



Thomas O'Hara, Sr.

September 2, 1934 - May 9, 2016

LEXINGTON: Thomas O'Hara, Sr., age 81, died Monday, May 9, 2016 at McLaren Port Huron Hospital.

He was born September 2, 1934 in Detroit, son of the late Robert and Evelyn (McCalden) O'Hara. Tom and Trudy Dykema were married on September 11, 1959 in Hudsonville, MI.

He was a former member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Eastpointe, he was a current member at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Lexington, and was an avid golfer. Tom was a retired school teacher and coach in East Detroit schools from 1963 to 1993.

Tom is survived by his wife Trudy; son Jon (Michelle); 3 daughters Susan (Frank) Worden, Patty O'Hara, and Kate (Steven) Bernardini; 6 grandchildren, Jacob (Kari), Caleb, Meghan, and Andrew O'Hara, Alyssa and Emma Bernardini; 1 great grandchild, Gloria O'Hara; and daughter-in-law Cindy Schlotman.

He is preceded in death by his son, Thomas, Jr., brother, Rev. William O'Hara, and sister, Evelyn Vanderark

Funeral Services will be held 11 AM Friday, May 13 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Lexington. Rev. Barry Sheldon will officiate. Burial will be in Lexington Cemetery.

Friends may call from 2-9 PM Thursday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home, Lexington, and 10-11 AM Friday at the church.

Memorials may be made to the St. Matthew Lutheran Music Fund.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Was my math teacher at Oakwood also my basketball coach such a kind and gentle man prayers for the family’s

Dawn Nawrocki Rico - August 13, 2019 at 04:22 PM

TG

“ Our sympathy to the family. My husband and I knew My O'Hara as a teacher and coach at Oakwood and then later at St. Peter's. He was always such a nice man. RIP

Tim and Laurie Gajewski - May 16, 2016 at 08:29 AM

MF

“ We extend our condolences to you, the family. May God be with you, during this time.
God's Blessings, Mattie, Kim & Amy Melton

Melton Family - May 15, 2016 at 04:44 PM

MM

“ Dear Mrs. O'Hara and family, Deb and I would like to express our deepest sympathies to you and your family on the loss of your husband. I have such warm and pleasant memories of my childhood and dinners at your home. You and Mr. O'Hara always made me feel like one of the family. He was such a wonderful man. He will be deeply missed by many. May God comfort you and your family during this difficult time and may he bless and keep you all. Deb and I will keep you all in our prayers. Fondly, Jory and Debra Grebe

Mr & Mrs. J M.Grebe - May 13, 2016 at 11:57 PM

SL

“ *i am so sorry to hear, he will be missed. my prayers to his family.god will comfort you through this difficult time. prayers going your way. sincerely susanhunterlindahl*

susanhunter lindahl - May 12, 2016 at 02:37 PM

EF

“ *On behalf of the several EDHS alums that are firefighters in Eastpointe, we offer our condolences. Mr O'Hara is well remembered and admired math teacher. May he rest in peace.*

Eastpointe Professional Firefighters - May 12, 2016 at 07:07 AM

TP

“ *I am so sorry to hear this. I grew up with this wonderful family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Theresa Dagastino Prominski - May 12, 2016 at 06:55 AM

TB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.*

Tina Brown - May 12, 2016 at 06:27 AM

BF

“ *My condolences. I was a student of Mr. O'Hara long ago. I'm in my 40's but I still remember him. He was a good teacher and a good person. He touched the lives of many a student.*

Brian Farr - May 12, 2016 at 12:01 AM

DR

“ I was hired in 1990 at Oakwood. As a young new teacher It was awkward trying to get to know the staff. Not many new teachers were hired at that time. I also found out I was pregnant shortly after school started Tom invited me to sit with him at lunch. Then he asked if I wanted to walk every day for exercise. So that is what we did, even through the winter. He was my "work" dad that year and a great mentor, even though I am a PE teacher. He was very well respected by the staff and students and will always have a special place in my memories and heart. What a wonderful man!

Dawn Ross - May 11, 2016 at 11:05 PM

LM

“ Scott and I send our sincerest condolences. We remember Mr. O'Hara with fondness. Thinking of all of you and sending prayers for comfort at this time.

Linda Morrell - May 11, 2016 at 11:01 PM

AS

“ So sorry for you lost he was a very good teacher he will.be missed dearly God bless each and everyone of his family

Aime shoemaker - May 11, 2016 at 10:47 PM

KT

“ Great teacher, funny. My teacher in 1966. Sympathy to his family.

