



Thomas D. Regan

August 10, 1937 - September 22, 2018

Thomas D. Regan, age 81 of Lexington, passed away Saturday, September 22, 2018 at McLaren Port Huron Hospital.

He was born August 10, 1937 in Lexington, son of the late David X. and Lillian M. (McDonald) Regan. Tom married Nancy VanRenterghem on November 25, 1959 in Croswell.

Tom was a retired school teacher, challenging and inspiring students at Cros-Lex Schools in his unique way for 46 years. He attended St. Clair County Community College and graduated from Eastern Michigan University. He played baseball for the community college and loved all sports. He was a coach, an announcer and the Athletic Director for many years. After retirement, he was the Sexton for the Lexington Cemetery and local historian, sharing his incredible historical knowledge with anyone who wanted to chat. Tom was known to his grandchildren as the doughnut fairy, was an avid Yankees fan, book reader and loved his village of Lexington.

Tom is survived by his wife, Nancy; children Tim (Peggy) Regan of Lexington, Jeffery (Katie) Regan of Rockford and Robin (Richard) Geiger of Saugatuck; one brother, Rev. Jeffrey (Linda) Regan of Shelby and 7 grandchildren, Justin (Sarah) Regan, Taylor (Brad) Hieftje, Zach and Jonah Geiger, Nathan, Nicole, and Samantha Regan.

Funeral Services will be held 11 AM Thursday, September 27 at the Croswell Wesleyan Church. Pastor Phil Count will officiate. Burial will be in the Lexington Cemetery.

Friends may call from 2-9 PM Wednesday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home, Lexington, and 10-11 AM Thursday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Thomas Regan Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

Dennison St.
Lexington, MI 48450

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Lexington
5635 Main St.
Lexington, MI 48450
(810) 359-7700
pomeroyfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://pomeroyfuneralhomes.com/>

Service

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Croswell Wesleyan Church
200 Peck Rd.
Croswell, MI 48422
(810) 679-3381

Tribute Wall



“ I had Coach Regan as J.V. Basketball Coach and 1-day for History till I got transferred to Paul Parets History class...but **THAT ONE Day..**I learned a lifetime of wisdom..He started with during the French and Indian War it was started over trade! My hand went up...Question Mr. Regan weren't the French and Indians on the same side?? He smiled and chastised the class...don't **LET ANYONE** tell you facts with out checking it **OUT!** Boy do we miss you Coach

Courtney Nicholson - February 24 at 04:35 AM

“ I am just learning of his death I am so sorry I missed honoring him He was my History teacher in 1964 He opened my eyes to the wider world. He helped me through President Kennedy's death. He was the inspiration to do something positive in the world. I joined VISTA because of his influence. Now the govt is stripping away the Dept of Education. So many teachers won't have the resources they need to lead our young people. Thinking of you now Mr Regan

Cynthia Kammer - April 07, 2025 at 08:43 PM

“ I was so sorry to read this post. Tom was my history teacher at Cros-Lex high school. I can still remember some of his lectures, and how excited he would get, waving his hands all over the place. I ended up teaching US history and government in Houghton Lake, and I, too, wave my hands all over the place I must've picked it up from him wonderful wonderful teacher! Please accept my condolences. Sandy Brodacki Eynon

Sandra Eynon - June 15, 2023 at 04:56 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. The Bruce William Brown Family: Joyce Brown Essex, Terry James Brown , Janet Lee (Brown) Gaito and our mother, Shirley E Brown. Tom and I were connecting again to begin our return to some family history. I was so happy to see him and Nancy this last August. It was a very brief visit, but Tom was excited I had some family history printed to get him started again. Rest in Peace Tom.

Joyce Essex - September 29, 2018 at 03:11 PM



“ Cros-Lex was so blessed to have Mr. Regan as a teacher and mentor. May God Bless his family as he passes into eternal life. Love and Prayers.

