

Thomas Paul McKenney

March 21, 1952 - January 14, 2025

Thomas Paul McKenney, age 72, of Holly, MI died January 14, 2025. A funeral service is planned for Friday, January 17, 2025 at 1 PM at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly, MI. Visitation will be from 3PM until 7PM on Thursday and again from 12 noon until time of service on Friday. Tom was born the fourth of six children in Flint, MI to Robert and Virginia McKenney, on March 21, 1952. After graduating from Holly High School in 1970, Tom attended the University of Notre Dame. He then took a year to travel before attending Detroit College of Law (now part of Michigan State University), where he followed in his father's footsteps to practice law. After having graduated from Michigan State University Detroit College of Law, he joined his father's law practice at McKenney & McKenney. He also worked as a real estate attorney for Kmart Corporation from 1982-1983. He married Jane Wilson on October 1, 1982 in Fenton, MI. Tom worked for Gault Davison of Flint, MI before joining Kohl Secrest of Farmington Hills, MI from 1989-2000. In 2000, Tom opened his own law practice, McKenney & McKenney focused on estate planning, where he was able to prioritize personalized service for his clients and have more time with his family. He also served as Councilman for the Village of Holly from 2016-2018 and President of the Village Council from 2010-2012 and 2020-2022. Tom served on the State Bank of Fenton Board of Directors beginning in 1991. He served as Chairman of the State Bank Board from 2001-2003. In 1992 he became Director of Fentura Bancorp and served as Chairman of Fentura from 2011-2021. Tom was proud of his Irish and Italian heritage and

enjoyed making homemade pasta and sauce from cherished family recipes, hosting and entertaining countless family and friends, and had a deep appreciation for music of all types. He prided himself on being the consummate host to all, taking in “strays” during Thanksgiving and Christmas, and hosting a massive Christmas Eve party every year. A lifelong Notre Dame fan, he rooted for the Fighting Irish, Michigan State and anyone playing against the University of Michigan. Tom was a member of the Holly Kiwanis for over 40 years, where he was involved in the production and sale of the Goodfellow Newspaper, which supports needy children in the Holly area. He was also a published writer contributing annually to the Holly Kiwanis Goodfellow Newspaper, where his articles were featured on the front page and profiled notable families and individuals from the Holly community. Tom was also published in professional journals including Municipal Law Section Report of the State Bar of Michigan. Tom is survived by his wife Jane, children Paul McKenney of Brooklyn, NY, Ann Marie (Keith Johnson) McKenney of Westerville, OH, Anthony McKenney of Lansing, Joseph McKenney of Holly, his siblings Patrick (Susan) McKenney of Linden, Maureen (David) White of Webster NY, Timothy (Marianne) of Carrollton, TX. Tom is also survived by his granddaughter July Josephine McKenney-Johnson and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins from his large loving family. Tom was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Virginia McKenney, and by his brothers, Michael McKenney and Father William G. McKenney, S.J. Memorial donations may be made to the Holly Village on memo line Holly Union Depot Fund.
www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8291

Visitation

JAN 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Paul McKenney*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - January 20, 2025 at 09:50 AM

JS

Very enjoyable video. I wasn't aware that Tom had passed until some time after the fact; had I known I certainly would have attended the funeral. I knew him as a fellow attorney who beat me in court some years ago, but we remained friends nevertheless. While dining at the White Lake Inn around early 2020, I encountered him and his wife and had an all-too-brief chat. His untimely passing gave me the impetus to hunt down a mutual friend in the legal community, a lawyer-turned-doctor named Terry Pietryga, whom I have reconnected with in recent weeks. When Tom and Terry were both employed by the law firm of Gault, Davison, they hung around together, and I can only wish that Tom were alive today so that I could analogize the duo of McKenney & Pietryga to the team of Laurel & Hardy, a form of sarcasm that would only be funny because Tom and Terry were both highly accomplished in both their professional and personal lives. Whether those who read this as a sibling, spouse or child of the late Tom McKenney, be assured that his absence is acutely felt by those who knew him professionally and personally. His untimely death serves as a reminder that life can be fleeting, and every day ought to be lived as though it might be the last. I have no doubt that a huge void is left in your lives that time alone will never fully heal. I am fortunate to have known Thomas McKenney for upwards of 35 years and I am genuinely saddened by his departure from this life. Sincerely, John Streby, johnstreby@gmail.com.

