



Thomas J Ellison

August 1, 1950 - July 18, 2022

Thomas J. Ellison, 71, of Vermontville, a well-respected and beloved husband, father and grandfather, died unexpectedly on Monday, July 18, 2022 at his home. Tom was born August 1, 1950 in Mason, MI, the son of Nick Arnold and Pearl Isabelle (Crosby) Ellison. At the age of 19, Tom volunteered for the Vietnam War, and proudly served in-country in the U.S. Army. Upon his return in 1972, he settled into family life and married his life-long love, Julie Elaine Rowlee on December 14, 1973 in Grayling. Together the two raised a son, and enjoyed 49 years of marriage. Tom worked for the telephone company in his early years as well as operating heavy machinery on construction sites. Most recently, he worked for the Postal Service, delivering mail by semi-truck. Following his retirement in 1998, Tom enjoyed time spent with his grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and good friends, especially fishing for catfish on the Grand River.

Tom is survived by his wife, Julie Ellison; son, Dan Ellison of Grayling; grandsons, Nick and Jasper Ellison; brothers, Ken Ellison, Rod (Sue) Ellison, Bob Ellison and Roger Ellison; sisters, Nancy and Pat; and several nieces and nephews and extended family. He was predeceased by his brothers, brothers and sisters-in-law, and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Tom's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. A private

family tribute will take place. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 19. 3:47 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home, Inc.
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Tribute Wall

JW

“ Tom was so much more than just my uncle. I grew up looking up to him as another father figure. There are way to many memories to list them all. He always played games with me, him and my dad took me fishing, we all went camping a lot when I was little, he helped me learn to drive a pick up truck, Uncle Tom and Aunt Julie were always there for me no matter what the reason. I remember breakfast and coffee super early, he was always up before the sun. I lived with them for a little over a year, did my junior year in high school while living with them. He was an amazing roll model and will be greatly missed.

Jennifer Woodward - July 21, 2022 at 07:43 PM

MH

“ I'm being Julie's sister, never knew Tom well. They lived up north for years, raising their son and enjoying their 2 grandsons. They kept to themselves. Sending my condolences to his family. God Bless Julie, Daniel and your grandsons. 🙏

Mary Hartman - July 20, 2022 at 06:55 PM

JR

“ I didn't know Thomas personally but he was married to my sister and was great husband and father, he was also a veitnam veteran as I am and we served at the same time but did cross paths. I thank him for his service as I do all my brothers and sisters that served or are serving in the United States Millatary. I also want to send my condolences to his family and friends . God bless and keeping them in my prayers.

John Rowlee - July 19, 2022 at 10:00 PM