



Thomas Edward Jenkins

June 7, 1942 - July 6, 2025

JENKINS, THOMAS EDWARD Age 83 July 6. 2025. In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Papa

It is with deep sorrow and profound love that we announce the passing of our cherished Papa, Thomas Jenkins. Though our hearts are heavy, we find comfort in knowing that his life was well-lived—a life filled with kindness, laughter, strength, and unwavering love.

Papa was more than a grandfather; he was the heart of our family. A gentle soul with a strong spirit, he had the rare gift of making everyone feel seen, heard, and deeply loved.

Born on June 7, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan where he met the love of his life Catherine in kindergarten. They celebrated their 62 year wedding anniversary in 2024. Papa lived a life of hard work and humility. He was a man of principle and quiet dignity, always leading by example. He taught us the value of honesty, hard work, and the importance of showing up—for family, for friends, and for life.

He found joy in life's simple moments: picking his grandchildren up from school, cheering for them at their games, early mornings hunting with TJ's Hunting Crew, which he never missed an opening day in 72 years, raking

leaves at Henry Street, and always having Sunday dinner with the family. The way he sang our names as we walked in the door would always put a smile on your face. His hugs could heal. And his words and actions taught us by example how to be the best we can be.

Papa leaves behind a legacy of love that lives on in all of us: in the lessons he taught, the memories we hold dear, and the way we now strive to love each other just as he loved us. He will be missed dearly by his family and countless others who were blessed to know him.

Though he may be gone from our sight, Papa will never be gone from our hearts. We will honor him by living our lives with the same kindness, strength, and grace he showed us every day.

Rest peacefully, Papa. You are truly the greatest!

Beloved husband of Catherine. Loving father of Tania (Mario) Capaldi, Jack (Julie) Jenkins & Frank (Robin) Jenkins. Proud grandfather of Tommy, Anthony, Joey, Brendan, Frankie & Cat Renee. Dearest brother of the late Sue Ann Love. Dear uncle of Eddie (Nina) Eagle, Bobby (Annette) Love, and Debbie (Doug) Thorton.

Visitation Friday 3-9pm with 7:00pm Rosary at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Funeral Saturday Instate 10:00am at St. Faustina Church 14025 12 Mile Rd. (btw. Hayes and Schoenherr Rds.) until time of Mass at 10:30am. Donations are welcome to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Detroit

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Rosary

JUL 11. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate / Funeral Mass

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Faustina Catholic Church
14025 12 Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Words just can't describe what Papa means to me, this entire family means the world to me.

Just let me say this, if it weren't for Papa J I truly feel I would be dead or in prison. This man not only taught me how to be a good man but also made me feel the love of a father like I've never known. I was on a path of the "tough guy" to prove I was a man. Papa J made me realize that loving people is the true mark of what a real man should be! He taught me more than he could ever realize, and not with words, he taught me with his actions. I simply watched him love his family and everyone lucky enough to be in his life.

It's been said by me and so many others that the Jenkins family has so many friends, well I've come to realize we're all wrong! This family doesn't have any friends, simply because once you are their friend, they take you in as Family!! The love I've felt for my 43 years as part of this family is immeasurable! Starting with Mama and Papa, to Tania & Mario, Jack & Julie and Frank & Robin and last but not least Tommy & Anthony, Joey & Brendan, and Frankie and Baby Cat!

If you're still here through this long tribute, I want to thank all of you friends that have become family like me, for all the love I've received from you all!!

FINALLY it's my turn to say to my Jenkins Family "I LOVE YOUUUUU ALL MORE!!!"

Robbie Srbinovich - August 25, 2025 at 06:20 PM

SM

“ Sending my love and prayers of strength for the entire Jenkins family. Tommy will be missed my so many. He truly was the kindest and sweetest man who loved everyone he came in contact with. Always so welcoming. Love you Tommy. May you Rest In Eternal Peace.

Sharon Malinowski - July 11, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Edward Jenkins.

July 11, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward Jenkins.



July 11, 2025 at 11:22 AM

SH

“ I read everything. How beautiful everything about Tom. I know he will be missed every day. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Love forever Shirley

Shirley - July 11, 2025 at 10:24 AM

LR

“ *My Sincere Sympathy to the Jenkins Family! I grew up with Tommy Jenkins from the "Old Neighborhood" on the Eastside of Detroit. Knew and loved him, he was just one Great guy that you could always depend on the memories are endless...He will be missed.*

Larry Rocca - July 11, 2025 at 09:06 AM

TF

“ *The Maniscalchi Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Edward Jenkins.*



The Maniscalchi Family - July 11, 2025 at 08:25 AM

DV

“ *Papa,
You will be missed by so many. Your life's lessons, love for family, honesty and great hugs will always remain with our family.
Thank you for always treating us like family and for the many wonderful times we shared around the kitchen table or at Henry street, just to name a few. You always welcomed us with your huge heart and we will cherish that forever!
We love you!
The Vanderhyde Family*

Debbie Vanderhyde - July 10, 2025 at 10:35 PM

PI

“ Paul & Karen Marcus & Rose Mary Isopi purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Thomas Edward Jenkins.



