



## Michael Thomas Davidson

July 14, 1943 - November 19, 2025

Michael Thomas Davidson, 82, of Rochester Hills, Michigan, passed away on November 19, 2025.

Born on July 14, 1943, in Chicago, Illinois, to Caroline (Niccoli) Davidson and Morton Davidson, Mike grew up in Morton Grove and graduated from Niles East High School. He attended Lawrence Tech briefly before jumping into what became a lifetime of work, creativity, and connection.

A true car buff from an early age, Mike co-founded the Gashoppers car club in Morton Grove and later built a long career in the automotive industry. After moving from Chicago to Detroit, he worked for a record distributor—an early job he loved for the music, the stories, and the brushes with artists like Martha Reeves and a young Stevie Wonder. He then joined his father at Davidson Sales Co. and after Mort's passing, he co-founded Active Marketing, working as an aftermarket automotive parts salesman for decades. During that same time, in the basement of the family's home in Troy, he co-founded Dynamic Merchandising, an automotive packaging and distribution company that he helped build and run with his wife Marilyn for 30 years.

Mike brought energy and optimism to everything he did. Larger than life, endlessly optimistic, and unmatched at remembering names and faces, he was loyal to friends, proud of his children and grandchildren, and happiest

when he was creating something. His hobbies and side projects were limitless: photography that yielded legendary vacation slide shows; a basement mini-golf club-making business in early semi-retirement; The Picture Peddler, where he matted and framed photos and framed many of Marilyn's artworks; and, more recently, his Rockin' Clocks made from old 45s and the dozens of diamond art pieces he crafted and sold.

He and Marilyn also devoted many years to organizing the annual Simon House charity golf outing, supporting a Detroit home for mothers with HIV and AIDS and their children.

Mike is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marilyn Davidson; his daughter Laurie (Davidson) Salswedel and her husband Eric Salswedel; his son Robert "Rob" Davidson and his wife Diana (Flynn) Davidson; and his grandchildren Emily Salswedel and her husband Zack Waggner. Mia Davidson, Samuel "Sam" Davidson, and Ava Davidson. He is also survived by his sister Patricia "Pat" (Davidson) Van Sickle and his beloved dog, Lola.

Visitation Friday, November 28 from 3-8pm. Funeral Saturday, November 29 at 10am at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile), Sterling Heights. Memorial contributions to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are appreciated. Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **28**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling  
36900 SCHOENHERR RD  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

## Funeral Service

NOV **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Mike and Marilyn were our neighbors for 20 years and we have so many fond memories of times spent together with them and their circle of friends, a circle which was always expanding because of their warmth and genuine care for others. We were always amazed at whatever new project was being started and it would be successful. We offer our loving prayers and condolences to Marilyn, Laurie, and Rob and their families at the loss of Mike....husband, father, and grandfather. Your friends, Tim and Sally Sujek

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**Sally Sujek** - November 27, 2025 at 11:05 PM

CK

“ Mike was our friend, in Paul's case, for over 60 years. Mike was strongly opinionated, always optimistic and, above all, fiercely loyal. He originally designed our card club schedule. He told stories about the guys younger exploits that would have us laughing until we cried. He had great ideas like our trip to Las Vegas to see the Eagles. He could usually tell you who was singing that song since the music was always playing. He sometimes admitted he was wrong as in Scotland when he actually enjoyed donning a kilt! To our dear Marilyn, his family and the rest of his friends we have no words to express our feelings at his loss. Only that we loved him!

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**Carol Ann Kraus** - November 26, 2025 at 01:48 PM

FM

“ From UnitedHealthcare Community Plan MI planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Thomas Davidson.

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**From UnitedHealthcare Community Plan MI** - November 26, 2025 at 12:09 PM

FM

“ From UnitedHealthcare Community Plan MI purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Michael Thomas Davidson.



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**From UnitedHealthcare Community Plan MI** - November 26, 2025 at 12:09 PM

AB

“ Al & Karen burlini planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Thomas Davidson.

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**Al & Karen burlini** - November 26, 2025 at 11:06 AM

AB

“ Al & Karen burlini purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Michael Thomas Davidson.



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JD

“ Joe and Jackie Dease purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Thomas Davidson.



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**Joe and Jackie Dease** - November 25, 2025 at 08:56 AM

JD

“ Joe and Jackie Dease planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Thomas Davidson.

Joe and Jackie Dease - November 25, 2025 at 08:56 AM

SS

“ Mike was the nicest man. Always had a smile and so loving. He will be missed. My prayers and strength go to Marilyn and her family. Sending Big Hugs

sheila Schebil - November 24, 2025 at 03:55 PM

DC

“ Sending thoughts and prayers in your direction as you journey through this difficult time. Danyalle Conley LLMSW - MICH Care Coordination Team

Danyalle Conley - November 24, 2025 at 10:31 AM

TM

“ Sending condolences to Laurie and family during this difficult time.

TreKinya Matthews - November 24, 2025 at 09:32 AM

JW

so sorry for your loss laurie! I hope your family is able to find peace and healing through this difficult time. -- Jordyn Walker, RN MICH Care Coordination Team

Jordyn Walker - November 24, 2025 at 09:47 AM

RE

Very sorry for the loss of your father, Laurie. I hope the positive and joyful memories of him help guide you through your grief. -Renay Ellison, LMSW MICH Care Coordination Team

Renay Ellison - November 24, 2025 at 09:53 AM

BV

“ We are sad to learn of Mikes passing and extend our sympathies to Marilyn and the rest of the family. Mike was kind and genuine and will be missed.

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**barb and bob viaene** - November 23, 2025 at 07:22 PM

SB

“ Steve, Tom and Mikey Barry purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Michael Thomas Davidson.



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**Steve, Tom and Mikey Barry** - November 21, 2025 at 11:20 PM