



## Thomas R. Sherman

January 2, 1946 - June 17, 2025

Thomas Roy Sherman, 79, died June 17, 2025 in his home. He has battled cancer for 27 years. He was born on January 2, 1946 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. He attended Ypsilanti Public Schools and graduated from Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tennessee in 1964. During high school, he had an opportunity to be coached by Al Kaline, who remained his lifetime hero. He attended the University of Michigan where he was a proud member of the Michigan Marching Band which included a trip to the Rose Bowl. He enlisted in the Army during the Vietnam War, and was eventually assigned as support staff to the Jungle Training Operations in Panama. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University and chose a career with Michigan Bell/Ameritech services. Tom was a tremendous fan of football and his beloved Wolverines. He officiated High School football as a referee in Michigan (MHSAA) for 40 years. Tom was a Past Master of the Ann Arbor Masonic Lodge and became a lifetime member.

Tom was an avid fisherman, hunter and golfer. He created many cherished memories at his camp in Maine and his cabin up north in Michigan. He served as president of the Schoodic Lake Association and the South Shore Road Association, in Maine. He was also a member of Trout Unlimited.

He is survived by his wife Sena (nee Lewis) of 43 years, his daughter Rhonda Hotchkin, and his son Tim (Emily) Sherman as well as 2 granddaughters Kaitlyn (Eric) Gajda, and Megan Hotchkin, a brother Harold "Pete" (Mary Margaret) Sherman, a brother-in-law, John (Mary) Lewis and many nieces

and nephews. He will remain in the hearts of his many friends and family members.

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 23rd from 4 PM until 8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (Between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. There will be a Masonic Service at 7 PM.

The Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, June 24th at 10 AM, also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trout Unlimited, Attn: Memorial Gifts, PO Box 98166, Washington, DC 20090. Please designate donations to the Headwaters Youth Programs.

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# Cemetery Details

## Pine Tree Cemetery

154 Jarvis Gore Drive  
Eddington, ME 04428

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 23. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Masonic Service

JUN 23. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

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JUN **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
[plymouth@vermeulenh.com](mailto:plymouth@vermeulenh.com)

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Sweet friendships refresh the soul and awaken our hearts with joy, for good friends are like the anointing oil that yields the fragrant ....  
Proverbs 27:9

*Sena, my first friend, you have been around for most every important event in my life to laugh or cry or just share tea. I can think of 100 at least. Phyllis and Ruby would shop. Oh, remember those trips to the mall. Then Larry and I met Tom; who would guess how close our men would become. Our foursome set a stage for lots of good times. We will miss Tom and hope our adventures with you will continue. Love Jen and Lar*



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**Jennifer Coates** - June 24, 2025 at 08:40 AM

BY

“ 1 file added to the album Maine



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**Byron** - June 23, 2025 at 08:00 PM

BY

*What a memorable trip back in 2017! It was our first time in Maine, well us kids' first time there. Hanging out at the cabin was one of the best parts. Waking up early to the sunrise and hanging out into the evening to watch the stars. Tom helped to prep us for the climb up Katahdin and he probably new the weather wasn't going to be great... but he let us go anyways! We came back defeated by the mountain but we all laughed about it afterwards and had a nice night in the cozy cabin playing spoons.*

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**Byron** - June 23, 2025 at 08:04 PM

DO

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**dolly** - June 23, 2025 at 11:57 AM

KP

“ *Tom was the epitome of grace under fire. I was fortunate to play a small part in his life when I helped treat his cancer. Tom not only made me a better doctor, he inspired me to be a better human.*  
**CHARGE!**

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**Ken Pienta** - June 23, 2025 at 11:06 AM

ML

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Marlene Langerman - June 23, 2025 at 09:59 AM

ML

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Marlene Langerman - June 23, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Maine



Michael Sherman - June 23, 2025 at 09:03 AM

ML

“ Tom, or Uncle Tom, as we liked to called him, was a gift to our family. He always made us laugh and had a genuine interest in each one of us. He always made us feel loved even through his quirky and sarcastic comments! But that's what made Uncle Tom. We looked forward to our visits. He was family and will always be family. We love you, Uncle Tom 💙

Marlene Langerman - June 23, 2025 at 08:31 AM

RA

“ Tom and his brother Pete and I grew up together many many years ago on the west side of Ypsilanti. We all had a great taste for the irreverant which I will never forget. I am sorry I had lost touch. Tom was a great friend. He will be missed greatly. Rich Allison

Richard Allison - June 22, 2025 at 10:06 PM

JF

“ Jen, Sue, John and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas R. Sherman.

Jen, Sue, John and families - June 22, 2025 at 02:09 PM

JF

“ Jen, Sue, John and families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas R. Sherman.



Jen, Sue, John and families - June 22, 2025 at 02:09 PM

DD

“ Tom and I grew up together. Living a block apart. His passing is difficult to accept. My deep condolences to Sena and brother Pete and families. Tom was one of the good guys. God bless all. Sid Disbrow

Dr. Sid Disbrow - June 22, 2025 at 01:57 PM

PH

“ Phil + Shannon Hanson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas R. Sherman.



Phil + Shannon Hanson - June 22, 2025 at 10:48 AM

NR

“ Nancy Pingel Ruppel purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Thomas R. Sherman.



Nancy Pingel Ruppel - June 21, 2025 at 11:37 AM

LP

“ What a beautiful tribute to Tom! Please watch over my cousin Sena as she gets through your loss! You had a great life and I'm sure made a difference for others ! Rest in Peace! 🙏 Love from your cousins Linda and Maryann

Linda Perkins - June 21, 2025 at 08:04 AM

LP

“ Linda Perkins lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Sherman



Linda Perkins - June 21, 2025 at 07:59 AM

MA

“ I have known Tom since I was 15. He is my brother-in-law and the Ypsi stories I could tell. I will miss him greatly.

margaretSherman - June 21, 2025 at 01:29 AM

DC

“ Tom was my cousin. The funniest memory I have of him was us da dangling from the railing in front of warblers lake cottage n watched the frogs get run over.

Diane clark-quick - June 20, 2025 at 06:58 PM

DO

“ Fly high like an Eagle 🦅 Tom! What a guy. I'm grateful for your friendship all these years. Loved when Sena brought you to Fran & Merts home for Merts approval to take your hand in marriage. I think he almost said No 🙄👎. Til we meet again. Get that gate unlocked for all of us that are gonna miss you & your humor. ❤️

Dolly - June 20, 2025 at 05:23 PM