



## Thomas R. Hardt

October 22, 1960 - May 18, 2017

HARDT, MR. THOMAS R.  
Saginaw, Michigan

Thomas Robert Hardt passed away on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at home, following a lengthy illness. Age 56 years. Tom was born on October 22, 1960, in Saginaw, son of Robert and Barbara (Beitz) Hardt. Tom was an Arthur Hill High School graduate, class of 1978. He married Shelly I. Nizinski on August 10, 2002, in Saginaw, where she survives him. Tom was self-employed for over 20 years as the sales manager for S & T Sales, then he was an independent contractor with Saginaw County CAC. Tom's passion was his volunteering for the Saginaw West Lion's and Michigan Lion's International, where he held the positions of past President, 2nd Vice District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and District Governor of 11 D-1. Tom's hobbies included golfing, fishing, and especially spending time with his grandchildren whom he loved dearly.

Surviving besides his wife, Shelly, are their children, Kelsey Hardt and Kyle Hardt, Thomas (Audrey) Hamilton, Tony Hamilton, and Jenni Hamilton (Don); his loving grandchildren, Hailee, Leah, Austin, Landon, Maci, Claire, Aria, and Camille; also his father, Robert Hardt; brothers and sisters, Jackie Shamblin, Connie (Rick) Bilodeau, Sue (Barry) Allen, Robert (Jackie) Hardt; also many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and dear friends.

Tom was predeceased by his mother, Barbara (Beitz) Lake; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Creighton and Sally (LaDouce) Izzo.

The Celebration of Tom's Life will be held 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 27, 2017, at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw. Friends are welcome to visit with the family from 2:00 p.m. until the time of Tom's celebration. Rev. Terence F. Treppa, Ph.D. will conducted the service held under the auspices of the Saginaw West Lions and Michigan Lion's International. Memorial contributions may be given, in honor of Tom, to the Special Needs Vision Clinic 3660 Southfield Dr., Saginaw, MI 48601. Memories and sympathies of Tom may be shared with the family on his memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 27. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas R. Hardt*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Thomas R. Hardt*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Lion Joe and Lion Kathy** - May 26, 2017 at 10:01 PM



*My husband Lion Joe is certainly grieving the loss of a tremendous Lion, mentor and great friend! These two had some great times together. Tom was a prankster, joker and loved a good laugh! We both admire Tom and his commitment to service; he was dedicated to those less fortunate and provided leadership and inspiration to all- truly he had a "Hardt" of a LION:)*

*Love and Peace to Shelly and the whole family,  
Lion Kathy and 1st VDG Joe Bogar*

**Lion Joe and Lion Kathy** - May 27, 2017 at 08:53 AM

LG

“ Shelly and family you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God watch over you and keep you close. 💕 Love n hugs, Lisa Garabelli-Smith



Lisa Garabelli-Smith - May 26, 2017 at 05:43 PM

MM

“ Mary McMath lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Hardt



Mary McMath - May 26, 2017 at 03:36 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Hardt.



May 26, 2017 at 10:59 AM

SS

“ Tom,

You will be missed by many, including myself. You were a great soul and I am deeply saddened by your passing. My thoughts are with your family at this time.



Sunshine Smith - May 26, 2017 at 09:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Hardt.*



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May 25, 2017 at 08:47 PM



“ *John, Twin, Ethan, Noah & Eli purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Thomas R. Hardt.*



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**John, Twin, Ethan, Noah & Eli** - May 24, 2017 at 04:57 PM



“ *Shelly & family--  
Tom was a good guy who did a lot of things to help out others.  
We're sorry to learn of his passing away. Our condolences to all of you.  
Sincerely,  
Mary & Ron Schury, former Lions*

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**Mary Schury** - May 24, 2017 at 04:14 PM



“ *It was always a pleasure being around Lion DG Tom during numerous Lions Club functions and getting to know him and his family. Our prayers and condolences to go out to Shelly and family. May God give you comfort during this difficult time.*

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**Andy, Ruth, & Cate Butts** - May 24, 2017 at 03:46 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Hardt.*



