



Thomas Gilbert Mueller

August 9, 1963 - September 14, 2020

Mueller, Thomas Gilbert, September 14, 2020 age 57 of Westland. Loving husband of Angela. Beloved son of Marlene and the late Gilbert Mueller. Dear brother of Heidi (Paul) Stecker. Proud uncle of Rachel (Josh) Tousignant, Megan (Mark) Callaghan, Brett Smart, Paige Smart and Dallas Truran. Dear stepfather of Carrie (James) Cunningham and Amy (Ned) Timmerman. Also leaves seven step grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted with Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to Forgotten Harvest, 21800 Greenfield Road, Oak Park, MI 48237 or Gift of Life Foundation, 3861 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108-2217. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Tribute Wall



“ *I still miss you every day, babe. I love you.*

Angie Mueller - February 18, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ *Thomas Gilbert Mueller*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Tom and I just learned about our friend's passing. Such a terrible loss. He was one of the finest men we knew. Quiet, decent and kind. We extend our deepest condolences to Angie, his mother, sister and the rest of the family.*

Tom and Eliabeth Schlaff - November 04, 2020 at 11:41 PM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. As my student you were one sharp kid. I have never forgotten you Tom. When you have a student who is smarter then you but keeps it under his hat you became a friend. I will never forget the story you told me about running away from home and your Mom helped you pack your suitcase. When we meet again I plan on sharing a beer and a few laughs with you.*

Mr. Sokol

Tom Sokol - September 28, 2020 at 06:08 PM

NE

“ How do you put into words the loss of a mentor, friend, colleague, and overall an amazing person. Tom was my boss at Trinity, and one of the best leaders I have had the privilege to be lead by. It is his influence that has shaped me into the Director I am today, and the leader I hope to become as I grow and learn. The sudden loss has resulted in more tears then I can count. I would reach out to Tom for guidance on a regular basis, and to just vent and complain. He embraced my quirks, and laughed constantly at the ridiculous things that would come out of my mouth. I have never swore freely in front of a Boss until Tom. We both benefited from my departure at Trinity as a reduction to swearing in the office. I will forever cherish the memories I have with Tom. From professional growth discussions to Dog Parent stories, to Star Wars trying to convince him that BB-8 was the shit, and beer recommendations for my husband since they both drink dark beers.

RIP Tom; you are already so very missed.

Nicole Erckman - September 28, 2020 at 12:50 PM

TW

“ Dear Mrs Mueller, Heidi(Paul), and family,

Grace, Mercy, and Peace be to you from God our Father, and from our Risen Lord, and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen+

I want to express my deepest sympathies to you. I was so surprised to learn of Tom's passing. I know that he and my brother, Dave went to school together at Immanuel and were confirmed together in '76. May it be a comfort to know that Tom and Mr Mueller are now along with the other Saints who are praising Jesus the King of All.

During this most difficult time, and even past, always remember the hymn "Abide with Me". "Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh abide with me."

"Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death O Lord, abide with me." Amen+

May the Lord bless him, and keep him. May the Lord make his face to shine upon him, and be gracious to him, May the Lord look upon him with favor, and give him Peace. Amen+

Tim Welther - September 21, 2020 at 05:38 AM

HS

Thank you, Tim, for the comforting words of faith.

Heidi Stecker - September 21, 2020 at 07:21 PM

LH

“ Tom was a Great classmate. My prayers go out to his family especially his mom my Favorite friend and teacher I ever had. GO BLUE

Lary Houthoofd - September 20, 2020 at 11:07 PM

HS

Lary, you have always held a special place in Mom's heart too. Your kind words mean a lot.

Heidi Stecker - September 21, 2020 at 07:22 PM

LL

“ What a wonderful person. He is going to be missed. May his memory be a blessing❤️

Lauren Lucas - September 20, 2020 at 08:48 AM

SR

“ Prayerfully Yours,
(Dear friend of Mickys)



Sharron Rochow - September 20, 2020 at 03:17 AM

HS

Sharon, We thank you and all the other angels at New Hope who are taking care of Mom during these difficult days.