Kathy Trombley - May 11, 2016 at 09:37 PM

MG

“ I'm saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. O'hara. It's been awhile since I last thought of him, but whenever I have it has been fondly. I remember him as the soft spoken and very patient coach of my seventh grade basketball team at Oakwood Junior High. I'm now 64 and retired and if I'm doing my math right, I believe the two of us started at Oakwood the same year. RIP Mr. O'hara. You were one of the good ones.

Mark Groesbeck - May 11, 2016 at 07:50 PM

AF

“ Mr. O Hara was the one teacher that never judged you he made me learn to love math. He was the best teacher that the school district had. I am sorry for the familys loss and i hope they know that he leaves a legacy of past students that respected him and are who they are because of him.

Allen Fletcher - May 11, 2016 at 07:47 PM

RB

“ I will miss my dear friend and golf partner. He taught me a lot about golf and helped me thru a tough time in my life. I am sure Tom was a born again Christian man and is in the presence of his Saviour.

Ron Blumke - May 11, 2016 at 07:45 PM

DH

“ The O'Hara's always opened their home to us as teenagers and Mr. O'Hara was always a voice of encouragement from the sidelines during games. Keeping you all in my prayers. Katie, wishing you peace and the love of family during this difficult time.

Denise Harlow - May 11, 2016 at 07:06 PM

DM

“ *RIP, one of the best teachers. Graduated in 1979*

David Myers - May 11, 2016 at 06:20 PM

HH

“ *Mr. O'Hara was my seventh grade Math teacher at Oakwood in Eastdetroit. (I am 42 now).. he is forever in my memories...I know I tested his patience because I was lucky enough to get the "paddle" in the hallway...lol He was a kind, patient, caring, man. I remember shouting his name across the room and him not answering...when I went to his desk he turned his hearing aids back on and said politely, if you have a question raise your hand, I'm hard of hearing not blind! I laughed so hard...I'm sure he will be missed by many...Rest in Peace Mr. O'Hara... You were the best!*

Heather Hogan - May 11, 2016 at 05:50 PM

JS

“ *Mr. O'Hara was my math teacher twice in high school. He taught me the impossible... Algebra. He always made his students laugh and you could tell he loved teaching. God bless your family at this difficult time. May you have comfort in knowing that he touched many lives while teaching.*

Jennifer Strong - May 11, 2016 at 03:57 PM

EH

“ *A great teacher to everyone and a great influence to me. My thoughts and prayers to his family.*

Erika Hunter - May 11, 2016 at 01:47 PM

JM

“ I grew up down the street from the OHara's and was friends with Susan. Mr. O'Hara always seemed like a nice man and I am sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to the family

joyce michaels - May 11, 2016 at 01:46 PM

PH

“ Mr O'Hara was my 8th grade math teacher at Oakwood Jr High. Funny, interesting teacher who made math not boring. My condolences to his family.

Pamela Misson Howell - May 11, 2016 at 12:53 PM

GK

“ I am beyond saddened to hear of the passing of Tom. I have great memories of golfing with Tom, especially the rounds in Lexington when he and Trudy would graciously host a barbecue after the round. My condolences and thoughts and prayers to Trudy and the family. Rest in peace, Tom.

Gerry Kaminski - May 11, 2016 at 10:01 AM

SY

“ Mr. O'Hara was a great person, excellent teacher and an exceptional coach. He made a great impact on me while I was at Oakwood Jr High, then throughout my years at EDHS and beyond. I am saddened to hear of his passing.

Sue Yamin - May 11, 2016 at 07:43 AM

JD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for all of you.

Judy (Knapp) DuBay - May 11, 2016 at 06:39 AM

JM

“ On behalf of Bethany Lutheran School & Church, we are so sorry for your loss of someone so special. We know Kate has always shared with others the love of her parents. Keeping you and your family in our prayers for strength and comfort. With Christian love,
Your Bethany friends in Christ.

Janet Morrison - May 11, 2016 at 06:17 AM

MO

“ Tom O'Hara Sr was my father in law, I have known & loved this man like my own father for 24 years, I will continue to love him, as long as I am on this earth. Tom was the most sweetest, loving man, godly man, I have ever known, had privilege to be a part of his family, he raised a wonderful son, that I got to marry and love for the rest of our lives. Such a godly man, he is going to be missed dearly, dad we love you so so much, RIP hug Tom for us gone but not forgotten ;)

Michelle Elizabeth O'Hara - May 11, 2016 at 12:12 AM