



Theodore A. "Ted" Banach

December 16, 1940 - November 13, 2025

Theodore A. "Ted" Banach, age 84, of Farwell, passed away on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at MyMichigan Medical Center in Clare, surrounded by his family. Born on December 16, 1940, to Theodore P. and Marcella (Trombly) Banach in Roseville, Michigan, Ted grew up with a strong work ethic and deep family values. On February 8, 1964, he married Shirley Coogan at St. Cyril of Jerusalem Catholic Church in Taylor, Michigan, beginning a partnership that endured for sixty-one years. Ted began his career in his early twenties as a machinist with Quality Tool & Engineering, where his dedication and skill ultimately led him to the role of General Manager. In 1978, he and Shirley moved their family to Central Michigan to operate Lake George Resort, a challenging period that tested their resolve and demonstrated their resilience. In 1979, Ted joined Future Mold Corporation, where he continued his craft for the next thirty years until his retirement. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Ted embraced many passions. He loved science fiction—especially Star Trek and Star Wars—and had a keen eye for photography and videography. He enjoyed deer hunting and trips to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. A loyal fan of the Detroit Lions and the Michigan Wolverines, Ted was also known for his perfect timing with puns and classic dad jokes, always ready to bring a smile to those around him. Above all, Ted's greatest joy was his family. He had a tender heart, especially for babies, and nothing warmed him more than holding the youngest members of the family. His love was strong, constant, and felt by everyone who knew him.

Ted is survived by his wife, Shirley, of Farwell; and his children: Theodore (Elvira Castro) Banach of Farwell, Matthew (Peggy) Banach of Sugar Grove, Illinois, Alexander Banach of Farwell, Katrina (Jim) Cotton of Clare, and Stephanie (Bill) Bell of Farwell. He is also remembered with love by his grandchildren: Jessica Bailey, Stacie (Mike) Livermore, Jordan (Beth) Dancer, Melissa Banach, Kate (Tim) Liles, Doug (Cali) Banach, Emily (Patrick Lowery) Banach, Ryan (Hannah) Seiter, Olivia Banach, Will Bell, Ren Cotton, Teddy Bell, and Marcella Bell; along with his ten great-grandchildren. Additional survivors include his sisters Sue Sampson of Clinton Township and Chris (Ron) Evans of St. Clair Shores, as well as many nieces and nephews. Ted was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Marcella Banach; his sister, Judy Bazzetta; and his brothers-in-law Frank Bazzetta and Leo Sampson.

Though he has gone home, his love remains alive in every heart he touched. A Funeral Mass in honor of Ted will take place on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. at the Our Lady of Hope Parish — St. Cecilia Site in Clare, with Monsignor Francis Koper officiating. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 19, from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Farwell Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Ted's final place of rest will be St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery in Clare. Memorial contributions in Ted's honor may be directed to the "Our Lady of Hope Parish Renovation Fund." For those unable to attend services, condolences may be shared at the funeral home website, www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery

411 Schoolcrest Ave.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)
165 South Hall St.
P.O. Box 231
Farwell, MI 48622
(989) 588-9630
wymanh@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Visitation

NOV **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Cecilia Site
106 E. Wheaton Street
Clare, MI 48617

Funeral Service

NOV **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Cecilia Site
106 E. Wheaton Street
Clare, MI 48617

Tribute Wall

EB

“ Shirley, so sorry for your loss. Enola Bennett

Enola Bennett - November 25, 2025 at 12:23 PM

AR

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a great neighbor growing up and friendly to. Good fond memories.

Allison Lavery Rea - November 19, 2025 at 03:12 PM

LF

“ Lavery and Rea families purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Theodore A. "Ted" Banach.



Lavery and Rea families - November 19, 2025 at 03:05 PM

LF

“ Lavery and Rea families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore A. "Ted" Banach.

Lavery and Rea families - November 19, 2025 at 03:05 PM

VS

“ Alex, So sorry to hear about your Dad. He has always been one of favorite cousins and favorite people. He was a very special person to my Mom and Dad. I will always have fond memories of Teddy, as he was know in the Duffey house.



Vanessa Spicuzzi - November 18, 2025 at 04:34 PM

LF

“ Love, Tamie Pratt and Family purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Theodore A. "Ted" Banach.



Love, Tamie Pratt and Family - November 18, 2025 at 11:30 AM

LF

“ Love, Tamie Pratt and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore A. "Ted" Banach.

Love, Tamie Pratt and Family - November 18, 2025 at 11:30 AM

TN

“ Tom & Jenn Brown, Joe & Nickie Nameth purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Theodore A. "Ted" Banach.



Tom & Jenn Brown, Joe & Nickie Nameth - November 17, 2025 at 03:43 PM

TN

“ Tom & Jenn Brown, Joe & Nickie Nameth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore A. "Ted" Banach.

Tom & Jenn Brown, Joe & Nickie Nameth - November 17, 2025 at 03:43 PM

TB

“ Tami B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore A. "Ted" Banach.

Tami B. - November 17, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theodore A. "Ted" Banach.



November 17, 2025 at 08:40 AM

KF

“ Kim and Kirk Gillespie and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore A. "Ted" Banach.

Kim and Kirk Gillespie and Family - November 17, 2025 at 08:40 AM

EC

“ I Met Mr Theodore Banach About 5 Years Ago And He Was Always So Kind And Theodore And Shirley Raise 5 beautiful Children So Caring And Loving.It Brings Me Peace That A Week Ago We Spend The Day With Him And He Gave Me A Kiss On The Cheek And Said I Love You Like He Always Did I Will Always Cherish That Moment Rest In Peace Ted



Elvira Castro - November 16, 2025 at 09:19 PM

MK

“ Ted rode his motorcycle over to the home his cousin, Rosie, and her family moved to in Clinton Township in late summer 1956. He gave me a ride around the neighborhood on the back. That was so much fun.

Mariana Kopacz - November 16, 2025 at 12:10 AM

MK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mariana Kopacz - November 16, 2025 at 12:05 AM

MK

Ted Banach, ring bearer & Arlene Lyons, flower girl - wedding of Rosie Schulte & Wally Jeske in 1949

Mariana Kopacz - November 16, 2025 at 12:06 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Theodore A. "Ted" Banach.



November 15, 2025 at 12:38 PM

LF

“ Love, MaryKaye, Lynn, Amy & Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore A. "Ted" Banach.

Love, MaryKaye, Lynn, Amy & Families - November 15, 2025 at 12:38 PM

JM

“ Jim and Colleen MacRunnels purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Theodore A. "Ted" Banach.



Jim and Colleen MacRunnels - November 14, 2025 at 07:42 PM