Heidi Stecker - September 21, 2020 at 07:37 PM

MC

“ I was blessed to have this amazing man as my uncle and godfather.

*How do you say goodbye to someone who left us too soon?
Somehow no words seem to do justice for one of the kindest, most generous and downright fun people I've ever known.*

From hours of Hydrostrike to co-conspiring a Heidi Heist, he was always up for a good time.

He was always present for every important milestone, but also the smaller ones, like driving 2 hours to watch me play basketball. Something I never truly appreciated until I became a “grown up” myself.

He also taught me some invaluable life lessons:

All's fair in love and paying-the-bill.

The goal of gift-wrapping is to maximize the giftee's suspense. To do this, one must obscure every possible opening with several layers of tape.

Most importantly, to give generously, to love unconditionally, and to live life to the fullest.

Thanks, Uncle Tom, for the light you brought to this world.

Megan Callaghan - September 19, 2020 at 06:54 AM

DS

“ Not long after I met Tom, he seemed to take me under his brotherly wing. We bonded over football, he gave me my first football jersey and took me to my first Detroit Lions game, and my second and my third. He patiently answered all of my, “why does the ref call one thing but not another” questions. He learned after a couple large gatherings that I tended to buy too much food. So again, in his brotherly way, told me I wasn’t allowed to shop for another gathering without consulting him first. So when it was time, I sent him the number of guests expected. Tom was a man of precise numbers, so a general count would not suffice. I had to further break the list down my men, women and kids so he could give me the most accurate information. More recently, Tom played Santa Claus for my family’s Christmas. The weather did not cooperate, it was snowing, icy and generally terrible. He still made the drive to Taylor and surprised all of the little ones, they loved him. I don’t think he was prepared to field all of the questions about “his” reindeers, but he didn’t skip a beat. Tom was simply the best. He was sincere, funny, kind, intelligent, irreplaceable and unforgettable. He will forever be missed.

Deborah Stanfill - September 18, 2020 at 02:14 PM

NS

“ I can't begin to express how sad and heartbroken I am. Tom was an amazing human being and a wonderful co-worker and friend and was taken from us way too soon. I worked for years with Tom at Trinity Homecare and later was lucky to see him occasionally as we crossed paths at our corporate office. I know I burdened him sometimes with my tax questions, but he was always so kind. I will miss you my dear friend and if you hear me "bellowing" from heaven, please send me a sign. So many will feel your absence...rest in peace.

My sincere condolences to the entire family,

Norma Szajner

Norma Szajner - September 18, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Gilbert Mueller.*



September 18, 2020 at 09:43 AM

MK

“ Tom,

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your life! Thank you for the 8 years or so at THHS: For the softball games, the Lions talks, the joy of seeing the car with FBREF on the license plate and the daily interactions of a truly special person. Thank you for the 8 years or so at Trinity Health: We did not see each other as much but anytime I saw you we never missed a beat, thanks for the occasional Tigers game and the waves in the parking lot. But most off all thank you for being a friend who brought goodness and joy into a world that is not always that way. Thank you for your light that made and still makes this world a better place. Until we meet again....

Mike

Mike Koroly - September 18, 2020 at 09:10 AM

SS

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Stan and Sue

12 hours ago

When we think of Tom, we think calm, cool, collected, intelligent, thoughtful. We had a lot of fun and laughs on our family game nights. And you rocked the lead on Love Shack as the girls backed you up. Thanks for being a fine example for how to treat a wife, surely children and adults alike could learn a thing or two from you. For all these things and more, you will be missed. Rest peacefully.



