



Mr. Thomas W. Bower

January 17, 1946 - March 25, 2015

Thomas W. Bower, age 69, of St. Clair Township, passed away on March 25, 2015, in Naples, Florida, unexpectedly. He was born January 17, 1946, in Detroit, to the late Melvin and Ilah Bower. He married Heather M. Thorner on July 26, 1980, in Grosse Pointe.

He graduated from Ferris State University in 1969 with a degree in Education, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity . Tom retired from AAA Insurance, after 40 years of service. He was a board member of

Child Abuse and Neglect Council, a member of the St. Clair Golf Club, was on the Marysville School Board, for 18 years and past Marysville Rotarian.

Tom took great pleasure in spending his time giving and helping others. Tom's community involvement was endless. He was always seeking out those in need, particularly children. His philosophy was he never wanted a child to go without. Over the past five years Tom took great enjoyment and spent every Wednesday morning working in Sara's classroom with her second grade class. He ran a reading book club with the kids and they looked forward to him coming each Wednesday.

Tom was loved by all and you could not avoid being positively impacted by his infectious smile and laugh which always lit up a room. Tom always greeted you with a firm handshake and a super bear hug. He treated everyone the same regardless of their background. Fun was had by all while you were in his presence. Once you met him you knew you had a friend for life.

There was not another more devoted to his wife, children and family. His life

revolved around them and he was never happier than when he could spend time with his children and his precious granddaughter Finley.

He is survived by his wife, Heather M. Bower of St. Clair Township, daughter, Sara (Nick) Kawala, son, Thomas A. (Amanda Craven) Bower, granddaughter, Finley Kawala, and another granddaughter due in August, brother, Ken & Doris Bower, brother in law, Mark (Ina Herzer) Thorner, nieces and nephews; Mathew and Jahna Bower, Julie and Scott Sekella, Laurie and Jeff Lindsay, Greg and Casey Thorner, along with several great nieces and nephews, his grand dogs; Viva and Vegas.

He was preceded in death by a niece, Katie Adams Langley.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, at 11:00 am in the Jowett Funeral Home at 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron. Reverend Max Amstutz will officiate. Visiting will be Wednesday, from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm and again Thursday, from 10:00 am until time of service at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers the family has request a donation to the St. Clair Golf Club Restoration Fund. One of Tom's greatest love was his time spent at St Clair Golf Club. Tom began caddying as a young man and has been an actively involved member his entire life. Having chosen to live on the course he began each day very early enjoying the view of the Fifteenth hole.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - Port Huron
1634 Lapeer Ave.
Port Huron, MI 48060
(810) 985-5123
jowettfamily@comcast.net
<https://www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com>

Visitation

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

LZ

“ I remember Tom growing up next door to him, he and his family were the best neighbors, even though I probably haven't seen him in 30 years, my Marine City relatives have kept me abreast of things. I'm sorry this condolence is so late, Tom was a great man, and I'm certain he will be missed by all.

I didn't realize he was in Florida, we just returned last week from Clearwater Beach, and Eileen told me.

My sincere condolences to Heather and his family, I'll always have fond memories of being his neighbor, his love of golf and the long conversations around our kitchen table. As I can see in the pictures Tom was always smiling and had a great laugh.

Larry Zimmerman

Larry Zimmerman - April 12, 2015 at 01:37 PM

VD

“ Heather, Greg and I are so deeply sorry. Tom was truly a special man, we will miss his laugh and his smile that was as big as his heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Valerie & Greg Duva

Valerie Duva - April 02, 2015 at 05:13 PM

AW

“ Heather, Sara & Tommy...
*We are so sadden to hear of your loss...
Wish we could be there to squeeze you all...
All our love, sympathy and prayers - Allison & Mike Woods*

Allie Woods - April 02, 2015 at 09:02 AM

KQ

“ *Anther pic of Tom just loving life! I never saw him without a smile.
Schmitt/Quain Wedding -August 2014*



Kathleen Quain - April 02, 2015 at 08:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Mr. Thomas W. Bower.*



April 01, 2015 at 08:19 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the
family of Mr. Thomas W. Bower.*



March 31, 2015 at 10:44 PM

LB

“ *Larry Trottier & Jeff Bryner purchased the Arrive i
n Style for the family of Mr. Thomas W. Bower.*