Maryjo Ciochon-Stott - September 29, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ I was very shy when I was in Mr. Regan's class. He would mark things wrong on my tests to make me speak up in class. If I didn't speak up, he wouldn't fix the "error". He was intimidating at first, but I quickly discovered the twinkle in his eyes. He was a big teddy bear. I am looking forward to getting that hug that I always wanted from him when I get to heaven. He was one of my most influential teachers. I love history and historical novels because of him. Thank you, Mr. Regan, for all of the lives that you touched for so many years!

Kathleen Vassallo Czajkowski - September 28, 2018 at 09:53 AM

SI

“For one million dollars and the rest of the day off...!” I can still hear Mr. Regan making that bet to the class. Not sure anyone ever cashed in - at least not the \$1 million part of the bet - but I'll always have fond memories of one of my favorite high school teachers. He always made learning fun! To the Regan family - and especially Jeff & Linda - may you be comforted knowing that Tom is now at peace - safely home in the arms of the angels.

With sympathy, Sherry Muir Irwin

Sherry Irwin - September 26, 2018 at 11:44 AM

GD

“Like many CL students, Tom was my favorite teacher. Whether in his government class, or on the golf course, or in his car on the way to a cross-country meet, whenever you were in his presence you felt somehow more confident, comfortable, self-assured. He had a way to boost you up when you needed it and, with his quick wit, put you in your place when you got too big for your britches. What Tom had—and what all great teachers have—is the ability to connect with students on a personal level. And it was a real connection. I hadn't seen him for decades, but when we met a few years ago, he knew my name and recalled stories about me that even I had forgotten. He did that with hundreds of us. A truly remarkable man. --Gary DeCoker ('67)

Gary DeCoker - September 26, 2018 at 10:44 AM

CB

“Chris and Georgiann Bodle purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas D. Regan.



Chris and Georgiann Bodle - September 26, 2018 at 08:28 AM

KA

“ *My mom said he was an amazing teacher. He will be truly missed.*



Kaileah - September 25, 2018 at 01:05 PM

JL

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Regan family.*

Mr. Regan was one of my favorite teachers when I was a kid, and one of my favorite people now as an adult. I will miss talking history and genealogy with him. I will miss being able to come to him with questions (always a teacher). I will also miss his wit and humor.

Rest in Peace Mr. Reagan, and Thank you for everything.

Jeff Lincoln - September 25, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas D. Regan.*



September 25, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas D. Regan.*



September 25, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ *James Warner lit a candle in memory of Thomas D. Regan*



James warner - September 24, 2018 at 05:52 PM



When I was in high school I made Mr. Regan a bet - he lost and came to our farm and did my chores in the barn for the day. Great guy!

John Osborn - September 26, 2018 at 08:36 AM



Mr. Regan was my favorite teacher. I wasn't big on history but loved his class. He was a wonderful person and a great teacher!

Mary Willis - September 26, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Regan's passing. He was one of my favorite teachers. Teaching me to take notes in an outline format helped me from my undergrad through doctoral degrees. May you Rest In Peace.*

Dr. Michelle (Ebner) Mueller - September 24, 2018 at 05:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas D. Regan.*



September 24, 2018 at 02:54 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas D. Regan.*



September 24, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas D. Regan.*



September 24, 2018 at 12:01 PM



“ *Tom, Linda, Nathan and Amanda Wagenmaker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas D. Regan.*



Tom, Linda, Nathan and Amanda Wagenmaker - September 24, 2018 at 11:26 AM



“ I had the good fortune to spend a few hours with him last Fall. I was invited to his home and we talked about my family's history in this area, my grandma's cottage in Lexington Heights that she bought in 1936, the motel we owned, and the Lex Hi Store. We talked and talked about so many people that he and I both knew. It was like going through an old photo album from my childhood. He would bring up a name and I would remember knowing them, or rather, my parents knowing them. We talked and laughed and had a wonderful time. He was fascinated by stories of my Grandpa Jack who came to the U.S. from Sicily in 1905. It's a memory that I will cherish forever. R.I.P. old friend. Thank you for introducing me to the writings of James Thurber. I look forward to seeing you again and continuing our talk...

Roz DiGiuseppe - September 24, 2018 at 10:55 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Thomas D. Regan.



September 24, 2018 at 09:39 AM



“ Robin and Tim, So sorry to hear of your father's passing. He was such a wonderful person and a great teacher. He always brought humor to the classroom. He will always be remembered.

