



Thomas Bedra

March 16, 2014

Age 64.

He was born in Detroit, MI on April 18, 1949 to Edward and Ann Bedra. Following graduation from Notre Dame Prep. he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Wayne State University and a Master of Science in Technical Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Tom raised two sons, teaching them the value of working with their hands and the importance of putting others first. Tom was the Assistant Scout Master for both his sons in Cub Scout Pack 90. He continued to work with the scouts as a parental committee member for the Boy Scout Troop 210 while his sons progressed through scouting.

Tom retired from TACOM after 27 years of service where he worked as a Team Leader in Force Projection New Equipment Training. While working for the Department of Defense, he trained military personnel on the use of new equipment.

Since retirement, Tom rekindled his passion for pottery, mastering his art at Macomb Community College. Tom's artwork was featured in many art shows, mostly at Anton Art Center.

He is survived by his sons Thomas Edward Bedra II and Michael John Bedra and mother Ann Bedra. Tom is preceded in death by his father Edward Bedra and sister Mary Vigil.

The family requests any flowers/plants sent to the funeral home have roots so that they may be planted in Tom's memory.

Previous Events

Memorial

MAR **20.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Mass

MAR **21.** 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Community
40501 Hayes
Sterling Heights, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Bedra*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Thomas Bedra*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Tom was a gentle soul. He will be missed. Peace be with Tom, his family and with you. <3*

Deborah Malone - March 25, 2014 at 12:36 PM



“ *Deborah Malone lit a candle in memory of Thomas Bedra*



Deborah Malone - March 25, 2014 at 12:34 PM



“ *Tom was the rock to my nephews. He raised two men that I am proud to claim, and was such an incredibly talented potter. Even though his relationship with my sister was what it was, I thank Tom for putting his children before himself. He died far too soon.*

Wayne Baxter - March 20, 2014 at 04:16 PM

SR

“ So many memories with your Dad long before he had kids. He was so talented. He could do ceramics but also repair a tank. Just wanted to extend our sympathies to you Tommy and Michael. Suzy, Andre, Andreanne and Jean-Michel (the Simard's)

Susan Ross - March 20, 2014 at 02:55 PM

DH

“ Little memory of my first time to meet Tommy. At the baptism of my nephew and his cousin, David Bedra, it was whispered to me that Tommy was only twelve but he's big for his age so they lied about his age so that he and I could be God Parents. He was 12 and I was 16. He wasn't date material so I didn't look again. All these years later - I looked again. We have all been blessed. We all hurt for his passing too soon. In love always, Diane Harper (Allison)

Diane Harper - March 20, 2014 at 02:21 PM