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My very good friend Tom Weaver a tribute from family and friends.

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 9:56 am**

by **Webmaster**

It is with regret that I post this today.

Story posted here: <http://greatlakesmetaldetecting.com/downloads/caseville.pdf>

My very good friend for the last 5 years Tom Weaver "migolddigger" as known on the Great Lakes Metal Detecting forum passed away yesterday 07-05-08. I heard the news yesterday at about 2:00PM while out detecting with Robert, Randy and John. I am at a total loss for words and still in a bit of shock.

Tom was one of the nicest guys you would ever meet. He represented the soul of this hobby. He joined the Michigan Treasure Hunters club about 5 years ago shortly after finding us on the web. Since then, he has helped numerous new members learn the hobby and how to use their new machines. Sometimes even loaning them his own equipment if needed. He participated in all aspects of the club, putting on several hunts, assisting in monthly job functions at the meetings and was a board member for one year. If you needed a hunting buddy, all you had to do was to call him. He would be there or take you to where ever you wanted to go. Tom's generosity was 2nd to none. He would literally give you the shirt off his back.

Over the past 5 years I personally got to know his two children Megan and Zack, also his fiancée Peggy Collins. It deepens my heart to know of their loss. Keep them in your prayers.

Tom was one of a kind, a true friend and someone I will never forget. He was known to find many treasures but he had the greatest of all, his heart. I'll miss him.

Ross Soderberg

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 10:13 am**

by **steve**

Ross said it all. I know I will never be able to pick up a detector and not think of him. miss you Tom.

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 10:19 am**

by **MRWKND**

You will be greatly missed by all who knew you. God Bless you and your family.

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 11:08 am**

by [robertg](#)

Tom was a great guy. Always happy and cared for others. Helped anyone that needed it. He will be missed by myself and I know a lot of others. Sad day for all of us.

Robert

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 11:13 am**

by [clarence](#)

God bless Tom and his family, he will be missed by all and was a one of a kind person. Thanks Ross for putting it all into words for us.

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 11:26 am**

by [Debgr](#)

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Peggy, Tom's family and his kids. He was truly a wonderful person that would do anything for anyone and will be deeply missed.

Debbie & Doug

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 11:58 am**

by [Majik](#)

Sincerest condolences, I read the E-Mail Ross sent out this morning, and am still in shock and feeling my own mortality. The TH community has suffered the loss of a truly great human.

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 12:44 pm**

by [joe](#)

Tom Weaver-A Superlative Friend

Would anyone disagree that the world endorses the "More Is Better" philosophy? More money, more clothes, better jobs, a fancier car, a luxurious home, expensive vacations. Well, Tom Weaver had that philosophy, but not in that sense. "More Is Better" is what he excelled at. He was a hard worker, a happier person, a kinder person, a more thoughtful person, a loyal person, a devoted friend, club member, father. He went out of his way to help people. He made you feel good when he was around, he made you feel good about yourself. Tom had a real gift. The gift was himself. He was always ready to help someone in need.

I saw him at the last token hunt. I commented about how good he was with Zach his son and how he was going out of his way to show him a good time. He said "It's all about making memories Joe". How could such a young guy get it all so right? Thanks for the memories Tom. I will miss you buddy.

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 2:15 pm**

by [kaoldt](#)

I am just floored and in utter shock. I agree with everyone that Tom was himself a treasure to have as a club member and a friend. I always looked forward to seeing him at the meetings and the hunts. I will always remember him. So long Tom, you will NEVER be forgotten.

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 2:54 pm**

by [pezhead](#)

Like everyone else, Ross has just about said it all. The one thing I will never forget is what Tom ALWAYS said; "This IS what it is all About" being with your kids and family, even if it meant missing a big hunt. I remember him asking me, is Newburgh lake kid friendly? I said sure is and he showed up out there on June 25th. this year, while I was there, he was having a ball, getting the kids lines out of trees, fixing reel "bird nests" and he reminded me again, "This is what it's all about" This is to one hell of an awesome man and friend..... Sure gonna miss ya buddy..

