



## Thomas Joseph Cavanaugh, Jr.

December 7, 1950 - October 8, 2016

Cavanaugh, Thomas Joseph Jr., October 8, 2016 age 65 of Westland.

Beloved son of the late Thomas and Margaret Cavanaugh. Loving brother of Mary Ellen (Chris) Rajca and Catherine (James) Budzyn. Dear uncle of Andrew Rajca, Erin Rajca, Michael Rajca, Brian Budzyn, and Jeffrey Budzyn.

Also leaves two great nieces Bridget and Eleanor Rajca. Member of MSGR.

Hunt Knights of Columbus, 3rd and 4th degree. Visitation Friday 2-8 PM with a

Rosary at 7:00 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann

Arbor Road, Plymouth (Between Sheldon and Beck). In state Saturday 9:30

AM until Mass at 10:00 AM at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, 8200 Wayne Road,

Westland (Between Joy Road and Nankin Blvd). Interment Holy Sepulchre

Cemetery. To share memories, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14.** 2:00 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

OCT **14.** 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
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## In state

OCT **15.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy  
8200 Wayne Road  
Westland, MI 48185

## Funeral Mass

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy  
8200 Wayne Road  
Westland, MI 48185

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Joseph Cavanaugh, Jr.*

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December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *While I was a few years older than Tom, he was good friends with my two brothers, so I got to know him through them. Tom was always friendly and polite. I remember the great respect he had for his own parents and my parents. It was evident that Tom's faith meant a lot to him. Now he is enjoying God face-to-face. My sympathy to all of you in his family.*

*Sister Nancy Surma, OSF*

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**Sr. Nancy Surma** - October 14, 2016 at 08:37 PM



“ *I worked with Tom At G. A. Fuchs Church Supply starting in 1992 when they moved from Detroit to Madison Heights. He was a very kind person. Sorry to hear that he has passed away.*

*Sharon Wirth*

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**Sharon Wirth** - October 14, 2016 at 07:09 AM

“ I first met Tom when we were both in the 5th grade and Tom and Family had moved to 7777 Auburn, one block north of there we lived.

Tom and I were in the same grade at SS Peter and Paul Grade School. We graduated from 8th Grade in 1964 and he continued on at Holy Redeemer High School. I went the public school route, ending up at Cass Tech.

Often Tom and I would take the same Warren Avenue bus in the morning. We would always watch for "Mister Cool", a 40-ish man who every day had a tie on and once walked into a bus stop sign after descending the stairs from the bus. God forbid that we would ever do such an un-cool thing! Truth be known I am sure that we have both done a lot worse.

Tom and I "bonded" somewhere around the 7th grade. Ever the sports fan, we alternately cried and rallied around the fortunes of the Tigers, Lions and Red Wings. Tom and I would occasionally catch either the Tireman or the Warren bus (20 cent ticket; transfer for 5 cents) and watch the Tigers, taking advantage of the \$1 bleacher seats. The last Red Wings game that I ever went to was done with Tom, and I have fond memories of him telling me a joke about a carp as we approached Joe Lewis. Tom was with me in 1999 for the last game that I saw at Tiger stadium. I now forgive him for not pitching in for the parking. NOTE: Some things are best forgotten in the name of friendship.

Shame on me. I lost track of him over the years. But his ready smile and his excellent sense of humor will always be with me. Most memorable was playing hockey in his basement with a tennis ball while listening to the Stones on a 45 RPM record hammering out "Satisfaction". Some things are indelible.

Rest in Peace my Friend!

*Greg Surma*

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**Greg Surma** - October 13, 2016 at 07:39 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Joseph Cavanaugh, Jr..*



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October 13, 2016 at 06:43 PM

CR

“ *tom, its been a good ride for 42 years being your brother in -law and part of the Cavanaugh clan. You were a good man. Any time there was a sports question, tom would know the answer. I hope in heaven they have plenty of fruit cocktail and are not too stingy with the cherries, as I know you liked.*

*love ya, chris rajca*

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**chris rajca** - October 13, 2016 at 09:21 AM

MA

“ *I will always remember Toms smile and his gentle voice, he truly was a special person. I know you are at peace-no more suffering, you were truly blessed with your wonderful sisters who were your guardian angels here on earth.*

*Enjoy your heavenly peace Tommy, you have earned it.*

*Love*

*Marie Stafiej and family*

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**Marie** - October 12, 2016 at 08:10 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Joseph Cavanaugh, Jr..*



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October 11, 2016 at 07:37 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We will miss Tom. Dr. Cooley and Staff*

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**David Cooley D.O.** - October 11, 2016 at 02:53 PM



“ *Sylvia M Sanchez purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas Joseph Cavanaugh, Jr..*



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**Sylvia M Sanchez** - October 11, 2016 at 12:28 PM



“ *Maria Elena and Cathy, my love for you is overflowing for the gift you have shared with your brother. Your kindness and generosity of self will be well compensated when you are all together again. You are such special beautiful people.*

*Tommy, what a lucky person you are to have such angels as your sisters. May you now rest in eternal peace and harmony. Your dear friends, Sylvia and Roberto*

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**Sylvia** - October 11, 2016 at 11:32 AM

KC

*We are sorry to hear that Tommy has passed. May he reunited with your parents. May God hold him in the Hollow of His Hand until ye meet again. Always the Patrick and Mary Curran Family, 🍀*

**Kathleen Curran** - October 11, 2016 at 01:23 PM

MS

*Blessings and love from the Sheehan Clan, too. Tom was always such a kind and thoughtful person and so dedicated to caring for your parents, too. Our prayers are with you, Mary Ellen and Chris and Cathy and Jim and your families! How you loved your dear brother and how you will miss him now, though you have the consolations of a peaceful and loving death and the welcome into the fullness of God's love now!*

**Mary Ellen Sheehan** - October 13, 2016 at 01:42 PM

MA

*“ Dear Mary and Cathy. He was so lucky to have such good sisters. Tommy was a good guy always concerned for others. I will miss him laughing at my out of line jokes. RIP*

**Mary** - October 10, 2016 at 07:53 PM

SI

*“ Sheila I. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Joseph Cavanaugh, Jr..*



**Sheila I.** - October 10, 2016 at 07:07 PM

FW

*“ Dear Cathy and Jim,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. With love from  
Bill and Francine*

**Francine Weidendorf** - October 10, 2016 at 06:39 PM