



## Thomas G. Trautner

January 4, 1961 - August 19, 2017

Thomas G. Trautner of Cadillac passed away Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. He was 56.

Tom was born on January 4, 1961 in Menominee, Michigan to Vernon Edward & Darlene Mae (Holt) Trautner and they preceded him in death.

Tom graduated from Marinette Catholic Central High School in Marinette, Wisconsin. He then attended Michigan State University and transferred to Grand Rapids Junior College and later transferred to the University of New Orleans and had played baseball at all three schools. Tom then went on to Northern Michigan University where he received his Bachelor's degree and from there he went on to obtain his Jurist Doctorate of Law from Cooley School of Law in Lansing. Tom loved helping people as an attorney and served the Cadillac area for 30 years as a public defender, in the prosecutor's office, and in private practice.

Tom's major interest was his 3 boys and spending time with them. He was a member of the Wexford-Missaukee Bar Association and of St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac. Tom also enjoyed playing baseball in the local leagues in the Cadillac area.

Survivors include 3 sons: Kyle S. Craig of Traverse City, Joseph R. Trautner

and Daniel V. Trautner both of Cadillac; his sister, Mary Trautner & husband Don Starr of Cheyenne, Wyoming; 2 nieces: Kayla & Meigan Starr; and many extended family members and close personal friends.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 AM Friday, August 25, 2017 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac with Reverend Michael Janowski as celebrant. His final resting place will be Mount Carmel Cemetery in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family from 5-7 PM Thursday at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac where the Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 PM. There will also be visitation at the church from 10-11 am Friday.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Trautner Family Trust. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our sympathies to the Trautner family. We are very sad to hear of Tom's passing. I still smile when I think about the fun and mischievous things we did as kids growing up in Menominee. We will miss Tom.

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**Larry & Wendy (Anderson) Wilken Family** - August 25, 2017 at 12:36 PM

NM

“ So sorry for your loss. I Haven't seen Tom since grade school. May God bless your family in this time of need. We should take this moment to Repent and ask Jesus into our hearts so that we can be ready to be reunited in Christ some day with Tom.

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**Nick Malone** - August 25, 2017 at 09:03 AM

SI

“ God bless Tom and all whom he loved and who love him.

*Sister Ellen*

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**Sister Ellen Enright, IBVM** - August 24, 2017 at 02:22 PM

AF

“ My heart felt sympathy goes out to Tom's sons. May the knowledge that he loved you whole-heartedly be a comfort to you.

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**Alicia Fewless** - August 24, 2017 at 11:24 AM

DR

“ My prayers go out to Tom and the Trautner family for this tragic loss. I was a friend of Tom from high school and one thing about Tom is that he always made me laugh with his quick witted humor. I know he didn't lose that humor after seeing him at the last class reunion in Marinette. He could still make me laugh! I will cherish the memories. My he rest in peace!

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**David Roland** - August 24, 2017 at 10:34 AM

TF

“ Trautner Family - My family was very sorry to hear about Tom's passing. We grew up in the same neighborhood in Menominee and remember Tom as fearless and always ready for a new adventure. He was one of the most fun loving people I've known. He will be greatly missed.

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**Todd Anderson & Family** - August 23, 2017 at 07:49 PM

BB

“ Sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I grew up next door to Tom in Menominee and roomed with him at Michigan State. His sense of humor and ability to make me feel important are two things I will always remember. I had a great time growing up with Tom; he will be greatly missed.

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**Brad Burie** - August 23, 2017 at 05:03 PM

DH

“ I am very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. It was a pleasure to know him. He will be missed. My sympathies to all.

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**Diana Harris** - August 23, 2017 at 01:11 PM

JV

“ Tom had an amazing sense of humor and a ready smile. His boys were his focus and light in life. It was a joy to work with Tom. I will miss my former coworker and friend along with his fabulous one-liners!

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**Julie Valice** - August 23, 2017 at 08:37 AM

JL

“ So very sorry to learn of Tom's passing. No more pain and suffering and in the hands of our Lord but at such an early age. Remembering Tom during my tenure at the Sheriff's Office when he was a fun loving but well respected defense attorney. Comfort, thoughts and prayers to his family.

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**Jerry Leavell** - August 22, 2017 at 07:08 PM

AC

“ Trautner Family- I was so saddened to hear about Tom - he was one of the kindest people i have known and a genuine Gentle Man.

*I will miss seeing him around Cadillac.*

*May God bring you peace and comfort in your loss*

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**Ann Clou** - August 22, 2017 at 05:59 PM