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Thomas H. Howley (69) passed away Sunday May 31, 2020 at his Saginaw home. Born Jan 11, 1951, in Saginaw, MI. Tom was the second of three sons born to John J and Helen (Fraumeni) Howley. Tom leaves behind two brothers and a sister in law; John and Delone Howley (Saginaw, MI), Daniel Howley (Peoria, AZ), a son William Shepherd (Saginaw) four nieces, one nephew, many cousins in Michigan, New York, and Florida as well as many friends and former classmates. He was preceded in death by his father John (d. 1965) and mother Helen (d. 1989).

Tom grew up in Saginaw and was a member of the last graduating class of St. Andrew's High School in 1969. He ran his own excavating business that evolved into a lawn sprinkler business for several years.

Tom was bright, energetic, fun loving and an adventurous handyman. His optimistic and engaging personality helped him to develop many friendships and loving relationships that lasted throughout his life. He was a loyal friend, and a loving mentor and father figure to many of their children.

Tom was gifted with much potential, but struggled with addiction at times. After two strokes limited his abilities, several friends and former classmates stepped up to support and help Tom. He was very grateful to them and regretted being unable to "repay" their kindness.

Having an experience with Tom left lasting memories and stories; may his memory bring a smile to all.

For information, please contact Fischer Family Funeral Services, 989-755-8277.

Comments



“ My friendship with Tom started on Jan. 6, 1964, my first day as a new student at St. Andrew Elementary School. That friendship lasted over 56 yrs. Through the years Tom remained a valued friend. Tom was loyal and generous to a fault. Tom was willing to help and lend support unconditionally. At times when we hadn't spoken or seen each for awhile, we were able to pick up the friendship as if no time had passed.

As we both got older, Tom assimilated himself into my immediate family, with the kids always looking forward to "Mr. Howley's" visits.

The effects of his strokes impaired him and limited his mobility, but he remained optimistic and upbeat making our visits all the more special, retelling stories and sharing memories (over and over).

They say at times life can be cruel, and this is evidenced in the last 10 or so years of Tom's life, but he continued to fight and strive for the life he previously had.

i will miss my friend but take solace that he is now at peace. Thanks for the memories.

Art Guimond - July 09 at 11:00 PM



“ Rest In Peace Tom, always had a smile.

terry Kluck Beagle - July 05 at 06:59 PM



“ Love ya, my lifelong friend. You moved at your own pace, stopping to smell the flowers, or talk someone, or take a detour - many adventures began with "yea, we're ready but we're waiting on Howley"...and we always wiated :-). Rest in peace - you will be missed. And we will continue tell Howley stories for years!

Cynthia Rozyla - July 05 at 04:28 PM



“ Truly a great loss. Tom was the most charismatic man I've known with an unforgettable smile. I have so many memories from the many years I knew him, from being a little girl and always begging him to "swing me", to all the trips up north to Torch Lake, boating, skiing, tubing, and having the best times of my life. After getting older we kept in touch by catching up on phone calls, sometimes talking for hours. He was a very easy person to talk to. I miss him dearly and he'll always hold a place in my heart.

With love,
Joan Pool

Joan Pool - July 05 at 03:51 PM