John Streby - April 08 at 08:10 AM

CB

“ Our deepest condolences to you Jane and your precious children. One of my favorite memories of Tom was how he would fuss over and joke with our Mom. He always had the best and most comical stories to tell. Our love to all who will miss him terribly. With love Chari and Terry Beecher



chari lynn beecher - January 24, 2025 at 10:04 AM

SF

“ So sorry to hear of Toms passing have know the Mckennys since their Little League days and watching them grow up Tweezer is waiting for him

Sharon Franklin - January 20, 2025 at 10:21 AM

CP

Tom did a trust for us in 2018. We were so blessed to do this with Tom. He was always so kind, thoughtful, thorough, and so intelligent about the law. We could tell he had God in his life by all the good works he did in helping others and his sweet personality. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to especially Jane and the family and many friends who will miss him.
Sincerely,
Bill and Carol Plewa

Carol Plewa - February 20, 2025 at 12:49 PM

AM

“ Jane and family - we are so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. He was a pillar of the Holly community and will be deeply missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him. Sending prayers and warm thoughts your way.
Amy and Tony Mayhew

Amy Mayhew - January 17, 2025 at 02:18 PM

CB

“ Thinking of the entire McKenney family. Ann, you have been a wonderful friend to Grant since your days in pre-school together and it has been a pleasure to know your family. I know Tom will be terribly missed. Dave and Carol Berger



Carol and Dave Berger - January 17, 2025 at 12:09 PM

DA

“ An excellent example of how to live your life and treat others. Tom will truly be missed. Debbie (Diehl) Asbel and Russ Asbel



Deb Asbel - January 17, 2025 at 09:20 AM

KP

“ Prayers to the family
John and Kim Phillips



Kimberly Phillips - January 16, 2025 at 03:53 PM

DH

“ Doddi Brewer and Dan Hittle purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.



Doddi Brewer and Dan Hittle - January 16, 2025 at 03:09 PM

DH

“ *Doddi Brewer and Dan Hittle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Paul McKenney.*

Doddi Brewer and Dan Hittle - January 16, 2025 at 03:09 PM

LR

“ *Lorne and Penny Winglemire Raupp lit a candle in memory of Thomas McKenney*



Lorne and Penny Winglemire Raupp - January 16, 2025 at 03:04 PM

-S

“ *-Blackthorn Pub Staff purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.*



-Blackthorn Pub Staff - January 16, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.*



January 16, 2025 at 11:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Paul McKenney.

January 16, 2025 at 11:12 AM

“ Dear Jane, Paul, Ann Marie, Keith, Anthony, Joseph, Pat, Susan, Maureen, David, Tim, and Marianne, & little July,

I am deeply saddened by the loss of our beloved friend and classmate, Tom. My heart goes out to each of you during this incredibly difficult time.

Many of my fondest memories were spent at the McKenney home, where I was always treated like a family member the moment I walked through the door. Tom, along with his amazing siblings, made that home a place filled with warmth, love, and laughter. I was lucky to not only have Tom as one of my best friends, but to also have his wonderful sister, Maureen, and all his siblings as a second family. Mike was like a big brother & his wife, Kathy, were also the best to me. Whether I was there to watch a Notre Dame game or just spending time with the family, I was always made to feel welcome and cared for.

Tom was a rare person—witty, intelligent, full of fun, and mischief. I have so many memories of our time together, like the time I was driving my stick shift car to school, and Tom ran out for a ride. Of course, he couldn't resist stepping on the gas as I was letting out the clutch, leaving a patch of rubber in front of his parents' house! He laughed the entire way to school, while I was horrified thinking about what Mr. and Mrs. McKenney would think. It's memories like that, full of joy and laughter, that I will cherish forever.

Tom was not only an amazing friend but also a devoted family man, upstanding citizen, and a beloved friend to all our classmates. My family adored yours, and my mom, Darlene, was especially fond of Tom. When she became ill, I called Tom for advice, and he was nothing short of compassionate, caring, and helpful. He even drove all the way to Lansing to make sure my mom's affairs were in order. That was Tom—always going above and beyond for those he cared about.

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this heartbreaking time. Tom's legacy of kindness, generosity, and love will live on in all of us who were fortunate enough to know him. Thank you for being such a wonderful friend to me, Tom...you will forever be in my heart & memory!

*With deepest sympathy & love,
Barbara & Jack Rau*

Barbara Rau - January 16, 2025 at 11:08 AM

DK

*So sorry to hear of your loss, Jane and family. We always remember Tom as a kind and friendly man. His passing is a loss for the entire community.
We send our deepest condolences and loving prayers to you and your family.
Don and Rose Kane*

Don Kane - January 20, 2025 at 10:55 AM



This is so surprising and sad to hear. It wasn't long ago Tom came up to me at Blackthorn's and we had some good laughs. As all the previous comments reflect, Tom was good in every sense. I am very sorry for the family's (and the community's) loss.

