



Thomas Lee Anderson

August 22, 1952 - September 3, 2021

Thomas Lee Anderson was born on August 22, 1952, to Duane and Ellen (Swanson) Anderson in Cadillac, Michigan.

From a young age, Tom liked to explore the fields, streams and lakes of Northern Michigan and was generous in sharing his knowledge of nature with others. After graduating from Cadillac High School in 1970, he attended Western Michigan University, graduating with a degree in Biology and then went on to obtain his Pharmacy degree from Ferris State University. He faithfully served the community of McBain for over 30 years at McBain Pharmacy with fast, friendly service.

He met his soul mate, Karen, while waterskiing with friends. They soon married in 1986, and only good memories were the hallmark of their relationship. Tom loved his family and especially enjoyed family vacations to the U.P. of Michigan.

After retirement, his heart could be found volunteering in the Friends Ministry gardens in Lake City and The Cadillac Land Conservancy's Waldeck Island and Oliver Preserve. Over the years, he planted over 1,000 trees in the area and was most proud of the American Chestnuts he grew from seeds.

He passed away on September 3, 2021, at home, after a courageous battle

with prostate cancer. He leaves behind a legacy of hard work, dedication, and appreciation of the great outdoors.

Tom was blessed with a keen mind, kind heart and generous spirit, always willing to help those in need. He will be missed by his many friends who remember his easy smile, sense of humor, and being a true and good person.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Victoria and her husband Mitch Rice, and father-in-law John Childress.

He is survived by his wife, Karen (Childress) Anderson; daughters, Megan and Shannon Gilmore, daughter, Lisa (John Oliver) Anderson; granddaughter, Augusta Anderson Oliver; mother-in-law, Thelma Childress; brother, Michael (Mary) Anderson and family; sister, Jane (Vince) MacDonald and family, and families of the late Victoria (Mitch) Rice.

A "Celebration of Life" Open House will take place on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at The Commons Market in downtown Cadillac, by the After 26 Depot. Donations, in Tom's memory, may be made to The Friends Ministry's Housing Project. . Tom's final resting place is Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac, Michigan.

Donations, in Tom's memory, may be made to Friends Ministry's "Above and Beyond" Award. This award helps deserving barter laborers reach educational goals. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Commons Market
117 W Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

Tribute Wall



“ KAREN, SHANNON, MEGAN, LISA . I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. TOM WAS A GREAT GUY . HE WILL SURLEY BE MISSED. I'M SORRY I CAN'T BE AT TOM'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE SATURDAY. WE WILL BE IN CANADA . MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. JUDY VANDERCOOK

Judy Vandercook - August 17, 2022 at 08:32 AM



“ Tom and Chad would take me out fishing and hunting. So many great memories, thank you lord for sharing tom with us.

jeff johns - August 13, 2022 at 01:50 PM



“ What a great guy! Tom and I were best buddies in high school and I have so many fun memories of hunting, exploring, partying, and staying out late for which Ellen scolded us both! She' s the reason Tom turned out so good!! We will all miss you, and thank you for the great friendship. Sleep well good Man.

Mike Shoemaker - September 24, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ I have many wonderful memories of Tom from our days at Ferris. We spent many hours bow hunting and tooling around in his VW beetle. I also remember a fishing trip with Tom and his friends when he was working in Soo St Marie. Tom was nice enough to let me carry the canoe 5 miles to the lake. Tom was a wonderful person and will be missed by all!

Bob Brummel - September 12, 2021 at 04:12 PM

KD

“ Dear Father in Heaven,
Thank you for your goodness and grace.
Thank you for Tom. He was a gift from you and a blessing to many. I had many opportunities to team with Tom in pharmacy. I mentored him and yes he mentored me. I will never forget his strong qualities that represented him. He was a kind, honest, and beautiful man. He made a difference. God bless you Tom and your family and Thank You.

Kevin Decker - September 11, 2021 at 04:15 AM

SH

“ I am Sorry for the lose of Tom .. I helped take care of his parents at the Curry House. and knew Mike for years before that. He was always so supportive of his parents. when they would cry he would cry and that made me cry. such a fondness i have for the entire family. May the Angels guide him threw his Journey wings are waiting at the gate.

shelly hilts - September 10, 2021 at 10:54 AM

BT

“ Shannon, so sorry to hear about your stepdad. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Becky Taylor - September 09, 2021 at 02:32 PM

BT

“ Shannon I was so sorry to see your stepdad passed away. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Becky Taylor - September 09, 2021 at 02:29 PM

MZ

“ Dear Karen, Shannon, Megan and Lisa,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear husband and father. You are in my prayers as you remember him and plan to celebrate his life.

Millie Zukauskay - September 08, 2021 at 04:11 PM

KA

“ Thank you all to all our dear friends.

Karen E Anderson - September 08, 2021 at 03:34 PM

PS

“ I am so sorry to hear this news!!! Karen, my thoughts and prayers will be with you and the girls! He was a good man that helped so many- including our family at a very difficult time! May he Rest In Peace!

Pattie Schneider - September 08, 2021 at 06:30 AM

WT

“ So sorry to hear about Tom's passing. Such a nice guy who always had a smile or something funny to say whenever I delivered packages to the pharmacy

Wanda Thomas - September 08, 2021 at 04:48 AM

SB

“ Comforting thoughts and prayers for you all at this difficult time.

Shannon Bauman - September 08, 2021 at 02:12 AM

KH

“ Tom will be missed by many. He was a wonderful neighbor always ready to help others.

K Halpin - September 07, 2021 at 06:29 PM

PD

“ I will never forget our hunting experiences together: Tom helped me find my very first bow killed deer, our unforgettable pheasant hunt in Meauwataka, and our Pine River float trip bow hunt. I enjoyed working with Tom at Mercy Hospital Pharmacy in the late 1970's. Tom was always a consummate gentleman and I sincerely enjoyed all the time we spent together.
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. ... May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Patrick L. Dudding - September 07, 2021 at 03:13 PM

NW

“ My condolences to all of Tom's family. I was very lucky to spend time with Tom on a visit to Michigan and later, New Zealand. He was a joy to talk to. His passing leaves a void in many people's lives .

Nan Wieser - September 07, 2021 at 08:31 AM

AH

“ Sending our love to the entire family. We have so many great memories of Tom, his kindness, his ready smile, his love of the outdoors.

Anita and Jim Hunt - September 07, 2021 at 08:20 AM