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 3:03 pm**

by [SCUBA_Jeff](#)

I have not been active in the club recently, but I did have the fortune to meet Tom and as has been said, he went out of his way to help me. He took the time to talk with me about detecting and anything else that came up. He was truly a great person and my condolences go out to his family and friends.

Jeff

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 4:01 pm**

by [Cladman](#)

Our prayers our with Tom's family.

I got so much informtion about my minelab from Tom. He knew his stuff, but what made him so special is he shared that knowledge with me. Gosh it is just so sad. He will be missed. I just can't believe it.

Ross is there a memorial fund or something we can do. I know I am a long ways away but please keep me posted I would like to come to his funeral and pay my respects. He was just an awesome guy!

Cladman and Family

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 4:43 pm**

by [jerster](#)

We've lost one of the "good guys"...our sincere condolences to Tom's family. They will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Jerry, Kristen, Nikki and Ally Wickens

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 5:00 pm**

by [Rick](#)

Im very sorry to hear such bad news,I spoke to Tom on several ocassions and metal detected with him at Palmer Park.I hope later on that we all hear the details of what happened and people reading this forum learn from it so it doesn't happen to them.I know water hunting can turn disastrous in a matter of seconds so be super careful.He will be missed but not forgotton.

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 9:09 pm**

by [HammerHead](#)

My deepest sympathy to all who called him friend. I did not know Tom except thru his posts here and his many wins in the find of the month at MTH. I met him at my first MTH meeting he was sitting next to me and explained everything to me as the meeting went on, I sensed then what a good guy he was.tho I didnt really know him I was terribly stunned and saddened by the news. Once again sorry to all who called him friend.

RON

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 9:35 pm**

by [Hikerken](#)

As I sit here with my wife reading all of the post by others I could not sum it up better than all of you have on what a wonderful person Tom had been to all. Whenever I talk about MDing with my wife she would ask me if Tom and his kids will be at the outing. He is what MDing and the MTH are all about. Tom represented both of these well and I feel he helped to get my family involved in the sport I enjoy so much. If you look at Tom's profile here on this forum you will see that one of his hobbies is GOD. I know Tom is in a better place watching down on all of us daily and is in a treasure filled place. I will always think of Tom when I am out MDing. Peggy, Megan and Zack, you are all in Laura and my thoughts and prayers.

Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 10:25 pm**

by [tsabeach](#)

Deepest sympathy and prayers for Tom's family. He was one of the first forum members we met when we came down for the forum hunts last year. Very sad news. Please extend our thoughts from us here in Muskegon.

📅 Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 11:14 pm**

by [cwillia5](#)

From reading all of the above posts one can tell that Tom was a wonderful person loved by everyone he came in contact with. Tom was one of the most generous people I ever knew. He was always offering up valuable coins for a special contest or letting a newcomer to the hobby of metal detecting dig and keep a silver coin that he had targeted in the ground. I will miss him and our days of detecting together.

📅 Posted: **Sun Jul 06, 2008 11:42 pm**

by [Degries](#)

Tom was not only my hunt buddy he was also a true friend. A friend like Tom only comes along once in a lifetime and I will surely miss him. I will never be able to go detecting again without remembering him and the fun we had in this hobby. Good bye my friend, God bless you.

📅 Posted: **Mon Jul 07, 2008 12:51 am**

by [coinfinder](#)

Hi everybody, I am not a club member and did not know Tom but it sounds like he was one heck of a good guy. I am sorry for your loss.

