



Thomas Earl Hollister

April 23, 1952 - May 19, 2017

Hollister, Thomas E.

Age 65, passed away on Friday, May 19, 2017. Tom was born on April 23, 1952 in Saline, MI, the son of Loran A.C. and Violet G.A. (Kruger) Hollister. Tom was an animal lover; he had a long series of dogs and cats (which he raised and showed for many years), even two prairie dogs! As time passed, he took in a number of strays, several of which he was able to reunite with their anxious owners, keeping the others. Being a long time car buff, he owned several Mustangs, a Dodge Charger and other muscle cars. The most recent of which is the lovely "Plane Jane". Over the years, Tom's gardening skills produced beautifully landscaped yards at his several residences. A little more than a decade ago, Tom purchased a nice "home up north" in the Upper Peninsula. He fashioned it as a potential retirement home. Though that dream wasn't to be, he did spend a good deal of vacation time there and was generous in lending it to others quite regularly. He filled it with lighthouse pictures, antiques, comfy old furniture and beach glass to make himself a cozy nest. In his middle age, conducting searches for his ancestors became his quest. Surprises resulted. Many family members were found, while others slipped through his fingers. Great Aunt Lavina managed to keep her secrets well hidden! Tom's most notable traits were his never ending, quirky sense of humor, his kindhearted generosity, and loyalty to his friends. Tom's passing will leave holes in the hearts of his family and many friends. Survivors include his mother, Violet Hollister, sister Suzanne L. (Hollister) McLinden, brother-in-law Tom McLinden, nephew Andrew McLinden and niece Leigh McLinden. He was preceded in death by his father in December of 1998, and his dear friend Tommy Campbell. A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmilller Funeral Home in Saline, with Pastor Drexel Morton officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Mackinac Animal Aid, P.O. Box 71, St. Ignace, MI 49781. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home where friends may join the family for a visitation on Tuesday, June 6, from 1:00 P.M. until the time of service at 3:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be provided following the service. To leave a memory, to sign Tom's guestbook, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery

Events

Ridgeway Cemetery

M50 Ford Highway

Tecumseh, MI, 49229

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Memorial Gathering

01:00PM - 03:00PM

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 East Michigan Ave., Saline, MI, US, 48176

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Memorial Service

03:00PM - 03:45PM

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Light Refreshments

03:45PM - 05:00PM

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Comments



“ Though we lost touch over the years, I have many fond memories of our school age years. My prayers and sympathy goes out to his family.

Donna Johnston - June 05, 2017 at 07:42 PM



“ Tom was a permanent fixture in my young life, from goofing around at his house as kids, to bar tending at Leutheuser's, to traveling with he and Camburn out west and back. I was so happy to be able to reconnect at the 40th reunion. RIP my dear friend.

Mary Hunt - June 05, 2017 at 05:16 PM



“ Sorry to here of Tom's passing. We had some good times in high school, we even worked together at A&P. Tom always had a great sense of humor. Mike Bush

Mike Bush - June 05, 2017 at 04:16 PM



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Robison-Bahnmilller Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 05, 2017 at 09:35 AM



“ Sad about another family death. This young man I never had the chance to know. Age difference and living far apart I guess. Love and condolences to Aunt Violet, my father's youngest sister.

Earl Kruger - June 03, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ Me and Tom go way back to our days working at Denny's Pet Supplies and H & H together. He was someone I looked up to. I think part of my caring and helpfulness comes from knowing him and wanting to be like him. He was the type of person that would go the extra mile to help you out. I remember one time when we worked at H&H together and my car broke down. He offered to get up early and come get me and take me to work for how ever long I needed him to do so. That sounds pretty normal but heres the thing, he lived in Ypsi and I lived in Saline. That is the type of person he was. He always made me smile and made me laugh when I needed it most. I am just so sorry that we lost track of each other for many years and that our last encounter was with him in hospice care. In my life I have been taught that Life can be taken from you at any moment, had lots of experience with it. My message to everyone reading this is..... don't wait years to contact those that you lost touch with or those that you really care about, give them a call or go see them. You will be happy you did,

I will always remember him and cherish the memories we had together.
Love you Tom!

Kelli (Ashby) Wadke



Kelli Wadke - June 03, 2017 at 09:36 AM



“ I worked with Tom for about ten years, he was always a pleasure to talk with. I heard many tales about the upper peninsula, his cabin etc. A very kind gentleman with a good sense of humor. RIP Tom

Aundra Schmitzer - June 01, 2017 at 04:40 PM



“ Violet, Sue and family:
So sorry to hear about Tom's passing. Many fond memories growing up together as kids. Hugs and prayers to all.
Dianne Hill

Dianne Hill - June 01, 2017 at 12:40 PM



“ He was my uncle, though we saw each other seldom in our adult years. I remember him as kind and gentle. Though only a very few years older than me, he never objected to me calling him uncle. My mother's youngest brother, we would go to their house for weekends occasionally, as a family, sleeping on couch cushions on the floor. One time, I think it was about 1961 or '62, when we went down, my sister, brother and I caught the chicken pox or measles from him and Sue. Still good memories, measles and all. Always willing to sit and talk when we were able to have some time as adults. And he really liked my oatmeal cake. You were loved, Uncle Tim and will be missed. Ruthie

Ruth (Herman) Bus - May 27, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ Vi and Sue and family: You have my thoughts and prayers. Sorry to hear about Tom.

Keith Camburn - May 23, 2017 at 01:05 PM



“ Tom was a generous soul. I am thankful to have his friendship for many years. He will be deeply missed.

Charlene Gross



Charlene Gross - May 22, 2017 at 11:53 AM