Paul & Karen Marcus & Rose Mary Isopi - July 10, 2025 at 08:46 PM

MF

“ To the entire Jenkins Family. It is so hard to even being writing something. Love love love our Sweet Tommy. You are truly the kindness man we know. Always there for everyone and I can just hear you saying God Love You and would look to the sky doing the sign of the cross. Being back at my Mom and Dad's house, Pat and I walking over to see you and Cathy, always with open arms, have something to eat and sending us home with candy. I know you are our Angel watching over all of us and I know my Mom and sweet Grandma Philly were there to greet you. You are so loved and we are so Blessed that you were in our life. Love Patrick and Mary (Staton) Farrell xoxoxo

Mary Farrell - July 10, 2025 at 08:34 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Tom Jenkins



Chuck Taormina - July 10, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward Jenkins.*



July 10, 2025 at 02:07 PM



“ *Papa, you were steady, kind, and always welcoming with open arms. Some of my favorite memories are of playing euchre in your basement on Christmas Eve, Sunday spaghetti, laughing over old home movies, and you teaching Dave the most important lesson of hunting - never going into the woods without a whistle. You had a way of making everyone feel at home, and your presence brought warmth, wisdom, and comfort. I feel so blessed to have known you and will carry your stories and spirit with me always. Thank you for being such a special part of our lives.*

*With all our love,
Nikki and Dave*

Nicole LeBeau - July 10, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ *Nikki & Dave LeBeau purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Thomas Edward Jenkins.*



Nikki & Dave LeBeau - July 10, 2025 at 11:40 AM

BF

“ Bobby, Annette and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Edward Jenkins.

Bobby, Annette and family - July 10, 2025 at 10:18 AM

BF

“ Bobby, Annette and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Thomas Edward Jenkins.



Bobby, Annette and family - July 10, 2025 at 10:18 AM

RB

“ There aren't enough words to say how much I love you and how much you will be missed. Bill and I had so many great memories with you and Cathy and I will cherish them forever. I love you..cousin Sandy

rosanne bowker - July 10, 2025 at 08:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Edward Jenkins.

July 10, 2025 at 07:31 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward Jenkins.



July 10, 2025 at 07:31 AM



“ Our condolences, prayers and love to the Jenkins family. Tom was a wonderful person and will be missed. May he rest in peace. Amen
The Tegler family & Mr. Wilson

Jerry Tegler - July 10, 2025 at 03:09 AM



“ Ken Hebert purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Edward Jenkins.



Ken Hebert - July 09, 2025 at 09:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward Jenkins.



July 09, 2025 at 08:31 PM

DD

“ Tommy, we met 57 years ago, working together on the Nichols Drain in West Bloomfield. You were assistant "Top Man" to "The Top Man", Tony Cipolla; we had a lot of fun during that summer of 1968. You immediately gained the respect and love of your fellow crew members . . . you were so committed and dedicated to the success of the job; Tony would walk around referring to you as an 'artist', drawing attention to your work, as he yelled out, "Look, the man thinks he's Picasso"!
God bless you my friend and I look forward to the day when we meet again

David D. DiPonio - July 09, 2025 at 06:39 PM

JO

“ Kathy, my most sincere condolences. As Rich said, we lost one of the good ones. I have so many fun memories of growing up in “the neighborhood “. He will not be forgotten. Jack Ortman

Jack Ortman - July 09, 2025 at 06:28 PM

RR

“ Kathy and family my sincerest condolences the world has lost another one of the good guys. He will be missed.
Richard Rocca

RICHARD S Rocca - July 09, 2025 at 02:46 PM

GF

“ Gary and April Frazho purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Edward Jenkins.



Gary and April Frazho - July 09, 2025 at 11:41 AM

GF

“ Gary and April Frazho planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Edward Jenkins.

Gary and April Frazho - July 09, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Edward Jenkins.

July 08, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward Jenkins.



July 08, 2025 at 07:57 PM

GC

“ Papa you were the true papa. Thank you for your advice thru tough times, thank you for the love you gave us, thank you for your wisdom you shared, thank you for being you. We will miss you, but you will always be in our hearts.



Forever all of our love,
Gary & Jamie

Gary and Jamie Capaldi - July 08, 2025 at 05:50 PM

TF

“ *The Waelchli Family purchased the The Endless Sky Spray for the family of Thomas Edward Jenkins.*



The Waelchli Family - July 08, 2025 at 05:22 PM

YF

“ *Your Western Global Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Thomas Edward Jenkins.*



Your Western Global Family - July 08, 2025 at 04:30 PM