📅 Posted: **Mon Jul 07, 2008 11:29 am**

by [jeff](#)

my deepest sympathies to tom's family.

he was always a familiar face at every meeting.

as mentioned in previous posts, he was always offering help, equipment, stories. he would listen if other md'ers that were having problems w/equipment. he'd listen to our stories.

i didn't get to know him as well as others, but i'll miss him too. i was truly shocked when i got a phone call. it's still hard to believe.

quite humbling, knowing your number can be called at any time. i spent even more time w/my kids after i heard the sad news. it was neat to watch tom and zack at the last token hunt. i thought that was pretty cool, that's what being a dad is all about. 🍷😊

Posted: **Mon Jul 07, 2008 12:39 pm**

by [smkunder](#)

As all have said, Tom was truly a remarkable person. Bunny and I joined the treasure hunters club this year, and Tom and Peggy were first to come and greet us and welcome us to the treasure hunting community. On several occasions since joining Tom would send me messages of help and encouragement in our great hobby. On my first token hunt Tom threw down silver from his own pocket to make sure I did not go empty handed. He also took me to Palmer Park and gave me tips on being more successful. To Tom's family and his fiancée Peggy our sincere prayers and thoughts go out to you during your loss.

Bunny and Steve Kunder

Posted: **Mon Jul 07, 2008 2:23 pm**

by [garyf](#)

I am one of the unfortunate one who never met Tom. But after reading the comments, he was obviously a special person. It is always a terrible loss when something like this happens to someone who thought about others more than himself and who was always quick to provide a helping hand. I offer my sympathy.

Posted: **Mon Jul 07, 2008 6:04 pm**

by [MRWKND](#)

Message I got from Luke today :

Hello Monty,

My old friend Monty I hope you are well today. My wife and I just got back from a short vacation up north with my parents over the past holiday. I am very saddened because today I read the Detroit Free Press and on the 3rd page in the Local news I read a news bit about Thomas Weaver drowning. I did not believe it at first but when I turned the page I saw the Obit about him.

Although I have not been an active participant in the hobby for a while now, I still remember with much zeal and life hanging out with you and Tom my 1st summer with MTH in 2004. I hung up my detector for a while in 2005 but got back into Detecting in 2006 although I did not attend the MTH meetings and events anymore.

I still detect some days but not as much as I used to because of knee problems and other health issues. But I like to find a sandy beach and give a swing for an hour as its easier digging.

I know I have not kept in touch in ages. But The people I will always remember the most from 2004 will always be my pals Monty & Tom. I will always recall Tom as a very generous soul and willing to help any one at any time.

May God keep you safe Monty. And I pray that Tom's family finds peace and solace.

Peace,

Luke Rademacher

📅 Posted: **Mon Jul 07, 2008 9:14 pm**

by [franko28](#)

I was very lucky to have the privilage to meet Tom at my first outing and a couple times thereafter he sure new how to make someone feel comfortable . What a loss my thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. And he will be greatly missed

📅 Posted: **Tue Jul 08, 2008 9:50 am**

by [Boscoz](#)

Sad day, Tom was the nicest guy I will ever meet,would anything for you.God bless you Tom.

📅 Posted: **Tue Jul 08, 2008 10:47 am**

by [franko28](#)

How sad what a great person to lose so young.

📅 Posted: **Wed Jul 09, 2008 6:56 am**

by [joe](#)

Posted for my brother Rick Carey:

A TRIBUTE TO TOM WEAVER

Metal detecting is a wonderful hobby. It is a sport that has many positive benefits. For some it is the sunshine and fresh air; for others it is a chance to get some exercise while enjoying something you love. For others it is the allure of treasure. For still others it is the competition of the club hunts. Or maybe it is just getting together to share a common interest.

We all have found something that we enjoy about treasure hunting. It provides anticipation, excitement, and satisfaction. Everyone cherishes the joy of finding that first piece of silver, jewelry, token, or other special find. We all long for the sound of our detector when it makes a good "hit." It also feels good to return a valuable to someone who has lost it and given up hope of ever getting it back.

However, perhaps the most important treasure that we can find in this sport is friendship. We are honored to have been called friends of Tom Weaver. Tom was a very dynamic and instantly likable person. He will always be remembered with a smiling face and cheerful disposition. Tom liked to have a good time but even more so, he enjoyed providing a good time for others. Whether it be putting on his great Spring Warm up Hunts, helping someone with detector settings, or sharing his own detecting hot spots, Tom got true enjoyment out of helping others. He gave of himself to make The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club and metal

detecting in general, better than he found it. Tom was very active in the club and gave of his time and money to make really memorable hunts. Tom stands out as an example of how a person and club member should be.