Charley Grossmann - January 21, 2025 at 07:33 AM

SS

*Jane and family, I am so sorry to see of Tom's death...I have very fond memories of you two at the Hwh at Spring Meadows. I am sad to see this. I was looking up Toni Conti's obit and saw Tom's. What a wonderful tribute to your husband...again, so sorry
Susie Sowa...Spring Meadows*

SUSAN SOWA - January 28, 2025 at 07:05 PM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - January 16, 2025 at 11:04 AM

MK

“ *I met Tom and his friend Ty Brown in the 70's and worked with his father many years later. My girlfriend and I often socialized with both of these amazing individuals, and I was fortunate enough to be included in Tom's family holiday get togethers, which were awesome and memorable. Each person in the McKenney family is/was generous, welcoming, compassionate, and fun. True pillars of the community and church.*

My friend and I recall that Tom never used profanity. His most common retorts were "wringo dongo" or "pizza", along with his quick witticisms. A great memory even 50 years later.

His passing is truly a tragic blow to everyone who knew Tom... in the past or present. My heart and condolences goes out to Jane and their children as well as surviving siblings and families. The Notre Dame Fan Club in Heaven has welcomed another great human being.

Michelle Bilger Kouri - January 16, 2025 at 10:15 AM

ML

“ McKenney Family Friends - Altior Law purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.



McKenney Family Friends - Altior Law - January 16, 2025 at 08:20 AM

DB

“ Tom will be missed by so many. My sincere condolences and may the angels greet him with trumpets as they escort him to the Kingdom.



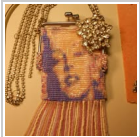
Dottie Bradsher - January 15, 2025 at 08:01 PM

AW

“ Alex Webb purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.



Alex Webb - January 15, 2025 at 07:59 PM



“ God bless you Mr KcKenney-hope you have found a better place-val magnuson-

Val Magnuson - January 15, 2025 at 07:20 PM

RZ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I first met Tom in 1990 when I was an associate at Gault Davison. By then, Tom had already moved on, but I got to know him over the years as part of the alumni of attorneys who worked there. I appreciated his friendship, his collegiality, his great sense of humor, and the fact that he was quick to put people at ease. We lost a good one. God bless him and his family.

Robert Zawideh - January 15, 2025 at 05:17 PM

KA

“ I went to school with Tom, we graduated together, he was the nicest guy..... rest in peace my friend.n

kathy - January 15, 2025 at 03:11 PM

MA

“ Growing up in Holly, our parents were close. My parents thought the World of Tom, as did the six of us siblings. Tom was quick to Wit, made you think, funny to tell a joke or change any bad mood you may have been in. Tom was so good to my Mother after Dad passed, taking care of all of her business and needs with grace and love. Tom was a plethora of information and helped me and my family when we needed him. Tom loved this Holly Village, like he did when he was a youth. Sending my deepest condolences to Jane, Paul, Annie her family, Joesph and Anthony, Pat, Maureen, Tim and their families. May you all feel the love from so many family members, close friends, people of the Village of Holly during this most difficult time. Peace to Tom Spirit and You All 💜🕊️💜



Marti Addis - January 15, 2025 at 02:00 PM

CB

“ Carol Howard & Audrey Bastas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.



Carol Howard & Audrey Bastas - January 15, 2025 at 01:37 PM

CB

“ Carol Howard & Audrey Bastas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Paul McKenney.

Carol Howard & Audrey Bastas - January 15, 2025 at 01:37 PM

KB

“ KB, Jordan, Melissa, Cherise, Darol, Buk purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.



KB, Jordan, Melissa, Cherise, Darol, Buk - January 15, 2025 at 01:26 PM

JS

“ Jim, Kim & Jeremy Scherman purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.



Jim, Kim & Jeremy Scherman - January 15, 2025 at 01:20 PM

JS

“ Jim, Kim & Jeremy Scherman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Paul McKenney.

Jim, Kim & Jeremy Scherman - January 15, 2025 at 01:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.



January 15, 2025 at 01:08 PM



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Paul McKenney.

January 15, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.



January 15, 2025 at 01:02 PM

PP

“ Jane and family, I was saddened to learn of the passing of Tom. His smile, wit, love of community will be missed. I will miss my coffee and treats that Tom would bring me as I watched Holly's Memorial Day parade. And, oh how I wanted to "steal" a tomato from his garden or at least take a bite from one. Prayers and hugs to everyone.

Patricia Ann Pfenning - January 15, 2025 at 11:32 AM

JS

“ Tom was one of the most amazing people I have met. He was such a great friend to my family and such a positive influence to his own family. My heart breaks for Jane and the kids - from our family to yours, our deepest condolences on your loss!

