



Thomas "Tom" Gordon McDonoff

February 22, 1957 - August 28, 2023

Thomas "Tom" Gordon McDonoff, age 66, of Cedarville, Michigan, died in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on August 28, 2023. He was born in Cheboygan, Michigan, on February 22, 1957, to Helen McDonoff.

Tom grew up in Levering, Michigan, with his grandparents Peter and Louise McDonoff, and graduated from Pellston High School. After graduation, Tom worked summers at Strait Transit. He attended Northern Michigan University where he met MaryEllen Caverly walking across the college campus. He said, "You look lost", and the rest was history. Tom and MaryEllen married on July 9, 1977, and moved to Shelbyville, Indiana, where he had a brief stint making plastic zip style bags before beginning a lifelong career in lending. They moved to Royal Oak, Michigan, Fraser, Michigan, and Cheboygan, adding to their family at every stop. Finally, in 1986, they moved to the EUP and settled in Rudyard, Michigan, to raise their family. In 2012, Tom and MaryEllen built their dream home on McKay Bay in Cedarville. In 2020, Tom "retired" from Central Savings Bank after working there for twenty-eight years, although he could be found in his old office doing odd jobs.

Tom believed in community service. He belonged to the Cheboygan and Rudyard Lions Clubs, Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club, Rudyard School Board, Rudyard Sports Boosters, and Chippewa County Fair Board. He supported his children through coaching: Rudyard Jr. Bulldogs, AAU Basketball, Sault Little

League, and middle school girls' basketball. Tom was a fixture at football games where he ran the time clock for twenty-five years.

Tom enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading westerns and thrillers, gardening and landscaping. He also loved bowling in Dondee's Monday night league for over thirty years. Tom later took up golfing and traveling with his wife. His favorite was spending time with his grandchildren!

Tom will be missed by his wife, MaryEllen; daughter, Becky (Kenny) Bawks; son, Matthew (Larissa) McDonoff; daughter, Betsy (Jake) Hadel; son, Jake (Laureen) McDonoff; grandchildren, Gordy Bawks, Derek Ruffin, Lincoln McDonoff, Jimmy McDonoff, Hudson McDonoff, Jack McDonoff, Avy McDonoff; sister, Dianna Smith, sisters-in-law, Susan (Carl Schade) Christie, Laurie (Rob) Lee, and Marjorie (Todd) Bresson; uncle, Donald Pickman; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his infant son, Tad McDonoff; son, Tommy McDonoff; grandparents, Peter and Louise McDonoff; father and mother-in-law, Jimmy and Margie Caverly; and brother-in-law, Jamie Caverly.

A Visitation will be on Monday, September 4th from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and on Tuesday, September 5th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Galer Funeral Homes in Pickford. Funeral Service will follow at 1:00 PM.

Final resting place will be at the Carp Lake Cemetery in Carp Lake Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Rudyard Lion's Club, P.O. Box 173, Rudyard, MI 49780 or Rudyard High School Sports Boosters, 11185 W. 2nd St., Rudyard, MI 49780.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Carp Lake Township Cemetery

Schmalzried Road
Carp Lake, MI 49755

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774

Visitation

SEP 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
(906) 647-3400
flfh@familylifefh.com
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Thomas "Tom" Gordon McDonoff

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Thomas "Tom" Gordon McDonoff

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Tom,,,guys like Tom are what makes a community, thanks for the laughs at the bank, and your calm demeanor

Joe Clark - September 11, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ This is a great picture of Tom! I enjoyed working with him at CSB at the DeTour branch as well as in the Soo. He was always a pleasant man with a friendly "hello." Sincerest sympathy to all that knew and was part of Tom's life.

Hilary Fountain - September 06, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ When I joined Rotary Tom was always so cheerful at every meeting. Tom demonstrated to me what a fabulous person he was every time I seen him. Tom was always so generous with his time volunteering and he good nature. Tom you will truly be missed.

barbara hampton - September 05, 2023 at 02:12 PM

KR

“ My condolences to the entire McDonoff family. Tom was my banker since 1994 when I moved up here. He was very helpful and such a great guy. My father PING worked with his father-in-law Jimmie till retiring. So many memories.

Karen Rutledge

Karen Rutledge - September 05, 2023 at 07:24 AM

CM

“ Mary Ellen, the Mosier family is thinking of you with much love! Passing on hugs and prayers! Cathy

Cathy McAdam - September 02, 2023 at 03:24 PM

WF

“ We love you, Aunt Dolores and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas "Tom" Gordon McDonoff.



We love you, Aunt Dolores and Family - September 02, 2023 at 12:32 PM

WF

“ We love you, Aunt Dolores and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" Gordon McDonoff.

We love you, Aunt Dolores and Family - September 02, 2023 at 12:32 PM

AK

“ I am very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mary Ellen and the entire McDonoff family. Tom was a great asset to the Ruyard community for many years, especially in terms of his service with the Lions Club and the Ruyard Board of Education.

Alan Kantola - September 02, 2023 at 11:19 AM

PC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. What a shock. Please know that we are praying for MaryEllen and all of Tom's family that God will provide you with the comfort that only He can give in this difficult time. May God bless you all.

Paul & Debra Crozier - September 02, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Gordon McDonoff.



September 01, 2023 at 02:54 PM

MS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing but also so glad we got to meet him at Aunt Ginger's party. Prayers for peace and comfort for MaryEllen and the family and friends.

Mary Sanscartier - September 01, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Gordon McDonoff.*



September 01, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Gordon McDonoff.*



September 01, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ *Working with Tom for many yrs, I have so many stories that I could share. Tom promised us a lunch if we could balance for 1 month straight. Needless to say, if u got out on 1st day of the month, you were out until the next month. He would laugh and laugh, even if it was a penny. I never did win until after he left our branch.*

Lori Koponen - August 31, 2023 at 08:13 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas "Tom" Gordon McDonoff.*

August 31, 2023 at 05:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Gordon McDonoff.*



August 31, 2023 at 05:21 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Gordon McDonoff.*



August 31, 2023 at 01:02 PM