Stan and Sue - September 17, 2020 at 12:34 AM

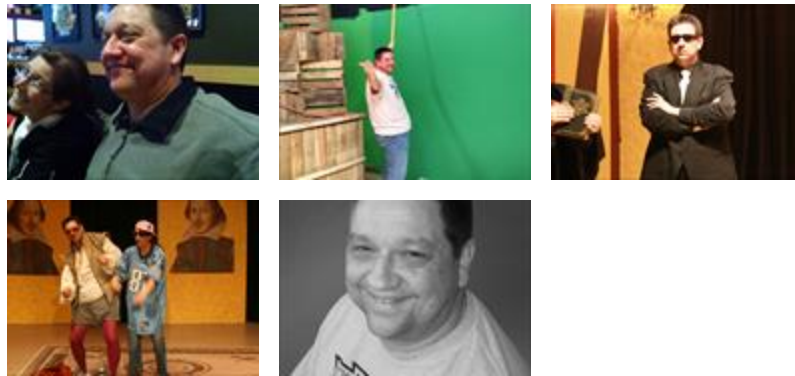
SP

“ *Tom was a beautiful soul. He always made time to listen to my stories and I loved the joyous laughter that he brought into my life. He will be missed beyond words. My prayers go out to Angie, Dawn and the entire family.
Peace, Love & Light
Sonya Pritchett*

Sonya Pritchett - September 16, 2020 at 09:32 PM

RH

“ *6 files added to the album Memories Album*



Richard Holland - September 16, 2020 at 08:21 PM

SR

“ I am totally at a loss for words. I am so saddened that this wonderful man has passed on. I am happy to have known him. I am thankful that he gave so much love to my oldest and dearest friend. The way he always looked at her reminds me of the day he married her. I always loved how he talked about her and praised her....made me happy to know that she would always be safe.

I have so many memories.....playing cards, dinner, hockey games, sitting around the backyard....cook outs. The best one....he would never let me forget how they mis-pronounced my last name getting my doctorate....lol.

Rest easy Tom....you are forever in my prayers.

Dr. Renoldis

Sharon Reynolds - September 16, 2020 at 08:12 PM

SR

“ Sharon Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gilbert Mueller



Sharon Reynolds - September 16, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. The news of his passing was heartbreaking. Tom was so gentle and compassionate, and exuded Trinity Health values in all that he did. Non-profit finance seemed like it was his calling. He was the calm whenever there was a storm. Tom always went above and beyond and did special things like MC'ing one of our Finance Christmas parties. He just did those little extra things to make the team feel special. I will truly miss his gentle soul and kind nature.

Kim McCarthy - September 16, 2020 at 06:42 PM

BS

“ I am very saddened to hear of Tom's passing. Thinking of Tom would always bring a smile--I had the wonderful pleasure of working with Tom at Trinity Health at Home. He was always kind, knowledgeable, funny, hardworking and willing to help others. Very few people will be remembered as fondly as Tom --overall a great person whose life here, ended way to early.

Prayers and condolences to his grieving family

Barb Samson

Barab Samson - September 16, 2020 at 06:41 PM

WR

“ Wayne Reynolds sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Gilbert Mueller



Wayne Reynolds - September 16, 2020 at 05:20 PM

WR

“ Extenting condolences to Angie and family. Tom was a great guy and I will miss his humor with calling me Father Wayne. Saw him a few months ago here in NC when he was down on business. His love for his wife and dog was beyond belief. RIP Tom You will be missed. Plus he was so into his extented family he talked about every time I was with him. Plus a great Michigan fan

Wayne Reynolds - September 16, 2020 at 05:17 PM

HE

“ I am so very sorry for your loss.



Heidi - September 16, 2020 at 04:14 PM

CA

“ Carrie sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Gilbert Mueller



Carrie - September 16, 2020 at 02:36 PM

CA

Tom brought sunshine to our days. He was a wonderful friend, colleague, support and office neighbor. We all miss him so much already. What a genuine, kind soul.