Larry Trottier & Jeff Bryner - March 31, 2015 at 02:19 PM

BA

“ *Heather,
We all lost a great guy and friend!
Tom is what the "The Golf Tournament" is all about.
My sincere sympathy. Bob Aumer*

bob aumer - March 31, 2015 at 12:05 PM



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Kathryn Guzinski - March 31, 2015 at 10:41 AM

BS

“ *I am really going to miss Tom. He lit up the room every time he walked in. I am saddened for the Bower family and my prayers are with them.*

Bill Skrzypek - March 30, 2015 at 02:58 PM

MH

“ *Heather and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing.
I've known Tom since our days at Ferris. Worked at AAA with him since 1975 until our retirements about 4 years ago.
May God bless him and may he rest in Peace.
Mark Hart*

Mark Hart - March 30, 2015 at 12:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas W. Bower.*



March 30, 2015 at 11:17 AM



“ *The St. Clair County Child Abuse/Neglect Council will always remember Tom as a truly dedicated child advocate. His wonderful enthusiasm and 100% endorsement of anything that benefited kids was always admired and valued. Tom was the best of the best and we were honored to have served with him in support of his belief that... "It shouldn't hurt to be a child."*

Our hearts go out to Heather, Sara, and Tommy and their families - we will all miss our friend Tom more than words can express.

St. Clair County Child Abuse/Neglect Council Board of Directors and staff

S. C. C. Child Abuse/Neglect Council - March 30, 2015 at 09:32 AM

NT

“ Dear Heather, Sara, and Tom
The Torello Family is so sorry for your loss.
Tom was bigger than life. No matter where he
went, he brought happiness to everyone. No
one was a stranger to Tom. He loved
everyone he met and everyone loved him. He leaves the most
wonderful legacy to or community for the wonderful things he has
done.



*Our Hearts Ache for your Family,
The Torello Family.*

Nancy Torello - March 29, 2015 at 09:00 PM

MM

“ I meant to say: Rest in peace, Mr. Bower..... not Mrs. So very sorry
for the typo.

Mary Jo (Molinaro) MacDonald - March 29, 2015 at 02:04 PM

MM

“ I was so very sad to hear of the passing of Mr. Bower. He was my teacher at St. Mary's School from 1971-1973. Even as a kid I knew there was something about him that was special and after reading the comments here, I hit the nail on the head. He had a smile and laugh that was full of mischief -- but in a good way. He was a great teacher who to this day, if his name is mentioned, I can't help but smile. I have so many sweet memories of grade school and a firm but warm and caring teacher named Mr. Bower. As an adult when I was in AAA paying my bill or planning a trip I would check to see if he was in so I could just say hello. I hadn't seen him in many years but it warmed my heart to read all the sweet things everyone had to say about him. His light was extinguished way too soon. My heart and prayers go out to his wife, his kids, his entire family and many friends who loved and cared about this man. Rest in Peace, Mrs Bower.



Mary Jo (Molinaro) MacDonald - March 29, 2015 at 02:01 PM

 Mary Creamer

“ Heather, I am so sorry for you loss. Tom was a great person and his passing is a loss to not only your family but the community.

Mary Creamer - March 29, 2015 at 10:07 AM

LE

“ Heather, I am so sad to hear of Tom's passing. He was one of my favorite customers when I worked at the Four Star. I would see him from time to time and he always had a smile on his face. He definitely was a great man. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.
Lisa Elsholz

Lisa Elsholz - March 28, 2015 at 08:12 PM

JK

“ Heather, Tommy and Sara,

We are so sad to hear about Tom and have been praying for all of you and will continue. We are out of town and feel very sad that we cannot express our sorrow in person.

I love Tom, like so many people do. I knew him as an OFFICIAL for my football team; a PARENT of a student of mine; our trusted SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER; my INSURANCE AGENT; a Sports FAN of our teams; and a trustworthy FRIEND. He possessed the gift of making you feel good about yourself. He is very special and will be missed forever. I pray that all of us will someday join Tom in Heaven, where He will be waiting to give everyone a big bear hug.

Love, John and Ketha Knuth

John Knuth - March 28, 2015 at 05:05 PM

MO

“ *I was so very sorry to hear this sad news. I have known Tom for a very long time. We both grew up in Marine City and have known him since we were kids. We were also neighbors. He was always friendly to all, no matter what their age was. I am very sorry for his family. Heaven got another wonderful angel.*

Marilyn Olde

Marilyn Olde - March 28, 2015 at 11:33 AM



“ Ronee and I send our deepest sympathy to Heather and the family. I first saw Tom on the front porch of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house in fall of 1964 and have treasured knowing him ever since. Tom's smile and laugh have brightened up many of us for years and St. Clair has lost a true diamond.

