



Thomas J. Groth

September 18, 2006

GROTH, Thomas J. September 18, 2006 , age 53 of Plymouth.

Loving husband of Patricia.

Loving father of Kimberly (J.D.) Robison, David and Kelly.

Beloved son-in-law of Eileen Reinhart.

Mr. Groth received his Bachelors Degree from Wayne State University, and his Masters Degree from University of Detroit. He was employed for 32 years with the Henry Ford Medical Group, starting in the Shipping and Receiving Department at Henry Ford Hospital, eventually rising to the position of Chief Operating Officer. In his leisure time he enjoyed collecting baseball memorabilia, and was a tropical fish hobbyist. He and his wife Patricia also loved to vacation at Sanibel Island.

Visitation Thursday 4-9 PM and Friday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road (Between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Funeral Service Saturday 11 AM at Trinity Presbyterian Church 10101 West Ann Arbor Road (at Gotfredson) Plymouth. In state at church Saturday 10 AM.

Memorials may be made to the church.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas J. Groth*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Dear Kim and JD,
We wanted to send our deepest sympathy. Sorry we couldn't be there to show our support. We will keep you and your family in our prayers during this difficult time. We love you both!*

Cindy and Mike Riippa - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *I have fond memories of a kind man and a true gentlemen. Tom was a real pleasure to work with. My sincere condolences.*

Melissa King (formerly Pizzurro) - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Patricia Groth and Family,*

*My deepest sympathy to you as you endure the pain of losing Tom. I'm sorry that I never had the opportunity to meet Tom, you, and your family. I have only heard about this very special man, through his cousin, Harry. Harry and my husband, Joe were best friends. Joe, lost his battle with Lymphoma last year. Your family is your strength. There are angels around the Groth's..and God is with the Groth family..I've experienced this blessing with Groth's..You are in my prayers this morning.
Watch for signs, Tom lives in you, now, and always.
Bridget Capo*

Bridget Capo - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MM

“ Dear Mrs. Patricia Groth & Family,

Please accept my sincere condolences concerning the death of your husband and father. My family also experienced the death of my father over 30 years ago suddenly from a stroke. Such a loss can truly take a toll on a family emotionally and test their faith in God. Over the years, one thing that has benefitted us greatly is the comfort found in the Bible. There are comforting thoughts found in the Bible both at Isaiah 41:10 and John 5:28, 29. Please read them when you feel up to it. It is my sincere prayer that our loving God and Father Jehovah and his dear Son, Jesus Christ will comfort and sustain your family during this time of deep sadness and loss. Please take care.

Mrs. A. J. Middleton - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KA

“ *I had the privilege of working on Tom's Executive Team for the Western region from 1997-2000 at HFHS, and it was a magical experience. He was a gifted and unique leader who combined both a passion for results and a passion for his people. I learned more than I imagined possible under his leadership, and his gift of confidence in my abilities has stayed with me always.*

In addition to being a wonderful leader, he was always a committed family man. We felt like we knew Pat and his kids, as he so often spoke of them with pride and delight. They were truly the center of his universe, and his focus on family was a model for all of us about what is truly important in life.

Our lives were, and are, all truly richer for Tom's influence. May God comfort you and care for you during this time.

Karen Andrews - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

NS

“ Love from our family to yours.

With the death of Tom we have a life, well lived, to celebrate. A roll model to colleagues, those he supervised and those he loved. Tom will continue to influence the world as long as those who knew him continue their presence on this earth...and beyond.

Our special thoughts are with you Eileen, Pat and Kim. This will make our next visit home seem even further away. Until then....our love and regards....Don and Nancy. (Aunt and Uncle)

Nancy and Donald Smith - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KK

“ David,
*My sincere condolences to you and your entire family.
God Bless to all of you in the Groth Family.*

Kevin F. Kelly

Kevin Kelly - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

AS

“ *I am so sad to hear of your loss, Kim and JD. I pray that although your heart is broken soon you'll be able to put aside the hard times and only remember all the good years you shared with your Dad. You'll miss him forever and cry about the little things forever but he's watching over you and knows how you feel. I'm sorry I'm not there to give you hugs but please know I've been thinking and praying for you ever since I called John on Tues. to find out how things were doing and heard the sad news. Love, Shawn*

Aunt Shawn - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DP

“ Dear Groth Family:

It was my privilege to work with Tom at Henry Ford for many years and in several capacities. His expertise, passion, and good matured demeanor were cherished by all of us. His courage in the face of his prolonged illness was humbling.

