



## Tim W. Patino

July 2, 1964 - August 3, 2025

Patino, Tim W. – August 3, 2025 age 61 of Plymouth.

Beloved husband of Marie-Chantal Patino. Loving brother of Christine Kendra and Lori Patino. Proud uncle of several nieces and nephews. Dear son of Manuel and Lorna Patino, and cherished son-in-law of Roger and Mimi Krempa.

Tim grew up in Westland, Michigan, and from a young age developed a love for food and cooking. He attended Schoolcraft College, where he enrolled in the culinary program.

He spent several years living in Florida, where he worked at one of the restaurants in Disney World, and later moved to Port Clinton, Ohio. There, he served as a manager at the Side Door Restaurant / Greenhouse Restaurant / CIC Club; It was during this time that he met his future wife, Marie-Chantal.

Tim had a generous spirit and a passion for giving back. He volunteered with many organizations and causes, including community events like the Plymouth Rotary spaghetti dinner. His deep love for animals led him to serve as Board President of the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary, a role he embraced with dedication and heart.

Tim played guitar exceptionally well and had a lifelong love of cooking. He

continually furthered his culinary knowledge and attended courses at the Culinary Institute of America in both New York and California. He also enjoyed wine and appreciated the art and culture surrounding food and drink.

More than anything, Tim loved his wife, his pet rabbits, and the close bonds he shared with family and friends.

Memorial Visitation Monday, August 11th from 3 PM until 8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth.

A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, August 12th at 11 AM, with gathering starting at 10 AM, also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary, PO Box 7, Whittaker, MI 48190, or online at RabbitSanctuary.org (<https://www.RabbitSanctuary.org>).

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG **11.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

AUG **12.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
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# Tribute Wall

IK

“ Isabella K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tim W. Patino.

Isabella K. - August 11, 2025 at 01:26 PM

RA

“ Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tim W. Patino.



Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. - August 11, 2025 at 09:00 AM

RA

“ Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tim W. Patino.

Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. - August 11, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tim W. Patino.

August 10, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Tim W. Patino.*



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August 10, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tim W. Patino.

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August 09, 2025 at 05:31 PM



“ *To Marie-Chantal and Tim’s family, I am so sorry for your loss. I first met Tim almost 20 years ago when I became interested in the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary. I ended up volunteering a few times and eventually adopted my 3 bunnies from there. Spending time at GLRS was just as much a sanctuary for me as it was for the animals whose lives he saved. It took a special kind of soul to work so tirelessly for the rabbits and farm animals who had no place else to go. Tim was a man of few words but every time I saw him, he greeted me with a big smile, and he was always so kind. I had no idea when I saw him in June at the GLRS event that it would be the last. I know Tim’s departure has caused you so much pain, but I just know he is surrounded by the angels in heaven, and every bunny and every farm animal that crossed over the rainbow bridge before him. There’s a special place in heaven for people like Tim.*



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**Lindy Kingins** - August 08, 2025 at 10:54 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Tim W. Patino.



August 08, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tim W. Patino.

August 08, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ Susan Jo Carter (Chef Jo) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Tim W. Patino.



Susan Jo Carter (Chef Jo) - August 08, 2025 at 03:58 PM



“ Tim was such a wonderful and sweet man. I only worked with him for a few months at Browndog, but he truly made my day every time I came into work. We always had to do the orders on Sunday (a lengthy and not very enjoyable process), but Tim always had something funny to say that would make the time go a lot faster! I recall one time he had to order something on amazon and he turned to me and said “Should this be the staff Christmas Present?”, it was wife beater t-shirts. Not only was he very funny but he was also extremely sweet and always offering a helping hand. Tim will truly be missed, sending my love to the family ❤️

Lizzy Bartley - August 08, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Tim W. Patino.*



August 08, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ *I am so sorry for the family's loss. Tim was so kind-hearted. I admired his devotion to the bunnies and other animals under his care at Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary. There are no words to adequately describe the incredible impact he had on so many lives - both humans and animals, and how much he will be missed. He was a special person and had a huge heart.*

