at 10:18 AM

DD

“ Tom was active in the Phi Kappa Upsilon Fraternity at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. I enjoyed our conversations during our monthly alumni meetings at The Castle when he would share stories from his days in school along with current activities at work and into retirement. His calm, measured manner of speaking reminded me to take things slow while enjoying the moment that each of us shared in common fraternal friendship. I am proud to have known Tom for the past 35 years.

*David Darbyshire  
Phi Kappa Upsilon Fraternity*

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**David A Darbyshire** - March 22, 2021 at 08:22 AM

JB

“ I met Tom when we were both Freshmen at Thomas M. Cooley High School in Detroit and in the same Study Hall. As many have already said he was a great guy to talk with. We talked on the phone in December and I was looking forward to being able to see him again this summer after a year of Covid-19 lockdown. Rest in Peace my friend. You will be missed by many.

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**Jerry Bloom** - March 21, 2021 at 01:32 PM

AD

“ I have known Tom since the 5th grade at Cadillac School. He was a kind and thoughtful friend who helped me adjust to public school. Over the years we kept in touch. I am very sorry that he left us so soon and will miss our get-togethers. Armando Delicato



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**Armando Delicato** - March 21, 2021 at 08:13 AM

GA

“ "Corduroy" Tom, as he was known around deer camp for his signature pants he always wore, will be missed all that had the pleasure to share his company.

*Your friends from the Trophy Hunters Lodge and The Boors Nest in northern Michigan*



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**Gary** - March 17, 2021 at 01:36 PM

PA

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Paula** - March 16, 2021 at 08:06 AM

LP

“ Tom had a great devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. He would in past years join us at the old Marian Center in Detroit. I just recently ran into Tom at a procession in downtown Detroit. Had a nice take as we both walked together. Great soft spoken gentleman. He will be missed. Better for heaven for sure. I will be adding his name to the mass intentions at Our lady of Fatima Shrine in Riverview for May 1, 2021 at the 8 a.m. God Rest His Soul.

*Leonard St. Pierre*

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**Leonard St. Pierre** - March 16, 2021 at 07:00 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas G. Bliznick.



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March 15, 2021 at 08:28 PM

SR

“ Tom was my oldest male cousin. My husband and I always enjoyed his company. I usually made polish dinners and invite Tom to join us. My husband ,Dan and Tom could talk all night about Ford Motor Co. They both enjoyed beer and Tom would find all different types to bring over and share. This past year we had missed seeing him. May you rest in peace Tom. Love Cousin Sue and Dan

Suzanne Rarog - March 14, 2021 at 12:03 AM

MK

“ My sincerest condolences and deepest sympathy to Tom’s family. Tom was my coworker and friend. He was for me a special person, like my older brother. He was deeply knowledgeable and ready to help anybody who came for his advice. He was very humble and deeply spiritual. He was a good psychologist, he always noticed when I had any problem and was ready to help. He impacted the world in so many important ways. It is too bad he left so early and could not enjoy his retirement longer. May God give him good and peaceful rest.  
Maria Korcek



Maria Korcek - March 13, 2021 at 08:53 PM

CG

“ Cathe Gurski lit a candle in memory of Thomas G. Bliznick



Cathe Gurski - March 12, 2021 at 08:36 PM

CL

“ Tom, you were a great mentor to me and you're a big reason why I work in a lab. Thank you for all of the years of great conversation and training. May you rest in peace. GOD BLESS!



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**Charlie Lin** - March 10, 2021 at 02:56 PM

DF

*Tom had discipline like no other man. I remember he walk with William Cunningham and Focus Hope. I also remember his fraternity brother Bob Bowden teasing him for the 'foreign' Ford car he drove. Tom supported the Tamahara (sp) Indian cause from Mexico. Tom and I were at opposite ends of the political spectrum. He was a Bob Schlaff liberal. Bob and Tom were good men who always put their best foot forward for their Fraternity, Phi Kappa Upsilon. He will be missed.*

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**dean fitzpatrick** - March 22, 2021 at 07:41 AM

DL

*I grew up with Tom and his sister Judy on Marlowe St. in Detroit. Was one of the young kids that helped get his motorcycle started by pushing it around the block. I also went to Cooley High graduating in 1961 and did some years at Lawrence Tech. Also went in the Army just before he got out in 1965. Always looked up to Tom and well remember his mom's cooking. Rest in Peace Tom, I won't be too far behind as I am turning 80 this year.*

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**Dan Lumsden** - April 20, 2022 at 05:52 PM