Larry & Ronee Gritzinger

Larry Gritzinger - March 28, 2015 at 11:26 AM



“ I only met Tom about 8 years ago and usually only saw him for the 3 days of the SCGC Men's Invitational, but each and every year when I saw him, he seemed like one of my oldest and dearest friends. Tom was probably the nicest man I've ever met in my entire life. He always made me feel welcome at the club and his smile, laugh, and sense of humor was the best. I will always have fond memories of Tom and I wearing our Salmon (they're NOT pink) shorts on the Golf Course. You will forever be in my heart Tommy and thank you for the great times you brought me. I hope I'm lucky enough to golf with you in heaven, because I KNOW you will be there.

Jon Sudo

Jon Sudo - March 28, 2015 at 11:03 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas W. Bower.



March 28, 2015 at 10:39 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Tom. He is and will always be a wonderful man. He WILL be missed and Heather please take care of yourself. Loved waiting on him at the 4 Star.
Ginny DeRue

Ginny DeRue - March 28, 2015 at 09:23 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Tom was an awesome support to the kids and their sports!!!
The Throops

Susan Throop - March 28, 2015 at 09:00 AM



“ I was so saddened to hear of Tom's passing. What a wonderful light and spirit the world has lost. My thoughts to his family and friends.

Suzi Straffon - March 28, 2015 at 08:15 AM



“ I send my deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Tom Bower. I am a server and a bartender at the St. Clair Golf Club, it was always a pleasure to wait on him and Mrs. Bower. My prayers go out to his family. Sincerely James C Desmarais (Jimmy).



James c Desmarais - March 28, 2015 at 12:21 AM

JS

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Julie Sekella - March 27, 2015 at 11:52 PM

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Julie Sekella - March 27, 2015 at 11:42 PM

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Julie Sekella - March 27, 2015 at 11:30 PM

MH

“ It was a shock to hear Tom is gone. He was my cousin and though we rarely saw one another it was always fun and a delight each time we met. It was a surprise to learn he was in Naples. My wife Barbara and i are in Florida just an hour north of there visiting my 89 year old mother. It would have been great to get together. What was he doing down here and what the heck did he die from anyway? My heart goes out to all of his family. We lost a very special guy.

Michael Hustman

Michael Hustman - March 27, 2015 at 08:42 PM

FG

“ Heather and family, our condolences to you. Tom was a true gentleman and one of the finest people I have ever met. My employment at the St. Clair Golf Club was made better because of him. His kind words and friendship made my job so much easier. I am so lucky to have gone on golf trips and Pro-Ams with him. Truly a joy just to be around him. Heaven gained a good soul. May God bless and comfort you.

Frank and Cathy Guastella

Frank Guastella - March 27, 2015 at 08:14 PM

SP

“ There are no words to explain what a genuine, kind man Tom was. I had the pleasure of getting to know Tom each time he sat in my salon chair. He always brought light and kindness into the salon, and never failed to bring a smile to my face. He encouraged me to succeed and always reminded me how important family is. He always had words of wisdom and kindness, and for that, I am eternally grateful. My prayers go out to his beautiful family and loved ones.

With Love,
Shelby Peterson

Shelby Peterson - March 27, 2015 at 07:46 PM

WT

“ Stephanie and I will miss him, Always had a smile. enjoyed going into his office on Huron Blvd and tell stories.

william trout - March 27, 2015 at 07:40 PM

BH

“ Goodbye little cousin...

Bob Hustman - March 27, 2015 at 07:36 PM

BM

“ Tom was a brightness in the world. His smile and warm hugs will be missed by many for sure. Hope he is golfing up in heaven! We will miss him so much.



Bill Madek - March 27, 2015 at 06:20 PM

BB

“ Our hearts go out to Heather and family. Tom was well liked and respected by everyone. He will be fondly remembered by Bob and Jan Beattie and daughters, Laurie, Lynn, Susan, Angela.