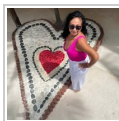
**Michelle Rogers** - August 08, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ *It was a pleasure to work with him at the GLRS. Many happy bunnies found their forever home because of his efforts.*



**Tom Seubert** - August 08, 2025 at 12:26 PM



*Tim's passion*

**Janet Mccowan** - August 08, 2025 at 04:36 PM



“ Tim took the time out of his day to help me find the very best vet for my own bunny - one who was not even affiliated with the sanctuary. I believe this gesture - albeit small - is a display of greater character. He will be missed dearly but remembered and respected endlessly.

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**CJ Smith** - August 08, 2025 at 03:29 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Tim W. Patino.



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August 07, 2025 at 06:52 PM



“ Tom Mullins purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Tim W. Patino.



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**Tom Mullins** - August 07, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ Tim was a quiet warrior. His gentle spirit made a big impact on the rabbits in the sanctuary. His work supporting Rotary was evident each fall. Tim was a giving person who was taken from us way too early. With love, Elaine Kennedy

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**Elaine M Kennedy** - August 07, 2025 at 08:50 AM

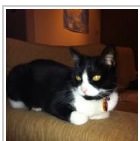
DK

“ <https://www.vermeulenfh.com/m/obituaries/tim-patino/Memories>

*I met Tim at GLRS over 20 years ago. Over the years I contacted Tim when I needed help with a rescue situation, he always did what he could to help me and the critters. I'm sad that Tim is gone, he will be missed and I will never forget his kindness.*

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**Donna Kracker** - August 06, 2025 at 10:06 PM



“ *I met Tim on several occasions, usually it was at an event for GLRS. Tim also allowed Radar to live out the rest of his life at the Sanctuary. Radar was an older kitty I rescued and must have had a really rough life until he was loved and given a safe place because of Tim's kindness. Time will be missed by many.*

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**Diane Biega** - August 06, 2025 at 07:53 PM

JD

“ *Tim could always be relied on to help out in any way he could. Heaven surely has gained another angel.*

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**Judy Durfy** - August 06, 2025 at 07:17 PM

RM

“ *I remember Tim as a young teenager full of life and vigor, a great sense of humor and a great love for his family, Anthony and Nicole loved him deeply and was a great cousin to them, I know they were very proud of his accomplishments. RIP in the arms of our Lord Tim.*

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**Richard Martinez** - August 06, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tim W. Patino.



August 06, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ Richard M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tim W. Patino.

Richard M. - August 06, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ Tim was the best nephew I could ever imagined, I messaged him every few weeks he never complained about his illness in fact he taught me to dress for success daily !! Never once did he show weakness during his struggles . He was here for me when my parents died and my brother.. We were only 4 yrs apart played together as children and always remained in touch I will miss him forever till we meet again my nephew.. I was very proud of you, successful passionate about your cooking and the rabbits my only regret we are struggling with our health Tim you were a wonderful man and husband nephew, son .. You taught me the art of food and reminding me during our Xmas eve dinners the food I forgot to set out of the fridge.. Always in my heart ❤️



Janet Patino-McCowan - August 05, 2025 at 06:59 PM

DK

*Tim was such a kind person, and I am a better person for having known him. My husband and I met him while we volunteered at GLRS. Over the years I contacted Tim occasionally to ask with help in a rescue situation. Tim always did the best he could to help. Whether it was a pig (Marilyn) or rabbits I needed help with, Tim always came through for me and them. I didn't know Tim was musical and played the guitar, I would have loved to hear him play or play a duet with him. I'm so very sorry for your loss Marie-Chantal.*

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**Donna Kracker** - August 06, 2025 at 05:56 PM

DD

*I met Tim many years ago when he first started at GLRS  
We had several conversations leaning on the pigs fence.  
He poured his heart into GLRS.  
So sorry for your loss Marie-Chantal*

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**denise donovan** - August 07, 2025 at 10:02 PM