



## J. Thomas Priemer

June 13, 1936 - January 19, 2024

PRIEMER, J. THOMAS "TOM", went to be with the Lord on January 19, 2024, at the age of 87. He was born in Detroit, June 13, 1936, the son of Hazel (Durfee) and Clemens Priemer, and brother of Gerald (Rachel Rice) Priemer.

He grew up on a farm near Monroe, MI, graduated from St. John Grade School, Monroe Catholic Central High School ('54), received his BA from Heidelberg University, and MBA from Indiana Northern University. Tom played on the 1955 Heidelberg undefeated team and in 2005 was inducted into the University's Football Hall of Fame.

After college Tom joined the US Army, trained as a cryptographer, assigned to the CIC and stationed in Germany where he met his true love Erika. Tom worked in Human Resources/Labor Relations at Wayne State and U of M. He enjoyed farming, boating, metal detecting, U of M sports, running, traveling, writing family history, photography and playing with his grandchildren. Tom was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. As a member of the Motor City Striders he ran in the Free Press Marathon. He was also a member of Edelweiss-Detroit (German folk dancing group) and a Schuhplattler for many years. Tom and Erika danced in several cities in the US and Canada. May he be now dancing with the angels in heaven. Tom will be remembered as a loving husband, father and Opa.

He will be missed by his wife Erika (Tjarks) of 61 years, daughter Kristine (Andy) Huebner and son Gregory (Christina) Priemer. Proud grandfather of Elizabeth Huebner, Jonathan Priemer, Ryan and Adam Czarnecki, sister in law Ursula Calascibetta, many nieces, cousins and friends as well as therapist Duane and devoted caregiver Penny.

Visitation Wednesday 3-8pm with 7:00pm Scripture Service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Rd. (SHELBY TOWNSHIP).  
Funeral Thursday Instate 9:30am at St. John Vianney 54045 Schoenherr Rd. (btw. 24 & 25 Mile Rds.) until time of Mass at 10:00am. Donations are welcome to the I.H.M or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Interment St. Clement Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township  
54880 VanDyke Ave  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Scripture Service

JAN 24. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Instate / Funeral Mass

JAN 25. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Church  
54045 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Twp., MI 48315-1403

# Tribute Wall

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“ We extend our sincere condolences to Tom’s family during this difficult time. May memories of great times you’ve shared over the years bring you comfort.

*Tom was extraordinarily proud of his family and his German heritage— frequently sharing photos of recent family events at work. He was a lover of adventure and a gracious host. When I was hired into Tom’s department years ago, he invited me and another colleague to an outing on his boat. It was a glorious weather Saturday as we navigated through Lake St. Clair and up the St. Clair River, taking in the sights and sounds along the shoreline as we passed through various communities. The day concluded with a relaxing, casual conversation in Tom and Erika’s impeccably manicured backyard that looked like something you’d see in a magazine. While it’s been 35 years since this event, it seems like only yesterday. Safe travels, Sea Captain.*

*Aldona and Kestutis Sonta*

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**Aldona Sonta** - January 24, 2024 at 07:57 PM

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“ Your Penny purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of J. Thomas Priemer.



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**Your Penny** - January 23, 2024 at 08:10 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of J. Thomas Priemer.*



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January 23, 2024 at 04:43 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of J. Thomas Priemer.*



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January 22, 2024 at 10:14 PM



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January 20, 2024 at 05:49 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of J. Thomas Priemer.*



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January 20, 2024 at 03:15 PM