



## Thomas J. Harris

March 18, 1937 - December 6, 2024

Thomas (Tom) Joseph Harris died early on December 6, 2024 at his home at the age of 87. He was born in Detroit, MI on March 18, 1937 to his parents Clayton and Ella Mae. He was the first of three children, including his brother Patrick (who preceded him in death) and his sister Ann (Hebert). As a child he was baptized into the life of Christ Jesus in the Catholic Church.

Tom was in the United States Navy Reserve during High School. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Army. Later he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served until June of 1962.

Tom was a hardworking faithful Catholic, a devoted husband and father. He is survived by the love of his life, his wife Phyllis (Campbell/MacEachern). Together they shared 65 years of marriage and family life. God blessed them with five children, twelve grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Their children are Brad, Mark (his wife Dawn), Nancy (her husband Neil Villarreal), Scott (his wife Jackie), and Pam (her husband Fred Rancour). Their grandchildren are Paul Harris (his wife Alisha), Ryan Harris (his wife Lindsey), Amanda (her husband Aaron Brandt), Daniel Villarreal, Aaron Villarreal (his wife Megan), Trevor Harris (his wife Sarah), Austen Harris, Jenna Harris, Megan Rancour, Allison Rancour, Emily Rancour, and Matthew Rancour.

Their great grandchildren are Dean, Dallas, Mia, Cole, Wyatt, Sutton, and Jax.

Tom worked most of his life as a tool & die maker. In his early years he worked at Bower Roller Bearing Co., then as an owner of R&T Tool & Die Engineering Co. Later he worked at Ford Motor Company and then became a tool maker at Warner-Lambert (Parke-Davis) from where he retired in 2002.

Tom was a virtuous man, full of joy, happiness and forgiveness. He loved doing anything with family and friends, especially camping, fishing, golfing, and hosting annual corn roasts. Celebrating family birthdays and anniversaries were always a top priority for Tom & Phyllis. Together they went to countless football games, baseball games, track meets, dance performances, and musical performances to cheer on and support their children and grandchildren. He was also an avid Detroit Tigers and Lions fan.

Tom was very involved in life at St. Ephrem Catholic Church between 1965-1981. He was a catechist and a bus driver for the children. At St. Jane Francis De Chantal (1981-2024) he was a choir member and cantor. He was on the parish council and the building committee that led the fundraising for the new church that was built in 2000. He loved singing in the annual Christmas musical programs with the church choir. His heart was in helping the poor through St. Vincent DePaul (10 years) and the St. Jane Francis's annual MCREST team that provided temporary housing and transportation for the homeless (13 years).

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Vincent de Paul at St. Jane Francis de Chantal Catholic Church, 38750 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48310 would be appreciated.

Details for the Friday visitation and Saturday Funeral Mass are on the bottom of the [mandziukfuneralhome.com](http://mandziukfuneralhome.com) obituary webpage.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memory Sharing

DEC 13. 6:15 PM - 6:50 PM (ET)

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

## **Rosary**

DEC 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## **Instate**

DEC 14. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St Jane Frances De Chantal  
38750 Ryan Rd  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310-2985  
(586) 977-8080

## **Mass of the Christian Burial**

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Jane Frances De Chantal  
38750 Ryan Rd  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310-2985  
(586) 977-8080

## **Luncheon**

DEC 14. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Century Banquet Center  
33204 Maple Lane Drive  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

## Burial

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery  
4200 Belford Rd  
Holly, MI 48442

# Tribute Wall

TK

“ You one of the best I have ever known Tom!  
I will miss your smile and all of the best times spent together!  
♥ Tom K.

Tom K - December 14, 2024 at 07:49 PM

LK

“ Love The Kasper's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas J. Harris.

Love The Kasper's - December 13, 2024 at 06:08 AM

LK

“ Love The Kasper's purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Thomas J. Harris.



Love The Kasper's - December 13, 2024 at 06:08 AM

JE

“ Joyce E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas J. Harris.

Joyce E. - December 12, 2024 at 08:40 PM

RK

“ Robbie Khabbaz purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Thomas J. Harris.



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**Robbie Khabbaz** - December 12, 2024 at 11:58 AM

LJ

“ Love, Rex, Lisa and Jacob purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Thomas J. Harris.



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**Love, Rex, Lisa and Jacob** - December 11, 2024 at 04:28 PM

LR

“ Love, The Howlett, Bain, DelRe, Rodrique purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas J. Harris.



