



Thomas J. Schanhals

March 31, 1942 - July 17, 2021

Thomas J Schanhals 79 of Clare, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on July 17, 2021. Tom received Christ as his Savior in July of 2008. He was born to William and Carmen (Schlichter) Schanhals March 31, 1942.

Tom joined the USCG after high school and while serving, he popped the question to his high school sweetheart, she said yes. Shortly after his arrival back in Harrison, he married Pamela J Huston, on October 19, 1963. Tom operated sonar equipment on the USCG Cutter Cactus and after serving his country he came home to Harrison and took over his father-in-law's US Mail Route. As a mail contractor, he delivered bulk mail to and from Farwell, Lake, and Lk. George Post Offices for almost 40 years. Once, shortly after a severe blizzard, he delivered the priority and first class mail to each post office on a snowmobile. Throughout the years in Harrison Tom used his gifts, talents, and knowledge from his time in the Coast Guard, to own and operate several different businesses. He owned and operated the Harrison Trading Post where he sold and serviced Harley Davidson, AMF, Skiroule, Homelite, and more. For many years he owned a television and radio repair shop in Harrison which sat across the street from Doc Weitzel's old office, selling new and used televisions, radios, and installing and repairing exterior antennas. After selling the businesses in town, Tom ran his television and radio repair shop from home. During those years he drove truck for TOTAL Petroleum and sold Heavy equipment before retiring.

Tom enjoyed listening to Ernie Harwell call the Tigers games on the Radio. He loved aviation, and was a pilot. He enjoyed reading WWII history stories, aviation stories, and any book about trains. Tom loved all of his grandchildren very much and enjoyed the moments he had with them. Tom and his friend Bonnie spent many hours doing volunteer work for the Coleman and Midland Senior Centers and with the Senior Meals on Wheels Programs.

Tom is survived by his children; Sue Pycek of Jackson, Ted (Jody) Schanhals of Harvey, ND., Lee (Char) of TN., Heidi Langley-Schanhals of Clare, eight grandchildren; Chelsea (Bryan) Hyatt, TJ (Haley) Schanhals, Dustin (Kaitlyn) Schanhals, Isaac, Sam, Isabelle, Seth and Kiri. One great grandchild on the way! Tom is also survived by his good friend Bonnie Ranck of Midland.

Preceding Tom in death is Pam, who preceded him in death July of 2008. Also preceding him were their twin boys, and Tom's two brothers, Curt and Ward Schanhals.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at the Clare Assembly of God Church, 3557 E. Colonville Rd., Clare, Michigan, at 12 Noon. Friends may meet with his family at the church from 11 AM until Noon. Memorials may be directed to the Clare Depot Restoration Project, c/o City of Clare Depot Restoration Project, 202 W. Fifth St., Clare, Mi., 48617. Arrangements were by the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Homes.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Clare Assembly of God
3557 E. Colonville
Clare, MI 48617

Service

JUL 29. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ It's been a while since you've passed gramps. Just got to thinking of you today. You were such an awesome grandpa. I miss the times we had together. All the times coming to see you, when you took us out for ice cream and food, the knowledge about plains and trains, the stories, you're little whisker kisses you used to give us, and just seeing you. After we moved away I still thought of you and I wish I could've seen you more before you passed. I wish you could see me now too. I got my GED now and I'm working in car sales which I know you would've been proud of me for. I'll be proposing to the woman I've fallen in love with soon too. Wish you could be here to see it all but I know you're in a better place with grandma who I miss too. I love you so much, and I miss you. Tell grandma I said hi and I love her, give her a kiss and a hug for me and I'm giving you some now too. Rest easy grampy, I'll see you again one of these days where we can worship the Lord forever and ever together. XOXO

-your grandson, Isaac

Isaac L Schanhals - September 05, 2023 at 04:04 PM



“ We enjoyed meeting Tom when he visited us in California. I took him to a Steam Engine Museum and a Train Museum. He enjoyed visiting both places. You could tell he had a thing for all mechanical equipment. He also used to pick up oil from some wells close to where we lived in Sanford. I respected and salute him for being a Veteran, from a fellow Veteran. R.I.P.

Richard Smith and Susan Guidry

Richard Smith - July 29, 2021 at 10:38 AM

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Thank you Richard & Sue for being a friend ❤️👍

Ted Schanhals - October 16, 2022 at 07:57 PM

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“ We met Tom through Salt and light ministry at Clare A/G. What a special man and life he lived. Such great memories . One more to greet in Heaven.

Ardus and Harold Berkley - July 28, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Schanhals.



July 27, 2021 at 10:28 PM