Jennifer Spear - January 15, 2025 at 11:31 AM

FF

“ From the White Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Paul McKenney.

From the White Family - January 15, 2025 at 10:46 AM

FF

“ From the White Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.



From the White Family - January 15, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Paul McKenney.

January 15, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ The Scofield family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.



The Scofield family - January 15, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ The Scofield family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Paul McKenney.

The Scofield family - January 15, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers for Jane and Tom's family. Tom was such a nice smart man with a wonderful sense of humor. He was a blessing to this world. Rest In Peace.

Vicky Stone - January 15, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.



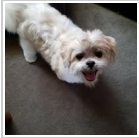
January 15, 2025 at 09:21 AM

DH

“ *Debi harden lit a candle in memory of Thomas McKenney*



Debi harden - January 15, 2025 at 09:02 AM



“ *Barb Harriman lit a candle in memory of Thomas McKenney*



Barb Harriman - January 15, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Paul McKenney.*

January 15, 2025 at 07:56 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.*



January 15, 2025 at 07:56 AM

DT

“ Dennis and Carol Todd planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Paul McKenney.

Dennis and Carol Todd - January 15, 2025 at 07:27 AM

DT

“ Dennis and Carol Todd purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.



Dennis and Carol Todd - January 15, 2025 at 07:27 AM

AF

“ All the Addis Clan will miss my friend planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Paul McKenney.

All the Addis Clan will miss my friend - January 14, 2025 at 10:09 PM

AF

“ All the Addis Clan will miss my friend purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.



All the Addis Clan will miss my friend - January 14, 2025 at 10:09 PM

SR

“ Carl and I are so sad to hear of Tom’s passing. He always made us smile. Love and hugs to all.

Shirley Roos - January 14, 2025 at 09:54 PM

RS

“ Tom was such an amazing, outgoing man who was full of great and wonderful insight and knowledge, our community is in a better place because of him, he was a great guy to work with on council, his leadership there was unwavering and a pleasure to work with.



Ryan Shiel - January 14, 2025 at 09:11 PM

CC

“ Carol and Pete Clemens lit a candle in memory of Thomas McKenney



Carol and Pete Clemens - January 14, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Paul McKenney.

January 14, 2025 at 06:54 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.*



January 14, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ *Connie Austin Davis lit a candle in memory of Thomas McKenney*



Connie Austin Davis - January 14, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ *This news makes me so very very sad. The world lost a truly fine person. Oh the memories at Notre Dame, apartment in Detroit, Grayling, just to name a few. I can honestly say I never saw Tom without a smile on his face. You will be missed
Lots of prayers for Jane and the family. Jerry and Kathy Kean Wasen*

Kathy Wasen - January 14, 2025 at 04:13 PM

JK

“ I’m so very sorry to hear of Tom’s passing. As an honored member of the class of 70 I will forever have my memories of Tom in Miss Rolandson’s advanced English class. Oh many times the attorney in him came out as the lively dialogue would challenge Miss Rolandson, questioning her and at times flustering her. It was interesting to watch and observe their interactions. Tom was a amazing person. He will be missed at all future class events. Know that your family is in my prayers.
Jinx Kincaid



Jinx M Kincaid - January 14, 2025 at 04:07 PM

TC

“ The Max clan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thomas Paul McKenney.



The Max clan - January 14, 2025 at 03:56 PM

TC

“ The Max clan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Paul McKenney.

The Max clan - January 14, 2025 at 03:56 PM

DW

“ *Don & Mary White lit a candle in memory of Thomas McKenney*



Don & Mary White - January 14, 2025 at 03:51 PM

KW

“ *Karin Winchester lit a candle in memory of Thomas McKenney*



Karin Winchester - January 14, 2025 at 03:47 PM

AP

“ *Tom McKenney loved Holly enduring his valuable time towards many of the causes to make his community, his neighbors, and his friends better. Tom was a true ambassador of the Village of Holly who supported and participated in many of the civic organizations to include my involvement with Tom when he served on the DDA. Tom was always smiling and always glad to see me to include every employee that worked for the Village of Holly. Make no doubt, Holly is a better place because of Tom McKenney. God Speed to you Tom McKenney. It is Finished.*

Andrew Potter

Andrew Potter - January 14, 2025 at 03:38 PM

DM

“ *Jane and Family*

My heart breaks for you all in the loss of Tom. Never have I known a more gentle, kind, funny, intelligent, and person of integrity as Tom was. It was my utmost honor to have him as a friend, and to have served with him as his Pro Tem on council for so many years.



The world has lost a great man that can never be replaced. God speed Tom and Rest in Peace, your legacy lives on and you will be missed!

Debby Musgrave-Rood - January 14, 2025 at 01:01 PM