



Thomas E. Jared

May 4, 1956 - March 17, 2026

Thomas E. Jared, age 69 of Farwell, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. On May 4, 1956, Tom was born the third of six children to Clarence and Rose “Elaine” (Grotto) Jared, in Flint, MI. Tom’s childhood and early adult years were spent in Davison, MI. He was a graduate of the Davison High School Class of 1974, but more important than his graduation Tom would argue, this was where he met his high school sweetheart Deborah Hinterman. On June 24, 1978, Tom and Deb were married and went on to grow businesses and a family together for the next forty-seven years. Tom’s career began working for other people, but he soon realized that his dream was to be his own boss. Tom and Deb moved to Farwell in 1980 when they purchased a convenience store—which famously became known as the Farwell Trading Post. For forty-three years Tom and Deb ran the Trading Post and in that time they added a second convenience store and gas station West of town named Jared’s Express Mart, served and supplied thousands of patrons with hunting, fishing, and outdoor sporting equipment, and made countless cherished memories and friendships. When he wasn’t at one of his stores, Tom enjoyed spending time outdoors and pursuing his many hobbies including hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. He was also a devout man of faith, and he made it a priority to share his talents and love of God through mentorship and speaking for many local philanthropic organizations. However, it was clear to those that knew Tom best, that he shined most brightly in his role as grandfather to his cherished

twin grandsons.

Tom is survived by his loving wife Deborah of Farwell, his daughter Bethany (Brad) Boyd of Rockford, MI., and his twin grandsons Asher and Rowan Boyd. Other survivors include his siblings Nan (Chuck) Johnson, Craig (Kim) Jared, Terri Dolan, Chris "Joe" (Kim) Jared, and John (Robin) Jared, along with many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews who considered him the "favorite uncle". He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Rose Elaine Jared.

In keeping with Tom's wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of Tom's life will take place on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at the Mt. Pleasant Community Church at 12:00 P.M. with Pastor Alan Cullen officiating. Visitation will take place at the church on Wednesday the 22nd from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at noon. Memorial contributions in honor of Tom may be directed to either MyMichigan Home Care and Hospice, His Helping Hands, or the Community Church of Mt. Pleasant. For those unable to attend services, online condolences may be shared on Tom's tribute page at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Pleasant Community Church
1400 W. Broomfield St.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ Marguerite G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas E. Jared.

Marguerite G. - April 27 at 12:03 PM

ST

“ SteveJudiDanMaryJimMikeKellyGregGeri purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas E. Jared.



SteveJudiDanMaryJimMikeKellyGregGeri - April 21 at 11:34 AM

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SteveJudiDanMaryJimMikeKellyGregGeri - April 21 at 11:34 AM

JS

“ I met my friend Tom @ the Farwell Trading Post, 1993? His name was given to me as a possible lead for an underwriter for Praise Radio and I was following up. I waited as he finished up with a customer, maybe two, and then he said to me curtly: “What do you want?!?” Was the easiest “sale” I ever made.

Tom was always challenging men to pursue Christ.

Early on, Tom convinced me to join his group going to Promise Keepers and later, his daughter, Bethany, brought me a rose to Via Di Christo #57 which blew me away.

He introduced me to salmon and fly fishing, to which my wife, Lynn, accused him of creating a monster.

We had many float trips on the Pere Marquette , which I would pray for to be blessed and success and he would tell me I couldn't do that... I said that's the point of fishing!

One trip I volunteered to bring lunch and my Dad's favorite sandwich was peanut butter and honey which I decided to make.

Big mistake I never lived down. (I would from then on bring a symbolic one as a tribute and which we would enjoy.)

We had such marvelous theological discussions on the water, and probably something few if any others did: communion on the river.

He (and Deb) made a great impact in our lives. We are so grateful for his/their friendship and love, not only for us, but the Lord Jesus.

We look forward to that great Reunion Day.

