



Thomas "Tom" Shankin

December 28, 1952 - March 5, 2024

Thomas "Tom" Shankin, of Warren, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at the age of 71. He was born in Detroit, Michigan to the late Edward and Helen Shankin. Dearest father of Tommy Shankin, Matt Shankin, Julie Destefano, and Jason Thomas. Loving grandfather of Jenna Destefano, Joel Gonzales, Ty Thomas, Dezzi Thomas, and great grandfather of 3. Dear brother of Ed (Peggy), Mike (Cindy), Don, Bob (Melissa), Jim (Connie), Paul (the late Sherri), and Maryann (Kevin) Conte. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Tom is remembered as a hard-working man who loved his family and cherished the time spent raising his children. In his free time, Tom loved watching sports, especially the Detroit Lions, Detroit Tigers, and UofM Football and Basketball. For all of those who knew Tom, they knew that under that imposing beard of his, was a kind heart and a gentle soul who would do anything for the ones he loved; though his passing brings us sorrow and sadness, undoubtedly those who had the privilege to meet him are truly grateful.

Visitation Monday 2-8 p.m. with a 6 p.m. Rosary at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (West of Hoover) Warren. Instate Tuesday 9 a.m. until a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families Parish, 25252 Van Dyke (North of 10 Mile Road) Center Line. Interment

Resurrection Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
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Rosary

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Instate in church

MAR 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families Catholic Church
25320 Van Dyke Avenue
Center Line, MI 48015-1437

Funeral Mass

MAR 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LA

“ I was talking to someone about Tom today and just found out about his passing . What a absolutely beautiful and accurate obituary. Tom was a great guy and family was everything to him. He would do anything to help anyone, as he had a heart of gold. Tom made work fun and was superior at his job.
He deserved a really long retirement 🙏.
May he rest in peace.

Loretta Apkarian-Hendricks - March 04, 2025 at 08:29 PM

DT

“ Shank, you were a great friend and co-worker at the BMC. We shared many laughs, great times on the ball field, and stories about our kids. Family was always first with you. May you rest now, and know you left so many memories for family and friends.

God bless!

Don Taylor

Don Taylor - March 27, 2024 at 08:18 PM



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Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - March 10, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ Remembered for being my uncle (and I have many) not only with the longest beard, but the one who would say whatever was on his mind, and it was usually pretty unfiltered. 😭 But it was always apparent, how much of a family man he was. We are so sorry to have to miss his funeral, but are sending lots of love and prayers. Undoubtedly, he will still be watching over his family, like he always has. 💙

Amanda Skiba - March 09, 2024 at 07:51 PM

MS

“ Tom and I were born in the same year and were extremely close when we were young. We played baseball and basketball together. As we got older, we played softball together. Softball tournaments were never dull with Tom on the team. I have many memories of Port Austin tournaments and I’m sure Port Austin remembers the Pastime Bar softball team because of Tom. Even though he came across as gruff, Tom was really a teddy bear at heart and boy did he love to make everyone laugh. Of all the memories I have of my brother, the one that stands out most is when he would say, “He ain’t heavy, he’s, my brother.” Thanks for the love, laughter and great memories, Tom. You were always there for others especially family. I love you Brother.

Mike

Michael Shankin - March 09, 2024 at 03:14 PM

MS

“ So many memories with Tom over the last 30 years and I can't think of one where he didn't make me laugh. While he is no longer here with us I take comfort in knowing that he is at peace with the lord and no longer suffering. All my love and prayers, Melissa.

Melissa Shankin - March 08, 2024 at 12:48 PM