

Thomas L. Roland

July 17, 1956 - May 23, 2011

Thomas Louis Roland of Clinton Township passed away on May 23, 2011 at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital. He was born on July 17, 1956 to John and Mercedes "Cede" (nee Geyer) Roland in Pittsburgh, PA. Beloved husband of Debra Lux Roland. Loving father of Danielle, Ashley, Kevin (Fiance' Sarah), and Melanie Roland. Dear brother of Jack (Katherine), George (Bonnie), James (Kathleen) Roland and Pauline (John) Oberhausen. Dear son in law of Patricia and Rex Lux. Dear brother in law of Sheri (Carl) Kenny, Rex (Sharon) Lux and Donald (Ellen) Lux. Dear uncle of 11 nephews and 5 nieces and great uncle of 9 great nieces and nephews. Thomas is also survived by many, many, many cousins that were like brothers and many, many, many, many other family members and friends. Predeceased by his parents John and Mercedes "Cede" Roland. Proud member of the U.S. Marine Corp.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Macomb Christain Church
13845 22 Mile Rd.
Shelby Township, MI

Tribute Wall



“ I'm sorry to hear about Tom's Passing.
I couldn't make the services because I have been gone for two weeks and returned this morning.
For the short time knowing Tom, He was a gentlemens, gentleman.
One couldn't help but liking that man. Wonderful husband to Deb and a great Father.
We will all miss him but he is not in pain anymore which is a blessing in a different way.
God take care of Deb and the Family.##imported-begin##Gus Pasko##imported-end##

June 01, 2011 at 10:48 PM



“ To hear of your lost has sadden us. Our prayers and love are with you. God created humans with a yearning to live forever. The Bible says that he put “ a sense of eternity in their hearts.” Ecclesiastes 3:11. Our first parents, Adam & Eve, were created perfect, with no defect in mind or body. (Deuteronomy 32:4) Imagine-no chronic aches and pain, no morbid fear or anxieties! Why, then do we die?##imported-begin##Lee & Irene Keyes##imported-end##

June 01, 2011 at 10:55 AM



“ May many fond memories bring you comfort.##imported-begin##Kathy Nicholson Deckert##imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 07:42 PM



“ Our family's thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Tom was a friend to all and a great example of what a father should be. Throughout the times we shared during our girls gymnastics exploits, Tom was the "silent soldier", who was there behind the scenes getting the tough stuff done. Dedicated to being there for Ashley and ALL the girls!###imported-begin##Dave & Laura LeFevre###imported-end##

May 28, 2011 at 08:25 AM



“ Debbie and family
I am so terribly sorry for your tremundus loss. I can't even imagine what you must be feeling. Tom was a wonderful person and I am truely sorry we fell out of touch. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this horrible time in your life. God Bless, Carol###imported-begin##Carol Lisabeth Harris###imported-end##

May 27, 2011 at 11:09 PM



“ Debbie,

*Im so so sorry for your loss. Its been so long since I have seen you. Since we were children. But Kay & I have been talking alot and getting together and she told me about your husband. You will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Much love to you and your family*

Jude & Denise Ernst Yimin###imported-begin##Denise Ernst Yimin###imported-end##

May 26, 2011 at 11:42 PM



“ On a random weekday I found myself driving down Garfield & 17 mile , busy ,distracted and stuck in traffic wishing I was somewhere else. The following day at work Tommy Roland walks up to me looking rather angry ...*"Hey Webb was that you drivin down Garfield yesterday afternoon "* Tom says through gritting teeth..*"um yeah I was matter of fact"...*I reply... *" Well why the hell didn't you stop for a beer "* Tom says sounding seriously offended. I apologized with excuses including I had my two young boys with me...Tommy Roland with that boisterous laugh of his replies..*"Even better we coulda put them boys to work shaggin them beer's, Next time your my way you better stop and bring those boys"...* I knew it wasn't a joke he meant it. That's just who he was..... Open and Kind

Tom truly was one of a kind with fierce love and pride for his family....He talked often with each for both immediate and extended . My sincere condolences to the entire Roland family.... I'm thankful to have known you###imported-begin##Kevin Webb###imported-end##

May 26, 2011 at 06:14 PM



“ To Ashley and The Roland Family
Ashley we have thought a lot about you. We miss you. All of us send our thoughts, prayers, and love to you. My God be with you and your family.

From All of Us At The Gyms###imported-begin##Tim Chesla & The Staff of Alpine & NorthStar Gymnastics###imported-end##

May 26, 2011 at 01:32 PM



“ Dear Debbie and family,

You are in our thought and prayers during this very difficult time. When I had the opportunity to talk with Tom he was a very loving, special person. I know he loved you all with all of his heart. We are here if you ever need to talk.

Vince and Cheryl Calimazzo

Glenn Cheek##imported-begin##Cheryl Calimazzo##imported-end##

May 26, 2011 at 12:07 PM



“ Please accept our deepest condolences for Tom all the way from Colorado. I was able to visit with him at my Dad's funeral 3 years ago and really enjoyed seeing him again after so many years. He will be missed.