Carrie - September 16, 2020 at 02:39 PM

SS

“ *Stan And Sue lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gilbert Mueller*



Stan and Sue - September 16, 2020 at 12:48 PM

GM

“ *To say it was a pleasure to work with Tom at Trinity Home Health Services would be an understatement. Always willing to go the extra mile in work and willing to join in the fun as well. Such a wonderful guy. We were lucky to have such a team and especially to have Tom a part of it. Was so sorry to hear he is gone and send prayers to the family.*
Love, Grace McCauley



Grace McCauley - September 16, 2020 at 12:32 PM

DC

“ *Dawn Cochrane lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gilbert Mueller*



Dawn Cochrane - September 16, 2020 at 11:39 AM

DC

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Dawn Cochrane - September 16, 2020 at 11:27 AM

DC

“ How do you put into words what you are feeling about someone you've known over half your life? I met Tom from work, and we became friends almost immediately. He was such a great person, genuine and truly a pure heart. I can honestly say that bakery brought some of the best people I know into my life. So, hmmm.... maybe I should introduce Tom to my sister, both single, both open to dating. Ang, you want to have lunch with me and some friends from work? Yes, score!! And the rest, they say, is history. I acquired a brother in law beyond measure. Whom I love profoundly. His jokes, insight into life, genuine honesty and goodness toward everyone. His steadfast, rock solid, love and friendship will be truly missed. He often gave me a shoulder to cry on, offering the best advice more times than I care to admit. It has been my honor to know, love and cherish him. Forever remembering ...our long standing Tomisms...“I'm uh not going to church tomorrow”, “Captain A”, “Uncle Stuff”, “S I L” (I will always miss hearing that), “G Money”, “Gangsta”, and so many many more fond memories to keep close and forever in my heart. Ang, forever and always no matter what. I've got you. I love you.

Dawn Cochrane - September 16, 2020 at 11:14 AM

SS

When we think of Tom, we think calm, cool, collected, intelligent, thoughtful. We had a lot of fun and laughs on our family game nights. And you rocked the lead on Love Shack as the girls backed you up. Thanks for being a fine example for how to treat a wife, surely children and adults alike could learn a thing or two from you. For all these things and more, you will be missed. Rest peacefully.

Stan and Sue - September 16, 2020 at 12:03 PM

DR

“ *I knew Tom from his work at Trinity. He was so dedicated and conscientious. It was an honor to know him.*

Donna Raziano - September 16, 2020 at 09:42 AM

AS

“ *I didn't know Thomas for very long, but he was such a kind soul when I was in A Comedy Tonight with him. He was there to cheer on every actor as they worked on their skit and even backstage before anyone went on or during their scene. He was a kind soul and will truly be missed.*



Adrian Smothers - September 15, 2020 at 10:37 PM

DL

“ *I had the opportunity to act on stage in several shows at Inspire Theatre with Thomas. I adored working with him and one of my favorite memories is performing a rap song with him during The complete works of William Shakespeare(abridged)*

Deanna Lee - September 15, 2020 at 09:04 PM

JR

“ I actually feel pretty lucky that the last memory of Tom was watching him playing air 🎸 in our back yard three weeks ago while listening to Arrowsmith on the stereo. Tom REALLY LOVED HIS MUSIC. We laughed,joked,ate food and drank "Shakey Shakes" it was awesome just like Tom. Words cannot express how terrible and sad I was to hear about Tom. He loved,he laughed and will be missed by everyone and anyone whom was fortunate enough to know him. R.I.P My friend I know you have a whole new audience to share your charm with on the other side.Peace and Love!

jim Rosenthal - September 15, 2020 at 07:33 PM

DT

“ Everytime I had the chance to see you I always made you do your infamous goofy impression.. so much you became my uncle "goofy". You always made me smile with that and now whenever I have a goofy laugh I will think of the joy brought me growing up. You, TT, aunt dawn and uncle Tom always had open arms and love to share. I pray that you've found peace and that your resting easy. I will miss you so much and love you always.

Dallas Truran - September 15, 2020 at 07:07 PM

SM

“ Wow! Tom. I hope he can somehow get into Mikes mind and figure out the opposite of not. You never saw Tom without a smile on his face. He was always happy and laughing. He was always easy going and just plain enjoyed life! He knew how to! He will continue to live on in everyone's memories and will brighten our day with a simple reminder of him. Tom - you are missed!