Jeff Schultz - April 20 at 01:27 PM

RF

“ Ravines “Yuggz” neighborhood family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas E. Jared.



Ravines “Yuggz” neighborhood family - April 18 at 09:52 AM

GG

“ Gary and Donna Gareiss purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas E. Jared.



Gary and Donna Gareiss - April 17 at 07:46 PM

JA

“ Joyce, Jack, Andy, Julia, Laura, Rick purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas E. Jared.



Joyce, Jack, Andy, Julia, Laura, Rick - April 15 at 12:54 PM

JA

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Joyce, Jack, Andy, Julia, Laura, Rick - April 15 at 12:54 PM

LC

“ Lee, Laura, Selene, and Helena Cater purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas E. Jared.



Lee, Laura, Selene, and Helena Cater - April 13 at 06:21 AM

DM

“ We are so sad to hear of Tom’s passing. He was like another older brother to David and he has so many wonderful memories with the Jared family. Love and prayers to Deb and his beautiful family.

David and Lisa McHale - March 27 at 01:12 PM

LG

“ Tom and I were good buddies in high school and after. I have a lot of good memories with him. I am sorry for his family’s loss. He was a good man and will be missed.

Lou Gettings - March 26 at 02:16 PM

SL

“ Sooo shocking! I always looked forward to him in the chapel Praying for everyone or in the kitchen doing his part to harass the cooks and dishwashers as he helped with the workload on via de Cristo weekends. It's true... he will be missed! God Bless you, Deb, and to all your family... my condolences 🙏❤️

SUSAN LONG - March 26 at 01:27 PM

TW

“ Thankyou for inviting me to Promise Keepers . I'm very glad I went. You are missed.

Tom Whitfield - March 25 at 09:25 PM

TD

“ A neighbor, classmate & friend...prayers to his fam.

Tara Dorr-Collins - March 25 at 07:16 PM

RS

“ Didn't know Tom and Deb as I would have liked to, but I knew how great of people they were. Through someone how knew people better than anyone else I know, my Dad Bob Shepardson, he would tell me about them all the time and how bright and sharp they were with business and life !
I speak for him and myself with deepest condolences to his family and that Tom's light shines with us all until we are reunited in heaven.
RS jr.

Rob Shepardson - March 25 at 05:47 PM

MC

“ I enjoyed a lot of snowmobile trips in the U.P with Tom. We also went up with Deb and Bethany one time to Newberry. Tom would encourage us to slow down and take in the scenery as we drifted thru the wilderness. Great memories my friend!

Mark Crane - March 23 at 02:26 PM

DH

“ I went to school with Tom from 1st grade at St. John's through high school graduation. My parents were friends with his parents as well. My condolences to his family.

Denise Couvillon Hoover - March 23 at 01:07 PM

MS

“ My sincere condolences 🙏

Melinda Sue Saltzman - March 23 at 09:01 AM

DL

Gonna Miss You "Snowflake" Slick!!

Dave Ley - March 23 at 10:12 AM

MM

“ I knew Tom from our high school days and when our folks would get together to play cards.. My dad said “ you must be the neighbor boy”
when he first met Tom in the front yard. That was always a funny memory. Later when he owned the store in Farrell, I ran into him again there. My folks had a cabin nearby. Tom was friends with all the customers like they were his own family. A good man is gone to soon. My prayers for his family. God Bless.

Mary Sue (Johnson) Markanovich - March 22 at 02:28 PM

BH

“ It's hard to believe but I met Tom about 35 yrs ago.I worked for C.E. at the time and I got a call from Tom requesting power to his house behind the Sunoco station.We have been friends every since.Most of our conversations revolved around hunting and fishing.Tom used to fletch arrows for me 30 yrs ago. When My grandson was 5-6 yrs old and wanted to go fishing the first fish he ever caught was from Tom and Debs pond.He is crazy about fishing to this very day.I miss talking to him at the trading post.I will miss you buddy.See you on the other side.God bless.Bill & Linda Hendricks

Bill Hendricks - March 22 at 12:48 PM

JB

“ Joeann Bennett lit a candle in memory of
Thomas E. Jared



Joeann Bennett - March 22 at 08:16 AM

TH

“ I was so sorry to hear that Tom had passed away. I haven't seen Tom in many years, but we served together on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Clare County. He was such a kind and warm person. God bless Tom as well as Deb and the Jared family.

