



## Dr. Thomas M. Hiegel, DDS

August 9, 1947 - August 6, 2023

Dr. Tom was born August 9, 1947 to wonderful parents Johnny and Rosie Hiegel. Tom passed away on August 6, 2023 at his home in Shelby Township. Together with his dental partner Dr. Arnold Bansen, Tom worked over 40 years with loving staff and patients, even treating 3 and 4 generations of families. When he wasn't attending to his patients and his practice Tom was an avid bowler and golfer. He enjoyed Saturday golf and men's bowling leagues for over 40 years. Missing him are his beloved wife of 48 years Joyce, his son Scott (Julie) Hiegel and his daughter Lisa (Jason Muxlow) Hiegel, his grandkids Andrew and Jenna Dubay and Johnny and Natalie Hiegel. He was loved by Ellie, Livi and Alex Muxlow, his siblings Patricia (John) Hoffman, Mike (Chris) Hiegel, and Debbie (Jeff) Rogerson, brother in law to Bob and Kathy Zimmerman and Tom and Sue Brancalone as well as uncle to several nieces and nephews and their families. His passing will be greatly felt by his special friend Dr. John (Claudia) Kamar. He will be further missed by countless friends, neighbors, and patients that he loved and cared for deeply. Visitation Wednesday 2-8 PM with additional visitation Thursday beginning at 9:30 until 10:30 AM funeral service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc 49150 Schoenehrr Rd. (n. of 22 Mile Rd), Shelby Twp. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed in Tom's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital a cause very dear to Dr. Tom's heart. [https://www.stjude.org/donate/prospects-tssl.html?frequency\\_selected=0&sc\\_icid=impactgiving-donate-bttn-top](https://www.stjude.org/donate/prospects-tssl.html?frequency_selected=0&sc_icid=impactgiving-donate-bttn-top)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
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## Funeral Service

AUG 10. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MK

“ Just found out about Dr. Hiegel's death today when I was trying to locate him to make an appt., it has been a few years since I saw him. He was a fantastic dentist, saved a lot of my teeth years ago. His father-in-law worked with my father, Charlie Kita, at TRW many years ago. What a wonderful person he was. Rest in peace.

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**Maryann Kita** - October 12, 2023 at 02:12 PM

YD

“ Dr. Tom Hiegel and my late husband, Ed Grace, were best friends growing up. The four of us would do a lot of fun things together. I'm so sorry for your loss Joyce, I know what you are going through because when I lost Ed it was a terrible hole in my heart. I will definitely keep you in prayer. Only the Lord can give you comfort during this time of sorrow. Love you. Yvonne (Grace) DeVaney. I have remarried two years ago.

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**Yvonne (Grace) DeVaney** - August 09, 2023 at 03:46 PM

EG

“ I am so sorry to hear this Joyce, Scott and Lisa. I remember always going to your house as a kid with my parents. You all will be in my thoughts a prayers to you all. He was always one of my favorites. Love to you all

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**Eddie Grace** - August 09, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas M. Hiegel, DDS.*



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August 09, 2023 at 12:17 PM




“ *I started working for Dr. Hiegel as a co op in High School in 1976. I couldn't have asked for a better first boss. He encouraged me to get a degree in Dental Hygiene and supported me through the whole process. In 1981 I became the first Hygienist in the practice. He was wonderful to work for. He loved his staff and his patients. He had such a kind heart and was so supportive and fun. I feel gratitude and joy when I think of the 10 years we worked together. He will always have a special place in my heart. My condolences to Joyce, Lisa and Scott.*

*Angie (Satkiewicz) Daniel*

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**Angie Daniel** - August 09, 2023 at 08:22 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of working for Dr Hiegel and Dr Bansen for 30 years as a Dental hygienist. I've cleaned the teeth of many people sharing their memories of Dr. Tom! The best boss ever, and a truly fine human being. He was such a down to earth guy, and he always supported his staff. Just a warm, caring person. Rest easy, Dr. Tom*  


*Karen Click*

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**Karen Click** - August 08, 2023 at 11:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas M. Hiegel, DDS.



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August 08, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ Tom and I go way back, almost 76 years. Our mothers and grandmothers were best friends growing up and so were our families. So many good and wonderful memories, from playing "Murder in the Dark" on Canonbury St in Detroit to annual Boblo outings and picnics. At our wedding, Tom caught the garter and his sister, Pat caught the bouquet! It was hilarious! While Tom took good care of our teeth, he also took good care of our hearts. Rest in peace dear Tom. We will miss you so much.