Stacy & Mike Merrill - September 15, 2020 at 05:58 PM

JA

“ I really loved Tom Mueller. We were close friends which now seems long ago but I loved the man. He was a very special part of my family’s life in a very specific time and I will always be grateful for that.

I believe Tom and I watched, together, the last National Championship that The Michigan Hockey teams ever won. Marty Turco in net, Brenden Morrison at Center. I called him once with my very first cell phone just to tell him I was at Yost Ice Arena watching my first live Michigan Hockey game. He was pumped. He used to yell at me “just kick Feely”!!! When ever we’d watch Michigan Football. Tom would know what I mean.

He would also remember: “The Big Dog”
“Beeper Posse” and listening to loud music whenever we were coming home from a night out. My wife Dawn loved him too and my first born son Ben knew him only as “the New Tom”. Both Tom and Ben knows what I mean.

Tom I will miss you my long time friend.

I raise a glass of Two Heart Ale in your honor. You and I drank that first too.

John Awrey - September 15, 2020 at 05:00 PM

MR

My deepest condolences to Tom's family and friends. Tom was so great with me when we moved to Michigan. He taught me how to care for my lawn - something that we were not used to in the Tucson desert. He lived a life of honor and service. Well done, my friend. You will be missed.

Michael Ryan - September 16, 2020 at 07:18 PM

BR

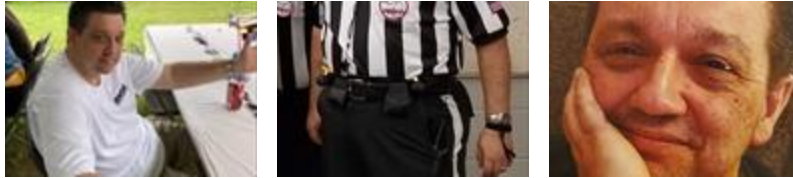
I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Angie and family for the loss of Tom Mueller. I worked with Tom for many years at Trinity Home Health Services. Tom was a wonderful person, intelligent and hardworking. He was not just a coworker and a great manager, but also a friend. His performances in plays, good sportsmanship, patience at softball games and the sense of fun that he added to the Trinity Health activities will be remembered by many.

Beverly Roberts

Beverly Roberts - September 30, 2020 at 08:46 PM

AN

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Angie - September 15, 2020 at 04:43 PM

PB

“ *I didnt know Tom very well, but every time I did see him, he was always a very warm, welcoming person. My heart is broken for you Angie and for all your family. You are all in my prayers.*

Pam Bushway - September 15, 2020 at 04:38 PM

AN

“ When I met this man 23 years ago, I had no idea how profoundly he would change my life. From our very first date and through all our years of marriage, he was a kind, loving and giving man. With him, I learned that real love is about always being there for each other and always supporting each other, no matter what life threw our way. I learned that the little things, the small gestures, the day-to-day things — things like opening the gate for me on a rainy night, so I would not have to get out of my car to do it myself or remembering my favorite ice cream —these things were more full of love than any grand gesture.

During Tom’s life, he always helped those in need. He regularly donated blood and gave donations to animal welfare organizations and to charities feeding and helping those less fortunate. After his death, his generosity continues. Tom was a registered organ donor, and his kidneys have been donated to save other lives.

While this has been a devastating blow to me, I know I am not alone in feeling the loss of this amazing man. Tom deeply loved his family and friends, cared about his co-workers, tax clients, football associates and theater family. I know all of you will miss him and are feeling the pain of his loss as well.

Everyone who knew Tom knows that he loved football. Due to the COVID restrictions, we cannot hold a proper memorial service for Tom, so we will be planning a celebration of his life and his love of football for a future date.

I ask that everyone reading this message please leave a fond memory of Tom on this tribute wall. We are saying goodbye for now, but we will remember him always.

Rest In Peace, my love. Angie

Angie - September 15, 2020 at 03:47 PM

DW

Angie, we have been bathing you in prayer often, and daily this past week plus, and will continue to do so. Tom was always so kind to our family, and Katie, and his (and your) friendship with Deb is so special to her. God Bless you during such a difficult time.