Tom House - March 22 at 01:10 AM

AM

“ One of my favorite memories of Mr. J as we who worked for him called him, was discovering we were birthday buddies but he was a year older than me. It led to many snide comments and fond times.

Annajeanelle McInnis - March 21 at 11:07 PM

RM

“ Tom was larger than life. He lived life, loved his community. He showed up in the most random places and would ask if I was behaving. He would say the funniest things but leave you with a smile, and for some reason, it was like God was smiling thru him.

Rebecca Martinez - March 21 at 10:07 PM

AM

“ So very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I worked at the Trading Post in the 90's for Tom and Deb and it was one of my favorite jobs. Tom was always full of advice and expected a lot of himself and others. He was a giving person and will be missed.

Andrea Moore - March 21 at 05:54 PM

ME

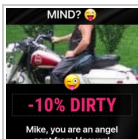
“ I am truly heartbroken to learn of Tom's passing. He held a special place in my memories from the Farwell Trading Post, where his warm and kind spirit always made us feel at home. My sister often spoke of her cherished friendship with his daughter, Bethany, and my father had the utmost respect and admiration for him. Tom had a remarkable gift for making conversations heartfelt and significant. My deepest condolences go out to his family during this unimaginably difficult time. His absence will be profoundly felt by all who knew him.

Melissa - March 21 at 04:23 PM

BS

“ I am in shock. Had not seen Tom in a very long time. A lot of great memories from Brown Cabin rd. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Love all you guys. Think of you often. Love Maria & Bill

Bill Smith - March 21 at 11:58 AM



“ Didn't know him personally but he married my cousin Deb. So sorry to hear this Prayers Deb n family

Mike Scott - March 21 at 09:59 AM

CJ

“ My brother Tom was my Superman. Growing up with him was a constant mystery and adventure. He was my Indiana Jones. Never a dull moment or down time. Always on the move. He lived the life of more than one. He was a great mentor for my sons, and whom ever would listen or invest in him. He was a great teacher and mentor. Memories in my mind are cherished and will live in my heart forever. Love you big brother.

Chris Joe Jared - March 21 at 09:49 AM

KB

“ Tom will be greatly missed. He was always there to help us out in times of need. Our daughter always liked to stop in to the Trading Post before school to see “Uncle Tom”. He will always have a special place in our hearts and will be remembered by us forever. Our deepest condolences to Deb and Bethany ❤️🙏

Ken Brooks - March 21 at 09:31 AM

MW

“ Oh man. I'm saddened to hear of Tom's passing. When I served with the Farwell Church of Christ (2007-2012), Tom always gave me free coffee on my way into the office. He would say he wanted to "make sure he was on God's good side." Of course, he already was through his faith in Christ. He was just a good man who treated me with nothing but kindness. Those gas station stops were one of my favorite parts of the day. There was always good conversation with whoever was in at the time. He even let my young son come fish his pond with a standing "anytime" offer. Tom is a pleasant memory from my time in Farwell. Prayers and condolences to the family.

Mike Waugh - March 21 at 06:44 AM

DW

“ What a great guy! We will sure miss him. Hugs and prayers for you all.

Debra Walraven/Tim Walraven - March 21 at 06:17 AM

JW

“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing . Our sincere thoughts and prayers to the Jared family. We always shared a good laugh most often a hunting or fishing tale that had been stretched to its limits. So glad our paths crossed .