It may be sound cliché but our lives are richer for knowing Tom. We have many fond memories of detecting with him and very much enjoyed his company. As metal detectorists, we always strive to cover up our holes. Tom's passing leaves a hole in the hearts of those he touched that will never be filled.

Tom, we will miss you very much and always remember you. May you now find your treasure in heaven!

Your friend,

Rick Carey

Posted: **Wed Jul 09, 2008 10:37 am**

by [ericw](#)

i'm very sorry to here about tom..i'm new to metal detecting, i was looking for help to get started on this adventure. ross told me about a real good guy named tom weaver. he told me to give him a shout and talk with him some, so i did. he sent me this reply back.

Eric I grew up in waterford but I live in wixom Michigan now. I will help if I can. I have never used a 250 before so my knowledge of that machine is very limited. Your welcome to visit or perhaps join us on a group hunt sometime. keep in mind some of the places I hunt are not my own.I hunt with people I have been friends with for years and most of them would have me swear to secrecy on there hunt location. one even said cutting off an arm before they give up there hunting spots. The research that goes into many old spots sometimes is time consuming so I understand where they are coming from. I however can take you to some spots where Silver will pop out of the ground eventually. Maybe soon i can show you a spot or two.
Tom

i really don't know what else to say. i'm sorry i never got the chance to meet tom.i will always remember his kind gesture with some humor in there. you will be missed.

Posted: **Wed Jul 09, 2008 10:58 pm**

by [fourtyniner](#)

My sincerest belated condolences to Tom's family and friends. I didn't know Tom very well but I can honestly say that from the few times I did talk to him he was one of the nicest and friendliest people anyone could know. My heart goes out to all that knew him.

Posted: **Thu Jul 10, 2008 11:58 pm**

by **Hikerken**

Did anyone happen to read the guest book in the obituary section for Tom in the Detroit News?

One of the people who assisted to rescue and save Tom left a message.

<http://www.detroitnewspapers.com/deathn...?id=188020>

jack lautner (minden city, MI)
July 07, 2008

my sincere deepest thoughts go out to the family of tom. I did not know him personally, but i was one of the searchers that found him. I want you to know that i did every thing i could to bring him back. I'm very sorry for your loss, Jack

If you click on the link above you can send Mr. Jack Lautner a message.

Posted: **Fri Jul 11, 2008 12:30 am**

by **Degries**

I was able to talk with a very nice couple after the services that was involved in the rescue attempt. I thanked them for what they have done for trying to help Tom. It's nice to know in todays world that there are still people out there who will put themselves at risk in order to help someone they never even meet. I have asked them to attend our club meeting if they are able to. I hope that they will be able to attend.

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Name:

Thomas E. Weaver

Date:

May 10th, 1969 - July 5th, 2008

Obituary:

WEAVER, THOMAS E. July 5, 2008, Age 39 of Wixom. Loving father of Zachary Thomas Weaver and Megan Lynn Weaver. Dear son of Andrea and Lorne Weaver. Beloved Fiance` of Peggy Collins. Dear brother of Deborah(Ron) Bentley, Lorne(Lea) and Ronald (Debi). Ex-husband of Sherry Weaver. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Mr. Weaver was a member of the Michigan Treasure Hunters, the Gold Prospectors and a Veteran of the United States Marine Corp serving during 1992-97. He was the Captain of Team USA Marine Golf Team and was the Marine Golf Champion in 1996. When Mr. Weaver found someone else's lost article he did his best in returning that to the rightful owner. Funeral service Tuesday 8pm at the Lake Orion Chapel of the Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home. Family will receive friends Tuesday 3-5 and 7-9 pm. Memorial contributions may be directed to The Scholarship Fund for Zachary and Megan Weaver. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery. A Guest Reflection can be made @ www.sparksgriffin.com

Memorials:

The Zachary & Megan Weaver Scholarship Fund

Cemetery:

Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Comments posted:

Larry and Georgette - July 6th, 2008 at 6:23pm - Email

How proud we are of you as a father and as a special person. Please look down on us with those big blue eyes of your. We love you! Uncle Larry and Aunt Georgette

Douglas Gries - July 6th, 2008 at 7:36pm - Email

Tom, A friend like you comes along once in a lifetime I will surely miss you. God bless you my friend.