I generally tell everyone that the remarkable recent success of Henry Ford Hospital can be traced to the tireless efforts of Tom when he worked at the hospital. Starting with the "just say yes" program in cardiology, he made hospitalization at HFH easier from a referral standpoint and worked to make sure the experience of patients was superb. The program grew to all of the service lines of the hospital and sparked the incredible clinical and financial successes that continue today.

These type of successess are the product of many people, but they are created and driven by extraordinary leaders, such as Tom. In this case, I know personally, Tom was the driving force and he would not let us fail.

Despite all of his great work, the things that I will never forget about Tom were his ready smile and steadfast optimism. I know he is looking down at all of us now with that same smile.

As time passes and your grief is diminished, I hope that you are filled with the love and grace that Tom brought to you.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Popovich

Dr. John Popovich - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JF

“ Dear Kim, JD, and Family,

We are so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. I hope it brings you comfort to know he is in a better place without pain. You will all be in our prayers and thoughts. With lots of love, Jennifer and Fernando Salinas

Jennifer and Fernando - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CR

“ Dear Pat,

I'm so sorry to hear of Tom's passing, and I know how much he will be missed. I knew and worked with him on and off during his years at HFHS. My sincere condolences to you, your family and friends.

Carolyn Ray-Barnett (HFHS Ret.) - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RG

“ Dear Kim & JD and Family,

We are so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Your Dad was very lucky to have such a wonderful family..you were all so supportive of him during his illness. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Sorry we couldn't make the trip to show our support but you will be in our hearts and prayers! We love you!

Rob & Sharon Dufault & Girls - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

NG

“ My sincere sympathy to Tom's family. I had the pleasure of working with Tom at Fairlane and found him to be one of the kindest, nicest people I have ever known.

Nancy Good - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MM

“ I want to send my deepest sympathy to the Groth family. Mr. Groth was always very supportive of me all the way from St. Mike's through CC. He always had something positive to say, and was such an avid supporter of the sports teams that Dave and I were on. I'll remember little jokes and motivational talks. My prayers go out to a phenomenal man and his family. God Bless.

Michael R. Morris - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

BS

“ What a colleague, what a friend, what a father, what a guy. Tom was all of these things and more. Working with Tom for over 25 years at Henry Ford and sharing so many good times, bad times, and countless memories that, to this day, I relish them all. From our early days when we worked together in the Business Office to the day I left Henry Ford for Massachusetts (and he took over for me in the Medical Group), I always felt great around Tom and I know this was true for everyone who knew him. A real loss for all of us.

Bob Schneider - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

TK

“ My deepest sympathies to Tom's family and friends. It was an honor to have worked with him during my 21 years at HFH. God doesn't make them any better. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Tom Kramer - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JJ

“ Dear Pat, Kim, David and Kelly,
We had the pleasure of seeing your beautiful family grow over the years and it saddened us deeply to read about Tom's passing at this time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all your family.
Our deepest sympathy,
Your old neighbors,
Joel and Dawn Johnson and family

Joel and Dawn Johnson - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MW

“ David, please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your dad. I am currently traveling back east to visit my dad in a nursing home in RI, so I can't be there. But please know that I liked your dad very much and I respected him. He was a great man. And I know first hand he was(is) very proud of you.

Mike Whelan - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KB

“ Patricia and Family--I just wanted to express my deep sadness and sympathy for Tom's passing. Please know that my prayers are with you. I served on the Henry Ford Hospital board during the time Tom was COO. I soon came to learn what an accomplished administrator he was and, more importantly, a wonderful and compassionate person. Although it must be incomprehensible for you to imagine life without him, I believe that the imprint of his amazing spirit will always be on your hearts. God bless.

Karen Batchelor - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JG

“ Dear Kim and JD, We are sorry to hear of your father passing on. We love you and our prayer is that you would sense God's never-ceasing presence surrounding you and comforting you during these times. We send our love, Jim and Angie

Jim and Angie Garrison - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

LH

“ My thoughts are prayers are with all of you on this terrible loss. Everyone Tom touched will mourn the loss of a humble, giving man who thought of what he could do to make the world a better place. He brought so much to so many people with his smile, his thoughtfulness, his kindness. Today, as I hear the news, I cry for all of us who have lost this man from our world. My heart goes out to all of you. Know that he will be remembered by many people forever.