Jennifer Jurs - September 24, 2018 at 08:21 AM

HM

“ I want to take a moment to share with all the family/friends/relatives a few thoughts about Mr. Regan. I always had a hard time calling him Tom, since I had been one of his students when I graduated from Cros-Lex in 1964. When I came back to teach at Cros-Lex after the first few years there, they moved me to the south side of the building or what was referred to as the Social Studies/English wing. I had the privilege of having my room directly across from his. I really got to know him as a person, especially after both of our kids graduated, since we would be the first two people to arrive in the morning. You could never beat him there no matter how early you arrived. One of the things that always amazed me and many others is that you could bring someone's name up that had graduated from Cros-Lex and he could give you the year they graduated most times. I will forever, cherish my memories of knowing him, being in his class, and being part of the staff with him.

Harry Mageski - September 24, 2018 at 08:05 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Regan. I have such great memories of his classes. Definitely one of the best teachers I ever had. He had a lasting impact on so many students. Sending prayers to his family.

Trish Marie - September 23, 2018 at 09:47 PM

RP

“ What wonderful person. Learn a lot from this man. Very well respected teacher, and mentor. Love doing basketball games with him. Will be sadly missed. Prayers for the family. 🙏

Rick Proffitt - September 23, 2018 at 09:37 PM

TM

“ Tom was one of my favorite teachers. He always inspired with his way of making History a living thing, something that few teachers accomplish. He was a great role model for all his students , always a guy to look up to. We were all so blessed to have him as a teacher, a mentor and a friend. He will be missed but never forgotten. Thank you sir for the good work you did, for the inspiration you were to all of us. Your's was a life well lived. Rest in peace.

Tom McNabb - September 23, 2018 at 09:26 PM



“ When I was a Senior in highschool Mr. Regan had invited me and my boyfriend over for breakfast. He always had an open invitation for breakfast. It just so happened that the night before it was my senior all night party and right after breakfast was our State Track meet. On the way to my track meet we had to stop the bus because I became suddenly ill. Poor Mr. Regan got blamed by coach (Peggy) Regan for giving me food poisoning. I'm convinced it was a 24 hour bug since my boyfriend didn't get sick. Good Times. Rest In Peace Mr. Regan. Thanks for being an awesome teacher. - Cindy (Gough) Vincent

Cindy Vincent - September 23, 2018 at 09:24 PM

RA

“ Mr. Reagan was always my very favorite teacher. I remembered him through all of the years since 1981 and will continue to remember the impact he had on me through his kindness and ability to make you feel special.

RaeLynn - September 23, 2018 at 09:20 PM

RS

“ I got to know Tom very well while I served on the cemetery board. Tom was a great Sexton for the cemetery for about 38 years, a position which he served for all those years, with very little compensation.

Tom was much more than the cemetery sexton. He was the Village historian and his knowledge will be greatly missed.

Most of all, Tom was a great individual, who always had time for anyone who had a question about the cemetery or any historical event.

Tom was the penultimate citizen of the Village of Lexington. He gave a lot and asked for nothing in return.

We will miss you Tom.

Richard Stapleton - September 23, 2018 at 08:53 PM

CB

“ It was a pleasure and honor too know TOM. He was our milkman, gas station attendant, my favorite teacher of history, Golf coach, Basketball coach and a true friend to talk to. He owes me a million dollars for the million dollar question. ALL IN FUN AND MADE US LEARN.

Sure was a pleasure to talk to him about the past. RIP tom and prayers sent.



Chuck bartow

chuck bartow - September 23, 2018 at 08:50 PM

SC

“ Our prayers & condolences go out to the family and friends during this time of loss.

stephen coffelt - September 23, 2018 at 06:13 PM

AB

“ Tom was a wonderful teacher, He was a great friend to our family. We all have so much respect for Mr. Regan. He had a great sense of humor. Loved hearing him talk about the old days in Lexington. 😭 Sincerely Norm Bringard family. Prayers for Nancy and the family..

Alleida Bringard - September 23, 2018 at 05:50 PM