Bob Beattie - March 27, 2015 at 05:36 PM

ER

“ My heart is filled with sadness. Tom's warm and friendly smile could always brighten the day. He was a wonderful man who will always be remembered for his dedication to Marysville Schools. May God's love comfort and bring peace to his family and friends.
With deepest sympathy,
Elaine Roffey

Elaine Roffey - March 27, 2015 at 05:33 PM

BR

“ May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you. You are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Love, Chad & Brenda VanNatter

Brenda - March 27, 2015 at 05:20 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas W. Bower.



March 27, 2015 at 05:16 PM

BR

“ I still cannot find the words that would give this man the honor he deserves or explains how I felt about him...I just know I am heartbroken knowing I won't see his beautiful smile again or feel his Bear Hug 💔 thoughts and prayers to Heather, Sara and family, Tommy, and sweet Finley... Tom made this world a better place for all who knew him.... "Barbara" and Doug O'Rourke

barb o rourke - March 27, 2015 at 04:07 PM

MD

“ A truly wonderful man. The world was made a better place by his presence. My sincerest condolences to his family.

Mark Dorman - March 27, 2015 at 03:57 PM

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Mark Dorman - March 27, 2015 at 03:52 PM


Carolyn
Wilton

“ So sorry for your loss. Tom will truly be missed.

Carolyn Wilton - March 27, 2015 at 03:46 PM

ER

“ My heart is heavy with sadness after learning of Tom's passing. He was truly a wonderful man who brought life into a room when he entered. His warm and friendly smile, the goodness of his heart, and his devotion to making life better for others will never be forgotten. May God bless Tom's family and friends with peace and comfort. With deepest sympathy,
Elaine Roffey

Elaine Roffey - March 27, 2015 at 03:40 PM

AH

“ *Amy Hart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas W. Bower*



Amy Hart - March 27, 2015 at 03:22 PM

AH

I am so glad I had the honor of meeting Tom. He lit up St. Clair Golf Club the second he arrived each and every time. He will be sorely missed.

Amy Hart - March 27, 2015 at 03:33 PM

MB

“ *I'm going to miss Tom more than words can say. He was always so involved with the lives of our family and we looked forward to any and all of the time he gave us. My prayers go to all of his friends and family members as his absence will forever change our lives. Love you U.T.!!*

Matt Bower - March 27, 2015 at 03:18 PM

DG

“ *Bower Family, so very sorry to hear of your loss of Tom. Prayers sent your way. Dianne Knuth Grant*

Dianne Knuth Grant - March 27, 2015 at 03:09 PM

YS

“ Our hearts are filled with sorrow upon hearing the news about Tom. It was an honor to have known and worked with such a great person. We will truly miss him and his infectious smile! After the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with Tom, this is what keeps him alive in our hearts and in our minds, and he will continue to live on through all who knew and loved him. Our sincere condolences to you and your entire family. Ron & Yvonne Sheffield



Yvonne Sheffield - March 27, 2015 at 02:40 PM

MM

“ I do not think I have ever met two nicer people, Tom and his father Mel. They were two of the most genuine people that ever walked in the door of the St. Clair Country Club. RIP Tom, time to play golf again with your Dad.

Michele Malane

michele malane - March 27, 2015 at 02:34 PM

JS

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Julie Sekella - March 27, 2015 at 02:28 PM

C(

“ I am so sad to hear of this news. Mr. Bower was a fantastic human being and will be missed by all. I will never forget him.

Courtney Steketee (Russell) - March 27, 2015 at 02:24 PM

JB

“ My partner in crime during board meetings. I will truly miss this man's smile and amazing hugs. I'm so glad our paths crossed. I will miss him. I pray that the entire family finds peace and comfort in knowing how loved Tom was to everyone and that he now rests....peacefully.

Julie Bixler - March 27, 2015 at 01:52 PM

BB

“ we're heartbroken. What a wonderful treasure Tom was to me over the past half century. We will cherish the scores of beautiful memories all of our lives. We love you, Motley!
Brian M. Beauchamp and Stephane

Brian M. Beauchamp - March 27, 2015 at 01:28 PM

CW

“ Heather and family,

My heart is so sad for all of you. Tom was a wonderful person. He will be missed by every person who knew him.

Cindy Wier

Cindy Wier - March 26, 2015 at 03:39 PM

JF

“ *Our hearts aches for you all !! Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. This world has lost a wonderful soul, but heaven gained a great one... Tom, you will be thought of often and terribly missed!! Jenny & Kelly Fagan*

Jenny Fagan - March 26, 2015 at 12:10 PM