



## Thomas A. Goniwiecha

July 30, 1942 - July 27, 2018

Thomas Alfred Goniwiecha, age 75, of Port Sanilac, formerly Center Line, died suddenly in his home on Friday, July 27, 2018.

He was born July 30, 1942, son of the late Alfred and Rita Goniwiecha.

Tom retired from a computer information systems career at GM and EDS. He was an exemplary role model as the eldest of his large family. Tom had a deep love for all animals, but especially his dogs. He enjoyed the quiet of a long walk outdoors with his beloved pets. Tom was a proud patriot and U.S. Air Force Veteran.

Tom was the beloved husband of Judy (Walker); loving father of Rebecca (Roger) Taylor, Jennifer (Don) Schaible, Pamela (Tim) Gavigan, and Matthew Goniwiecha; loving grandfather of Nelson and Maxwell Taylor, Lindsey and Jacob Schaible, and Brooke Goniwiecha; dear brother to 15 siblings.

Funeral Services will be held 11 AM on Friday, August 3 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Port Sanilac. Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock will officiate. Burial will be in the Old St. Mary's Cemetery with Military Rites by the Croswell American Legion Post #255.

Visiting will be held on Friday from 10am until the time of the Mass at 11.

Donations to Tom's passion may be made to the Sanilac County Humane Society No Kill Shelter.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church

7066 Main St.

Port Sanilac, MI 48469

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# Tribute Wall

MN

“ *My family is deeply saddened and shocked to hear the news about Tom! Unfortunately heard too late to attend the service. Just a short four months ago, we lost my Dad, Calvin, and now hear another member of our family is gone. Our deepest condolences to your entire family!*

Mary Ann, Brian, Gail & Nancy - August 05, 2018 at 10:23 AM

CO

“ *He was a great Dad, and really great man. Always smiling. Always smiling!!!*



Carrie Okros-Welsh - August 03, 2018 at 10:12 PM

PH

“ *I was very shocked and saddened when I heard of Tom's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and all my cousins. Sharing in your sadness as you remember Tom.*

Paula (Goniwiecha) Huppert - August 03, 2018 at 09:41 AM

BG

“ *My heart and prayers are with you today . May the comfort of family and friends ease you're pain today and always . Grandpa G (Tom) will be very missed by many.*

*I'm dearly sorry for the sudden loss of a great soul. 🙏💜  
My deepest sympathy*



Becki Goniwiecha - August 03, 2018 at 09:27 AM

LK

“ Tom was a big brother that I could always look up to. I remember when he lived down the street from our parents with his own kids. He was taking the kids to Cedar Pointe for a day of fun, and as if he didn't have his hands full as a divorced single parent, he took Janice and I along too. I'm sure those days weren't easy for him, but he tried to be the best Dad that he could be. He will be dearly missed. R.I.P. Tom, goodbye for now.

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**Lorene Kline** - August 03, 2018 at 06:40 AM

CO

I remember when he lived down the street from you guys

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**Carrie Okros-Welsh** - August 03, 2018 at 10:13 PM

TF

“ The Optum Talent Family purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Thomas A. Goniwiecha.



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**The Optum Talent Family** - August 01, 2018 at 10:24 PM

BH

“ I was both shocked and saddened to learn of Tom’s passing. A day later I’m still struggling with the news.

*Tom was one of the very first people I met when I started at GMAD in 1977. We chatted for a just a few minutes and I recall thinking “just who IS this guy?”. I found him to be smart, funny, welcoming and personable.*

*I had just moved to Michigan and I was beginning my career. Tom was very much a mentor to me. He taught me the foundations of systems programming and help me adapt to life in the Tech Center area. He was the big brother I never had.*

*When GMAD had a reunion in September of 2000 I attended from Texas and stayed with Tom and Judy. I took this picture of Tom and Scout during that stay. Tom was most definitely a dog-lover and had a special place in his heart for Scout.*

*I last saw him in 2009 but I spoke with him last year when he called to wish me happy birthday. I will miss him tremendously.*

*Brian Henning*

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**Brian Henning** - August 01, 2018 at 06:06 PM

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**Brian Henning** - August 01, 2018 at 04:45 PM

JY

“ I wish I had more recent memories of my dear brother Tom. He was 16 years older than me but the best times I remember of him was a carefree time in his life when myself and some of his sisters would attend his ball games. He was a great ball player and athlete. We would hang out after at the "disco"...haha. When I had my son, "Thomas" we were honored when he agreed to be his godfather. Life happens and I wish we had seen more of him. I will miss him and may he be resting in God's loving hands.

*Julie Yancy*

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**Julie A. Yancy** - July 30, 2018 at 07:33 PM