



## Thomas John Mahalak

May 23, 1929 - March 3, 2019

Thomas John Mahalak formerly of Panama City Beach, Florida passed away Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was 89. Tom was born May 23, 1929 in Flint, Michigan.

Tom served in the Merchant Marines for two years and then served in the Air Force. He was honorably discharged after serving four years.

He began working as a cable splicer at General Telephone and after 35 years he retired as Division Engineer and Construction Manager for the Northern Division. In retirement Mr. Mahalak cared for the grounds at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School and later Messiah Lutheran Church. He took great pride in taking care of the properties and retired after 25 years of stewardship.

Mr. Mahalak was a skilled wood worker and used his abilities many times with Habitat for Humanity. He also made wooden furniture and keepsake gifts for his family members. Tom enjoyed fishing throughout his life.

He is survived by his children: Nancy (Greg) Anderson of Cadillac, Michael Mahalak and Jeffrey (Margie) Mahalak all of Panama City Beach, Florida; grandchildren: Kristin (Matt) de Nesnera, Beth Mahalak (Anthony Konecni), Lindsay Mahalak (James DeFoor), Ali Mahalak; brothers, Lawrence

"Joe Mahalak of Howell and William "Bill" (Connie) Mahalak of Port Charlotte, Florida and sister-in-law, Ruth Weiland of Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Mr. Mahalak was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Darlene (Connon) Mahalak; his mother, Irene Margaret (McCardle) Mahalak; father, John Mahalak; step-mother, Eleanor Mary (LaBonte) Mahalak; a sister, Shirley Mahalak; lifelong friend and brother-in-law, Curt Weiland and a sister-in-law, Carole Mahalak.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM Friday, March 8, 2019 at Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Reverend Scott Torkko officiating. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at the church.

A graveside service will take place 11:00 AM Thursday, March 28, 2019 at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Panama City, Florida with a time of fellowship at Messiah Lutheran Church to follow.

An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

RP

“ *Cindy and I share your sadness at Tom's passing. I had the good fortune of getting acquainted with Tom over the past few years. He was a gentleman, a craftsman, a family man, and a generous loyal church member. He left many good marks in this world. Rest in peace, Tom.*

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**Randy Plank** - March 12, 2019 at 12:17 PM

JM

“ *Tom was a valued friend and he will be missed.*

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**Joyce Miller, Alvin & Cindy Miller** - March 07, 2019 at 12:38 PM

JK

“ *I am both shocked and saddened by the news of Tom's passing! My memories of him will always be of a kind and gentle man. You have my heart felt sympathy!*

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**Jan Kaiser** - March 07, 2019 at 04:56 AM

BP

“ *Prayers for your family. Your father was a kind man.*

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**Barbara Wozniak Platt** - March 07, 2019 at 12:34 AM

GP

“ *So very sorry to hear this sad news. Condolences to all the family. Jeff I can remember meeting your dad when he called round at our house on South Gulf Cove FL. A lovely man*

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**Graham D Potter** - March 06, 2019 at 01:51 PM

BH

“ Goodbye my good friend of 34 years.

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**Bill Huggins** - March 06, 2019 at 12:41 PM

BG

“ Tom was the best boss that I ever had and one of my best friends. He was a man amongst men. I was looking forward for his move back to Michigan. I will miss him dearly. My prayers are with Nancy, Mike and Jeff. God Bless!

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**Bob Ghidoni** - March 06, 2019 at 11:04 AM

DH

“ RIP Tom. I am a former grade school classmate, Donna (Brousseau) Herrick. I live in Hudson, Fl. now in case any of the family live nearby.  
God bless you and your family.

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**Donna R Herrick** - March 06, 2019 at 08:23 AM

VG

“ My sympathies to you and your family. Your father was one of my first managers I came to know at GTE. He was such a warm and gracious person. I am so saddened to here of his passing. God bless all of you.

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**Valerie (Buszka) Golding** - March 06, 2019 at 06:58 AM

JS

“ Very sorry for your loss.

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**Jeff Smith** - March 05, 2019 at 10:32 PM

DD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your father was a great man and I am better for having known him. My prayers are with you and your family.

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**Dan Deitz** - March 05, 2019 at 09:47 AM

MR

“ It is an honor and a blessing to call him friend and brother in Christ.

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**Mary Davis Rodda** - March 05, 2019 at 08:57 AM

JA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers are with you all..

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**Julie Ask** - March 05, 2019 at 12:10 AM