



Thomas R. Johnson

May 4, 1946 - August 4, 2025

Thomas R. Johnson, age 79 of Clare, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 4, 2025 at the North Woods Nursing Center of Farwell, surrounded by his loving family. On May 4, 1946, Tom was born the son of Leroy and Mary Johnson in Saginaw, MI. Tom spent his entire childhood and early adult life in his hometown of Saginaw and was a graduate of the Saginaw Arthur Hill Class of '64. Shortly after graduating high school, Tom began his work career with the First Savings and Loan Bank of Saginaw, where Tom was introduced to a coworker named Connie Goetz. On August 28, 1967, Tom and Connie married in Saginaw and have enjoyed every bit of the fifty-eight years since. In 1973, Tom got an opportunity to manage the new First Savings and Loan branch opening in Clare and from that time forward, Clare was home. Tom displayed his love of Clare and its community in many ways: serving several years as the acting Clare City Mayor (1983-1985), Rotary Club President, and was active on boards for Central Michigan Manufacturing and the Clare Hospital, and of course, partaking in Clare's annual Irish Festival activities. Those of you who knew Tom, may have witnessed his performances of Strokin' after a few Cutty Sark and waters. Outside of work and community, Tom also had a great passion for golf (especially his Wednesday night Firefly league) and he was an avid Indy car and Sprint car fanatic—having attended fifty straight Indianapolis 500 races.

Tom is survived by his loving wife Connie of Clare and his daughters Kristine Hubel of Midland and Tracy (Chad) Norton of Cumming, GA. Other survivors

include his grandchildren Bailey, Peyton, and Hayden Hubel and Griffin (Jenny Sims) and Ethan Norton, his brother Denny (Linda) Johnson, and his brother-in-law Denny Browne. Tom was preceded in death by his parents Leroy and Mary Johnson and sister Dawn Browne.

A memorial service in honor of Tom will take place on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. at the Clare Congregational Church with Pastor Connie Bongard officiating. Friends may visit at the church on Saturday from 11:00 A.M. to the time of service at 1:00 P.M. and a luncheon will follow. Memorial contributions in honor of Tom may be directed to either the North Woods Nursing Center for their great care given to Tom the last few months or to the Clare-Gladwin CTE Program. For those unable to attend services, online condolences may be shared at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Clare Congregational United Church of Christ
110 W. Fifth Street
Clare, MI 48617

Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Connie and family.. so sorry for your loss. Tom was a great person and will be missed. He is in a better place now without suffering. God be with you all. Jim and Bonnie Smith*

Jim and Bonnie Smith - August 09, 2025 at 10:21 PM

RM

“ *Sorry to hear of Tom’s passing. He went out of his way to help us feel welcome when we relocated to Clare and always held a warm place in our hearts. Condolences, Connie.*

Rich and Susie Metcalf

Richard Metcalf - August 09, 2025 at 02:33 PM

MP

“ *Monica Moons, Marissa Ford & Kathy Parks purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas R. Johnson.*



Monica Moons, Marissa Ford & Kathy Parks - August 08, 2025 at 10:29 AM

JH

“ *Tom was my boss at the Savings and Loan. He was kind and a pleasure to work with each day. He always had a smile for everyone and was active in the community. Prayers to Connie and family for comfort now and in the days to come...Joanne (Jackson) Horton*

Joanne (Jackson) Horton - August 07, 2025 at 09:26 PM

VL

“ So sorry Connie...thinking of you.

Vicky Louch - August 07, 2025 at 07:59 PM

TF

“ The Robitelle Family purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Thomas R. Johnson.



The Robitelle Family - August 07, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Connie you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Judy Yarhouse-Bailey - August 07, 2025 at 12:05 PM

CS

“ Tom had a way of making people feel truly seen—whether you crossed paths with him around town, or had the privilege of taking care of him at the Doherty or Firefly. His kindness was effortless, his warmth genuine, and his presence always left you better than he found you. I'll carry deep gratitude for the way he showed up in the world—with grace, a gentle spirit, and a heart that made others feel at home. He will be missed. 💙

Christine Smith - August 07, 2025 at 09:19 AM

TF

“ *The Spivia Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Thomas R. Johnson.*



The Spivia Family - August 06, 2025 at 06:09 PM

RN

“ *Rick, Kristyn, Ben, Ceci, Josh & Noah purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas R. Johnson.*



Rick, Kristyn, Ben, Ceci, Josh & Noah - August 06, 2025 at 05:10 PM

SS

“ *Shad and Molly Stroh purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thomas R. Johnson.*



Shad and Molly Stroh - August 06, 2025 at 12:25 PM

YG

“ *Your friends @ Chubb Ins., Atlanta, GA purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Thomas R. Johnson.*



Your friends @ Chubb Ins., Atlanta, GA - August 06, 2025 at 12:05 PM

TF

“ Thompson Family & Wagner Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Thomas R. Johnson.



Thompson Family & Wagner Family - August 06, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Johnson.



August 06, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Johnson.



August 06, 2025 at 11:09 AM



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

August 06, 2025 at 11:09 AM

CC

“ Chris and Jennette Cantrell purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thomas R. Johnson.



Chris and Jennette Cantrell - August 06, 2025 at 10:43 AM

KG

“ Condolences to your family. We have so many fond memories from when we were all newcomers to Clare.
Keith and Jean Gaede

Keith Gaede - August 06, 2025 at 09:02 AM

KA

“ Don and I will always cherish many memories with Tom and Connie. So happy you are at peace Tom and no more suffering. Prayers of strength and comfort for Connie and her family!💕💕

Karenmjones - August 05, 2025 at 09:15 PM