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May 24, 2017 at 02:04 PM



“ *My condolences to Shelly and to her family. Tom and My family shared a lot of fond memories together at the lake. Tom will be sadly missed. The Sika family: Dan, Elvina, Conner and Natalie.*

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**Dan Sika** - May 24, 2017 at 10:48 AM



“ *Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Hardt.*



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May 23, 2017 at 08:03 AM

RA

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Tom Hardt. I knew Tom professionally through my work with the Saginaw County Consortium of Homeless Assistance Projects. Tom was a member of SCCHAP and also sat on the Board. Tom's leadership and no-nonsense approach to our work will be missed. Tom had a way of cutting through the chaff to get to the root of an issue. Tom had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. He was sincere, earnest and genuine to the people he served - the real deal. I only knew Tom for a few short years but it felt like much longer than that, that was how comfortable you became around him. He made you feel welcome and at home. Tom also had a big heart; he was generous and kind. Rest in the arms of the lord Tom, your work here is done.*

*With honor and respect,*

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**Rocky Archangeli** - May 22, 2017 at 02:41 PM

RM

“ *My condolences and prayers go out to the family of Tom Hardt we shared a lot of memories together you will be sadly missed RIP Your friend Rick Martinez*

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**Ricky Martinez** - May 22, 2017 at 11:12 AM



“ *I am not good at this but, this man was a very hard worker for the Lion's! He will be so so missed. I'll never forget the District meeting when I was guarding the door and he won his candidacy for Vice District Governor.. we hugged and he cried like a baby.... he was so overjoyed... I just kept telling him .. you deserve this ... you really really deserve this... Rest in Peace Governor Tom... and remember have a HEART ... HARDT*

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**Scott MacKenzie** - May 22, 2017 at 09:46 AM

SH

“ 74 files added to the album *Thomas Robert Hardt*



**Shelly Hardt** - May 22, 2017 at 12:33 AM

FD

*Tom was a class act as a lion. We always enjoyed helping Saginaw West raise funds with our FLD Puppies for their tag day. Our thoughts and prayers to Tom's Family at this sad time. We will miss him at our our Essexville Lions fund raiser. RIP Tom. Lion Frank Davis and wife Ann.*

**Frank Davis** - May 22, 2017 at 05:37 PM

AA

*It is a sad day to think that Tom Hardt has gone to the other side.. What I remember about Tom is that when he and Shelly were around the day was more fun and laughter could be heard. He was generous with his skills. So there will always be something around our house that Tom helped us with. Rest with Jesus*

**Ann Margaret Arnold** - May 23, 2017 at 07:39 AM

RD

*Shelly and family,  
We are sending our deepest sympathies on the loss of Tom. He was always fun to be around back in our bowling days! Rest assured he will always be looking down on you.*

*Steve and Renee Davenport*

**Renee Davenport** - May 23, 2017 at 09:13 AM

JA

*We are sending our sympathy To his family. He was always there for our club. Lots of fun always informative. You and Shelly were the best. Rest In Peace*

**Jim & Doris Amman** - May 23, 2017 at 01:06 PM



*Shelly,*

*Sending our thoughts and love to you and your family. Tom was a wonderful man with a heart of gold. He will truly be missed.*

*-Your family at Eversight Michigan*

**Alison Wright** - May 23, 2017 at 01:56 PM

LS

*Lion Tom I pray you will take your generous hart into the after life an continue you great work God bless you Tom*

**Lion Henry Sugden** - May 23, 2017 at 06:26 PM

LR

*Shelly and Family, So very sorry to hear about Tom. We always had a good laugh with him and he was so much fun. Lots of pool games! I am very sorry we wont be in town this weekend. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Lori and Dave Raymond*

**Lori Raymond** - May 24, 2017 at 07:29 AM

DT

*SENDING MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR TOM, SHELLY AND THE FAMILY.. MAY HE REST IN GOD'S PEACE....*

**DARLENE TRIGG** - May 24, 2017 at 08:41 AM

MF

*Shelly, Joe and I were saddened to hear of Tom's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Have faith in knowing he is resting peacefully in God's care.*

**Mary Ellen Freyre** - June 07, 2017 at 11:45 AM