Linda Hallick - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

SR

“ Pat, Kim, David and Kelly. Tom meant so much to my family. My parents loved to hear his stories and share laughs with him and Pat. Kevin and I thought he was just a crazy neighbor, who loved to talk about everything from baseball cards to the neighbors. I'll never forget him or his smile. His influence on us and our attendance at CC is not able to be measured. We will miss him and our thoughts are with you. As Tom would say to me, "hullabaloo kinec kinec!"

Steve Reinke - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JE

“ To the Groth Family,
I was very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I was privileged to know Tom during his years at HFH Fairlane. As part of the HFHS family, we mourn his loss...he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Julie Koch HFHS Employee - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KE

“ Mr. Groth was such a wonderful man, he always gave me a ride back to the hospital from One Ford Place if I was waiting for the shuttle. I've missed him and will continue to do so. Your family is in my prayers.

Kathy Gusas, HFHS employee - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CM

“ I was so very saddened to hear of Tom's passing. He was a very caring person. You were such a close and supportive family that I am sure there will be many fond memories for all of you to share for many years to come.

Celebrate his life; I'm sure he would have it no other way.

Life is a gift and we should all cherish it. As I have heard recently said, "It is not the birth or the death years that count it is the dash in between. Live your dash to the fullest."

*Fondly, Carole McGinty
6th Grade Teacher - HULL ELEM.*

Carole J. McGinty - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

GA

“ I will miss Tom. He was a very kind and generous man. He showed his concern for all. I will be forever grateful for the kindness he showed my boys during their days at CC. He really had a "Heart of a Shamrock"

Gerald Aiello - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

EH

“ Dear Pat and family,
It is with great sadness that I am writing you today. Tom and I first met when he was in Admitting at HFH. He has always been a go-to person and was always there for everyone, no matter what the chore. I will keep you and your family in my prayers and thoughts at this time. We will miss his smile and genuine congeniality.
Sincere sympathy,
Ellen Harbin (Sadesky)

Ellen Harbin - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MA

“ Mrs. Tom Groth and family,
May the beauty of all the blessed memories you have of your loved one, keep the smiles in your heart plenty. Tom was a very good man and friend to all. His concern for the well-being of all communities was genuine and strong. He's a personality to remember with pride. Bless you and your families through these difficult times of sorrow. Mohsen and Lila Amen.

Mohsen and Lila Amen - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

AB

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers for the family of this husband and father.

Alec Berry - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

BM

“ To the Groth Family,

I worked with Tom for 15+ years starting with the Oakland Region and most recently here at the downtown campus. He has always been the same quiet spoken, friendly and outgoing. We will miss his presence.

Our thought and prayers are with you during these difficult times.

Barbara McKee - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

TS

“ Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of Tom. I had the opportunity to work with him at HFHS and he was a kind and gentle man with a fantastic sense of humor. His devotion to his family was always evident and I know he will be missed by so many people.

Teri Sahn-Silver - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RP

“ Dearest Pat and Family:

I write this note with deep sadness and hope that you and your dear family will endure during this very difficult time. Your loss is very great, as is everyone's who knew Tom. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom hired me in the Admitting Office nearly 26 years ago. I considered him a dear friend all of these years. When he visited our offices, here in Pathology at HFHS, he always took the time to chat with me and reminisce about the 'good ole days' with Bob Schneider, John O'Brien, and Ric Cameron.

We are very sorry for your loss, and please know that Tom was very much loved by all who ever met him. He was truly one of the great guys!

Debbie

Richard and Debra Pilarski - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

EF

“ Dear Pat, Kim, David, Kelly and JD,

I don't think there are words to articulate the kind presence that Tom had each and every time I met with him. I feel very privileged to have gotten to know your family over the years. I wish you all the best and if you need anything (even if it is just to talk) please don't hesitate to give me a call. I will send lots of good energy your way this week and in the week's to come. Tom may be physically gone but his energy will continue to be present and smiling for a long time to come.

*Much love & peace,
Erin*

Erin Freeman - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

W(

“ I was fortunate to know Tom during his years working at HFH Fairlane. I am so very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers go out to you during this very difficult time.

Wanda Deschaw (Justice) - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

FD

“ I am so sorry to hear about Tom's passing.

Worked with Tom for many years at HFHS various projects during the time I was with the organization - 27 years. Saw him work hard to achieve many great working goals.

I remember Tom as a kind, caring, firm but fair leader -- and will remember him with fondness.

Fran Dombrowski - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM