



Thomas Warren Anderson

January 10, 1947 - September 2, 2024

Thomas Warren Anderson, age 77, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died at MyMichigan Sault on September 2, 2024. He was born on January 10, 1947, in Escanaba, Michigan, to Thomas Ferris and Esther Elizabeth (Peterson) Anderson.

Thomas grew up in Cornell, Michigan, and after graduating from Escanaba High School in 1965 he joined the United States Army National Guard for six years. He worked at NCR for six years and he met Susan Carlson while fixing the cash register. They were married in 1969, and they moved to Sault Ste. Marie. While busy raising a family, he started working for Cloverland Electric in 1971. After 37 years of doing tech support, administration and several other jobs, he retired in 2008 from Cloverland Electric.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Susan; children, Wendy (Norm Hering) Perdue of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Carl (Joy) Anderson of Sault Ste. Marie, Paul (Erica) Anderson of Sault Ste. Marie; grandchildren, Melissa Perdue, Ethan (Krystal) Anderson, Shon'tora (Zach Mullis) Anderson, Ray'shon (Liz) Anderson, Ray'nell (Jessica Parmer) Anderson, Walter Anderson, Christopher Anderson, David Anderson and Justin Anderson; great-grandchildren, Chase, Jazmyne, Bryce, Aaliyah, Jaylen and Lillianna; and siblings, Margaret "Peg" Turner of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, Ruth South of Muncie, Indiana, Richard Anderson of Appleton, Wisconsin; and sister-in-law, Shirley Anderson of

Appleton.

Thomas was preceded in death by grandson, Thomas Perdue; granddaughter, Whitney-Jo Anderson; parents, Thomas and Esther Anderson, brother, David Anderson, and brothers-in-law, Bill Turner and Bob South.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, September 6, 2024, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 4585 E 15 Mile Rd. Barbeau, MI 49710, at 1:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions can be made in Thomas's name to Hospice house of the EUP, 308 W 12th Avenue Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or Holy Family Catholic Church, 4585 E. 15 Mile Rd. Barbeau, Michigan, 49710.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.
Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

SEP 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
4585 E 15 Mile Road
Barbeau, MI 49710

Tribute Wall

LM

“ I concur with the other notes of poetic remembrance. I had the great blessing of crossing paths with Mr. Anderson several years ago. I remember him being such a gentle giant to my 5'0...big teddy bear. I remember his calming presence--so patient and kind.

He also took such interest in the lives of those around him! He always wanted to know how you/your family were...he would then later recall those details in successive conversations--made you feel like you were the most important person in the room.

He was also a man of many talents. When I told him once in a casual conversation that I had a specific idea for a "saddle seat" for my island, but couldn't find it anywhere...he surprised me with an oak one custom made from his woodmaking shop.

He was a lovely man who spoke highly of the family he loved so much and will be greatly missed by many.

Lori Moynan

Lori Moynan - September 09, 2024 at 09:15 AM

GM

“ I was fortunate to have worked with Tom for a few years. It was 20+ years ago. His kindness and genuine interest in being there for other's is the first thing that comes to mind. He was truly a great man.

Greg Maxon - September 06, 2024 at 06:47 AM

TR

“ *Most obits describe their loved one as: generous, helpful, genuine, kind, loving family member, or fun guy, which describes Tom deservedly. But he was much more than that. I saw him as an innovator, brilliant, deep thinker and one who was a pro at bridging relationships, sometimes with people who might not appreciate his intent, yet slowly turn them into his friend.*

Tom had a technical mind. He negotiated the purchase of a utility billing package from Blue Ridge Electric (ten times the size of what Cloverland is today) and he mastered the Neat/3 programming language, built overlays, and taught himself how to make it work.

A void occurred in the Dafter diesel generating plant. He was asked to fill in as a supervisor. Little did he know that one of the Nordberg engines would blow requiring it to be rebuilt. Rallying the team, getting his hands greasy, his knowledge and energy it was back on-line in six months.

Tom, old friend, I regret not stopping by to see you one last time when you were alive.

Tom Root - September 05, 2024 at 05:43 PM

GK

“ I am deeply saddened to hear about Tom’s passing. He was not only an incredible friend but also someone who gave so much of himself, always willing to help with both work and personal projects. His kindness, generosity, and positive spirit will be remembered by everyone who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Tom will be deeply missed by all of us.



With deepest sympathy,

Kanikovsky Family

Gene Kanikovsky - September 05, 2024 at 02:31 PM