Elaine Labach and husband Bruce##imported-begin##Elaine Labach and husband Bruce##imported-end##

May 26, 2011 at 10:18 AM



“ Sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Gary Jokinen##imported-end##

May 26, 2011 at 07:59 AM



“ To my cousin Tom who was like another brother, I will always remember the good times growing up at the farm, going rafting, going to camp and especially our once in a lifetime trip to Alaska. To Deb, Danielle, Ashley, Kevin, and Melanie, he will always be in my heart and I will miss him very much. Lots of Love!##imported-begin##Randy Geyer##imported-end##

May 25, 2011 at 11:26 AM

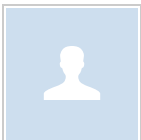


“ TOM -You will surely be missed, but you are with GOD now. We are all sad about your early departure, but we must celebrate your life on earth, just as you did. Never “sweating the small stuff”, you knew how to really enjoy life, something we can all learn from. From “toasting the trees” and Christmas celebrations, to snowmobiling and ski weekends; from boating and SCUBA diving, to white water rafting. Whether camping, playing softball, watching a race or simply cooking on the grill, you could make the best out of everything. Crazy in love with your high school sweet-heart from the start until the finish line, you persevered through all of the tough times and challenges. You provided a solid foundation of love and discipline and were fortunate to raise 4 beautiful children – Danielle who is well on her way to becoming a lawyer, Ashley who is now a teacher, Kevin who is now serving and protecting us all, and Melanie who is certainly one of God’s special angels.

You were always willing to help others at any time. You were never boastful, but definitely proud. Extremely proud of your wife, and your wonderful children. Proud of your excellent friends and extended family. Proud of your hard work, proud of your “antique truck”. Proud to be a Marine and serve our great country. And we are all proud and thankful to have had the opportunity to know and love you. Please continue to shine down on your family and help guide them until you all are once again reunited together with GOD. Tom, WE LOVE YOU.

Don, Ellen, Jason, Christian, Ryan, and Brennan##imported-begin##Don Lux##imported-end##

May 25, 2011 at 10:20 AM



“ So sorry about your loss. You all have plenty of good memories and time spent with him.##imported-begin##KATHY##imported-end##

May 25, 2011 at 10:14 AM



“ *Debbie, Danielle, Kevin, Ashley, and Melanie, our heart goes out to all of you and know that you are all in our prayers. Tom will never be forgotten. We have very fond memories of him at the Pig Roast especially sitting around the fire laughing and telling his jokes. We know this is a very hard time for all of the family, cousins, brothers, sisters.....but just knowing he is in heaven filling Uncle Louie in on what is going on down here kinda makes us smile. Lots of love and God keep you in his arms.##imported-begin##Cindy, Chris, Zach, and Maggie Geyer##imported-end##*

May 25, 2011 at 10:10 AM



“ *So sorry of your loss, wish I could of made it down to see you Ashley. You always talked so highly of both your parents and just remember he is still watching over you. Wish I could give you a big hug so in place of me giving you one give your mom one. Your in my thoughts and prayers. If you need anything I am still here for you. Take care of yourself.##imported-begin##Kim Cole##imported-end##*

May 25, 2011 at 12:20 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear the news about Tom. He is a great guy. My prayers go out to all of the wonderful Roland family.##imported-begin##Steve Sheppard##imported-end##*

May 24, 2011 at 09:11 PM



“ I have so many fond memories of Grandma Patsy's and Papa Rex's cottage and all of the kids and food and fun....and Tom was in the midst of all of it with a smile of content and pleasure. He was always a joy to be around and will be missed so dearly by so many.##imported-begin##Maureen Lifton##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 02:52 PM



“ I love you Uncle Tom! You were such a great uncle and person, you are truly going to be missed! You were an awesome, happy-go lucky guy and will be greatly missed! XOXOX Prayers are with you Aunt Debbie, Mel, Ash, Dani, and Kevin!##imported-begin##Staci ##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 02:13 PM



“ I am so sorry that we lost our "brother" to God's kingdom. I pray that God reveals his strenght to all family and friends to help us gain comfort in knowing Tom is seated at His table now. I pray that God will cover Debbie, Danielle, Kevin, Ashley & Melanie with his grace and help them all heal in this tough time of loss. I pray that his memory will always be a bright star, shining high over the Roland home and all can reflect often on all the many wonderful times Tom spent as a loving husband, father and frined. I pray this in Jesus' name.##imported-begin##Jim Modrycki##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 12:04 PM



“ Tom Roland was a gentleman, always with a quick smile, when stopping by the Administrative Offices. He will truly be missed by his extended family at the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sending a prayer to the Roland Family at this tremendous loss.##imported-begin##Pamela Baker##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 10:07 AM



“ My dear brother in law-You will truly be missed... There is none like you! You are and forever will be a part of the "foundation" of our family... You are now safe in the arms of Jesus. Tom, when you passed, you took a piece of my heart with you but it was immediately replaced with a piece of yours! You will forever be in my heart!! I love you Tommer Bomber! Thank you for touching our lives in so many ways! You are the best brother in law anyone could ever ask for! Love, Sheri##imported-begin##Sheri##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 09:28 AM



“ What a great man! They broke the mold with his likes.. He was everyone's Big Brother... What a loss to this world; What an addition to heaven.. Love you Tommy.. Hugs.. To Deb and all the Roland/Lux clan all my prayers.##imported-begin##Theresa Hipple##imported-end##

May 23, 2011 at 09:57 PM



“ As a co-worker for the past nine years, I will always remember Roland as the most easy-going, well liked man in the garage. And singing along with the "oldies" radio station. One hell of a guy. My condolences to the Roland Family.##imported-begin##Thomas & Carrie Baker##imported-end##

May 23, 2011 at 05:46 PM



“ Our dear friend of 25 years will be truly missed. God Bless the Roland Family.

Love,

Kim & Gary Belknap##imported-begin##Kim & Gary Belknap##imported-end##

May 23, 2011 at 04:59 PM