Jody Walworth - March 20 at 11:47 PM

TG

“ From the first time I met Tom at a young age to the last time I saw him. Every time I saw him. We would always have a 20 minute conversation. I bought my first hunting license from him and many more over the years. RIP Tom Condolences to all his family.

Tom Grabmeyer - March 20 at 10:28 PM

JB

“ Tom was my son's Big Brother in Farwell, about 30 yrs ago. They couldn't have paired my son, with anyone nicer. He taught him many good things, a good work ethic was one of them, how to greet someone and shake hands, etc. I have a picture of them here. He was such a good man, and his family was blessed to have him

Julie Bower - March 20 at 10:07 PM

SB

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Jared family. I have many fond memories of the Trading Post from childhood into adulthood. My children do too. He will be greatly missed.

Stephanie Bell - March 20 at 09:48 PM

JC

“ So very sorry to read this. Farwell has lost too many good men lately. Hugs to Deb and the family.
Ed and Jody Carrow

Jody Carrow - March 20 at 09:28 PM



“ Condolences to the family from Mary & John Smith. Tom was an amazing friend & human. So full of joy & happiness. Prayers for the family. You are in our thoughts.

Mary Tozer-Smith - March 20 at 08:20 PM

CC

“ We did not know Tom personally, but we're friends with his sister Nan. Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of his family for their loss. We will pray for Tom and the entire family. Cindy and Tim Craney.

Cindy Craney - March 20 at 08:14 PM

SC

“ A wonderful childhood neighbor and friend and part of the great Jared family. He will be missed..

Sheila Collins - March 20 at 08:09 PM

PS

“ My sincere condolences, and on my Prayer Circle for Tom Jared family.....
Patti Smith Farwell, Mich.

Patti Smith - March 20 at 08:08 PM

DB

So very sorry to hear of Tom's passing, he was quite the guy. He would tease me about everything, my loud Harleys my loud snowmobile any thing he could find to mess with me, prayers to family and friends

Doug Bauer - March 20 at 08:35 PM

FG

“ My condolences to all of Tom's family. I did not know Tom however, I do know Kim&Craig and if he was as warm-hearted, friendly and supportive as his siblings I'm sorry I did not have the opportunity to meet him

fran grillo - March 20 at 07:05 PM

RG

“ I met Tom when he was organizing trips to Promise Keeper events. Our relationship grew with time and our wives became friends as well. Several years were spent celebrating New Year's Eve together with others. We got to know his parents and siblings through this once a year occasion as well. I looked forward to that special day every year. Lots of Sundays spent together in the prayer room at church as prayer was very important to Tom. It was an honor to have been allowed to share so many good times together over the years. A life truly well lived. We are saddened that his time with us was cut short. Until we meet again...

Ron and Lynn Graham - March 20 at 06:13 PM

MK

“ After I had my son I took him in the gas station and tom showed him the fishes and my son Bentley wanted to visit tom every single day and tom let my son clean out the dead fish and it quickly became one of our favorite places tom was such a wonderful great funny kind man to his family I'm truly sorry for your loss ❤️ it was such an honor to have known him and so grateful for him in my son's life he will be forever missed by all

Michelle kern - March 20 at 06:01 PM

BI

“ Deb and family we are so saddened to learn of Tom's passing. Always a smile and a big hug from Tom no matter when we saw him. We are comforted to know that he is with his lord and savior. He left a legacy of love and Faith. Hope to be home from S Carolina to be st his celebration of life. Much love, Bob and Marsha Ison and family

Bob and Marsha Ison - March 20 at 05:41 PM

ST

“ *What great gone way to soon. R.I.P Tom you will be sadly missed.*

Sandra & Stanley Turley - March 20 at 05:40 PM

CF

“ *Tom was a good friend. Enjoyed stopping in to F.T.P and talking hunting . Also worked with Tom on the fire department. You will be missed my friend!*

Charles Funnell - March 20 at 05:37 PM