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**Love, The Howlett, Bain, DelRe, Rodrique** - December 10, 2024 at 02:57 PM

LP

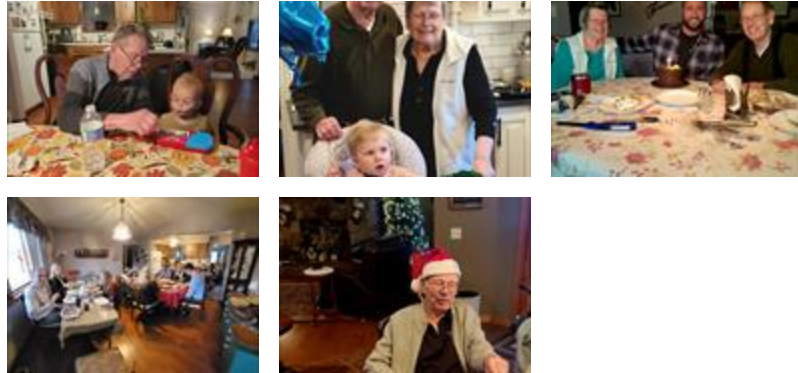
“ Tom Harris was one of the most selfless and kind persons I ever met. He was helpful to me in a way I shall long remember. I am grateful I was able to visit with him and Phyllis this past autumn. My most sincere condolences to Phyllis and the family. Sleep peacefully, my friend,  
Patricia Law

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**Law Patricia** - December 10, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ *A few recent pictures of Dad!*



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**Scott Harris** - December 10, 2024 at 12:07 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Tom Harris and his family. I remember one time at St. Jane the organ player couldn't make it in and Tom lead the entire parish for that mass and he got everyone to sing. I am sure the family has many great memories of Tom for I know I have and through those memories Tom will live on. Thank you for your service in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. God bless you and your family!*

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**Tony & Jeanne Trotta** - December 09, 2024 at 07:14 PM



“ *I can't remember the exact time I met Tom at St. Jane's, but he was assisting with a St. Vincent de Paul project. His dedication to the parish was seen by all the ways he helped. It was always nice to see him and Phyllis at church. May he rest in peace.*

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**Barbara Zolnierczak** - December 09, 2024 at 04:22 PM

AH

“ Ann H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas J. Harris.

Ann H. - December 09, 2024 at 12:42 PM

DH

“ R.I.P. Uncle Thomas ☐🕊️ You will be missed 😞



Danielle Harris - December 09, 2024 at 12:41 PM

CH

“ Our deepest condolences to Phyllis and the entire Harris family. So many great memories of the backyard corn roasts at the Harris home! Tom was always so welcoming to our family and we will forever be grateful for the wonderful friendship Tom & Phyllis shared with our parents, Don & Evelyn Conley. I have no doubt Tom was warmly welcomed in his new Heavenly home!

Colleen Haddas - December 09, 2024 at 11:03 AM

CB

“ Craig Smith and Dawn Burrick purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Thomas J. Harris.



Craig Smith and Dawn Burrick - December 09, 2024 at 10:17 AM

CB

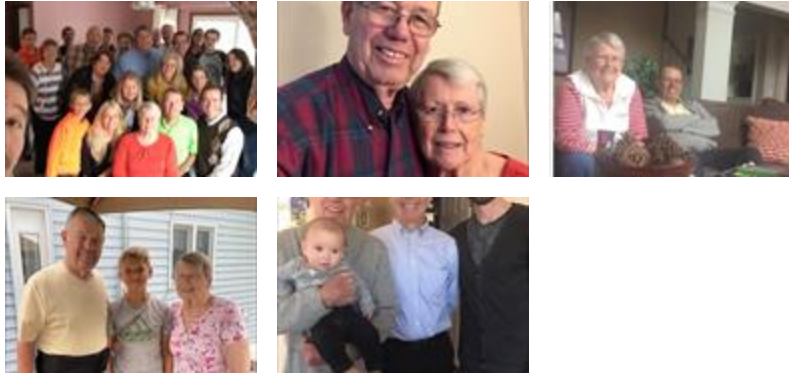
“ 2 files added to the album Tom Harris at Pine Ridge



Carrie (Conley) Bryson - December 09, 2024 at 09:35 AM

PR

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Pam Rancour - December 08, 2024 at 01:40 PM

MH

“ 6 files added to the album Tom Harris at Pine Ridge



Mark Harris - December 07, 2024 at 08:36 PM