Love,

*Diane Glaeser Farrah and Dave Farrah*

*P.S. I tried to upload my picture, but this old dog couldn't learn this new trick.*

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**Diane Farrah** - August 08, 2023 at 04:20 PM

LH

“ My daddy, my hero. Strongest man I know and I was so lucky to be able to call him my dad. Best best grandpa to my kids. Going to miss him so much. Thankful he is no longer suffering and hopefully already has a round of golf in and bowled a 700 series! Watch over us dad 🤞 Love you my sweet sweet daddy. Xoxo your baby girl. ❤️



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**Lisa Hiegel** - August 08, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Thomas M. Hiegel, DDS.

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August 08, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas M. Hiegel, DDS.



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August 08, 2023 at 12:37 PM

AB

“ Tom and I met and became good friends in dental school. We practiced side by side for 35 years and shared many of life's experiences over that time. He always had a positive attitude toward life and a caring attitude toward people. I am sure he will be deeply missed his family and many friends. P.S. If I know Tom he has probably talked Dave, Jeff, and Kenny into starting a Saturday morning foursome.

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**Arnie and Mary Bansen** - August 08, 2023 at 12:14 PM

DS

*Dearest Joyce, Scott and Lisa, our deepest condolences for you on the passing of your husband and dad. I worked with Dr. Hiegel for 14 yrs and he was one of the most generous and kind person I have met. Dr. Hiegel had a great sense of humor, carefree attitude and authenticity that will be greatly missed. When I hear thunder I'll know Tom is bowling another 300 game! Rest in peace my friend❤️ Donna Shook*

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**Donna Shook** - August 08, 2023 at 01:13 PM

CB

“ Knew Tom through Delphine Glaeser many years ago. Needed a dentist! More than a dentist a dear friend since 1979. Tom is in Heaven watching over his family and friends. God be with his family.

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**Cathy Brunkey** - August 08, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ We have so many fond memories of Tom.  
From the day we met him to the last time we saw him; he always had a huge smile and warm embrace for us. We enjoyed his stories about golf, bowling, euchre and friends many times through the years.  
There was nothing he wouldn't do for his children and his grandchildren were so very important to him and contributed so much to that smile.  
When he and Joyce married, we were so proud to call him "brother". St. Sebastian is the patron saint of sports, and I am confident he was sent to escort Tom to heaven!  
I think we can all agree when we all get to heaven Tom will be one of the first people we look for.



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**Kathy Zimmerman** - August 08, 2023 at 09:49 AM

DR

“ Tom was one of the good guys! I met him through Scott, playing Saturday golf about 20 years ago. Tom welcomed me right into the group and after a few holes, made me feel like I'd been part of the gang for the last 50 years. I'm blessed for the opportunity to have met him. Undoubtedly, he is arranging a bowling league or golf tournament in heaven right now!!

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**Dave Rutter** - August 07, 2023 at 09:24 PM

BF

“ Doc and Joyce were our neighbors when we moved to Michigan. They were a beautiful couple and he was someone that I always looked up to. He was very inclusive and got me involved in golf league. I will miss Tom and his stories.

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**Brian Fromm** - August 07, 2023 at 07:39 PM

KL

“ Tom was my cousin and my dad’s godson. He was also my dentist my entire adult life until he retired. Back in the 90s I had a large 6 tooth bridge, that was put in before he was practicing, front & center that needed replacing. I was terrified! Tom agreed to give me laughing gas. When he pounded the bridge out and it finally gave way, it went flying across the room. He didn’t skip a beat and said “Well I guess we won’t be using that as a temporary!” After having had a snout full of gas, I was howling with laughter. Tom was a kind and caring individual. Whenever I saw him outside the office, he’d greet me with a smile, a hug and he’d say “Nice to see you upright.” He was a really special guy. RIP - you will be missed.

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**Kathleen Lupi** - August 07, 2023 at 06:27 PM

BR

“ A very kind and gentle man. He will be missed by many.

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**Bill and Karen Rexin** - August 07, 2023 at 06:07 PM

JD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Jenna Dubay** - August 07, 2023 at 02:44 PM