Darlene Walsh - September 15, 2020 at 04:09 PM

ET

I didn't know Tom but I send prayers and lot's of Love to you and your family and all the friends he left behind rest in peace always

E.CHRISTINE KUSIAK / TERRY - September 15, 2020 at 04:24 PM

MM

I had the pleasure of working closely with Tom on a daily basis since I joined Trinity three years ago. From day one, Tom was type of colleague you dream about - smart, diligent, funny and just a joy to be around. We talked about our love of dogs and football, he told me about his theater work, and we talked about family. He was one of my favorite people with which to work, and while that time was way too short, my life was better because of it. I'm so honored to have been a small part of Tom's life, and I will miss him.

Mark McPherson - September 15, 2020 at 05:53 PM

PR

I think of Tom as a gentle giant. A gentle giant you definitely didn't want as an opponent in Trivial Pursuit. I am still in awe (and a little bitter) of his knowledge of EVERYTHING that led to our team's devastating loss. This game was over 15 years ago ... that is how impressive he was. He was a person that when he talked, you listened because you knew you were going to learn something. I was not around Tom a lot, but the times I did spend with him were memorable. He was a special man and a wonderful, caring husband to my friend. He will be missed and thought of often.

Paula Rosenthal - September 15, 2020 at 07:06 PM

RH

Lisa Brawley and I are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. We first met him during The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree and worked with him in several shows after that. Tom was always such a happy person and so generous with kindness your day got brighter just being around him. You always had the feeling that if you needed anything Tom would help you, he certainly did in every show we ever worked on with him. The world is a sadder place tonight after learning he has gone on to his final rest.

Richard C Holland - September 15, 2020 at 08:13 PM

AA

Met Tom right out of school working downtown at PKF. We had a number of years of work and fun there which led to almost 30 years of basketball and softball together with many of the guys we worked with. What a good guy. Miss him a ton.

Alex Ajemian - September 16, 2020 at 08:12 AM

SM

I've known Tom for 16 years. He worked in home health and I worked in long term care for Trinity Health. Three years ago I started at Trinity Health PACE and I was Blessed to be Tom's Assistant. We had good times. We always talked about football (we were both Michigan fans). We also talked about our families and our love for our dogs. I had the privilege of seeing him in one of his plays two years ago. He was fabulous. I will miss Tom, it will not be the same at PACE without him. RIP my friend.

Sally Murphy - September 16, 2020 at 10:02 AM

LZ

When I became an Executive Director of one of the PACE programs in New Jersey, Tom patiently mentored and supported me for which I will be forever grateful. He always took the time to answer my many questions despite how busy I am sure he was. It was so evident from the first time you met Tom that he was so friendly, caring and passionate about so many things that were important to him. He will be missed greatly. I am so sorry for your loss.

Lisa Zavorski - September 16, 2020 at 10:40 AM

LM

I've known Tom for many years through work at Trinity, i remember he always had a smile on his face, through the good and bad, he was there for me to answer questions i had in a time of my life that i needed financial guidance, the picture above says it all about Tom, he will truly be missed. Hoping you'll find comfort in the love and memories your heart will always hold onto.

Linda Maksimowicz - September 16, 2020 at 11:09 AM

CC

I was fortunate to work with Tom at Trinity Health for years. He was a wonderful person, an outstanding leader and colleague to all, always had a positive attitude and brought fun to special events. I have fond memories of Tom being Santa's helper for our annual Christmas party with his famous smile. We miss his friendship in Trinity and will always remember Tom.

Cindy Clemence

Cindy Clemence - September 16, 2020 at 11:35 AM

PB

Tom was more than a co-worker, he was a friend, someone you could count on for a helping hand or a sly comment that would make you laugh. He was such a fascinating guy; it was always interesting to hear about his work as a high school football referee and his work in the community theater. My sympathies to his family, to Angie, and to everyone who Tom touched. He will be missed.

Patrick Brown - September 16, 2020 at 12:41 PM