Michelle - July 6th, 2008 at 7:39pm - Email

I will miss you when we have family things I love you love love Michelle

Uncle Ed and Aunt Judy Dupke - July 6th, 2008 at 7:47pm - Email

We will miss your sweet face and wonderful smile. And your funny golf stories. Hit 'em straight and long up there!

Richard White - July 6th, 2008 at 9:48pm - Email

Tom, You're in a much better place right now. We will miss you. Save some gold for us for we will see you again. Richard and Julia White aka Cladman

Ross and Cathy Soderberg - July 6th, 2008 at 10:38pm - Email

Tom you were a great friend, Ross and I will miss you. God bless you Tom and we will see you again. Love Ross and Cathy

Boyce Morris Jr - July 6th, 2008 at 11:46pm - Email

I never personally knew Tom, but when I posted my grandson on treasurenet forum one of the guys posted his picture with the kids on one of the replies. After reading it I felt like I knew him, and I'm sorry I never got to meet him. My family will keep his family in our prayers. We are truly sorry. GOD BLESS You.

Debbie Mick (Consumers Energy) - July 7th, 2008 at 8:02am - Email

I am so sorry for your loss. Tom was a wonderful person. I can only imagine how much he will be missed. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you shoulder the burden of this terrible tragedy.

Sal and Barb Agro - July 7th, 2008 at 10:33am - Email

You were the greatest nephew, always with your family at our houses for graduations, Thanksgiving, Christmas and any special get together. We will miss your smiles, blue eyes. You never in your life hurt anyone with words or deeds and I know you are playing cribbage with grandma right now. God Bless all that knew you. Uncle Sal and Aunt Barb

Alex & Phyllis Bell - July 7th, 2008 at 11:18am - Email

Tom, you and your brothers were the sons we never had. We watched you grow up and become a man. Thanks for letting us be part of your family.

Uncle Sal - July 7th, 2008 at 11:21am - Email

Watch out Tom ::: Grandma cheats and so does Uncle Stan. God probably wanted you there because no one else will play with them.. I will miss you nephew , you were a great father and a wonderful son and brother. you can never be replaced in my heart. This Agro family will get over our lose of such a good family member. we all loved you very much. so hit them straight and remember you will always be in our hearts Don't worry about Zach & Megan we got them covered.

ashley vanwagoner (sherry's niece) - July 7th, 2008 at 12:20pm - Email

i knew tom when i was little didnt know much about him but it hurts deeply to know megan and zach lost there dad. im so sorry for your loss of a brother father son uncle. in my thoughts. take care.

maureen morrill (ex mother-in-law) - July 7th, 2008 at 12:50pm - Email

i saw tom 2 weeks ago when he picked up the kids. he asked how i was doing and i said "i was doing fine" he was always concerned about how things were going with me since the loss of my husband and childrens grandfather. im deeply saddened for the loss of your son and brother and my grandchildrens father. my thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends of tom. again you will be missed.

Ian Perry (Gunnery Sergeant) - July 7th, 2008 at 1:00pm - Email

I am truly sorry for your loss! Fair winds and following seas Marine... Semper Fi

Mamie Bell - July 7th, 2008 at 1:28pm - Email

ANDREA AND LORNE AND FAMILY I WANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST SORROW FOR YOUR LOSS AND I PRAY THAT YOUR FAMILY CAN BE STRONG AND BE BLESSED IN YOUR TIME OF NEED MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU

Ron Weaver - July 7th, 2008 at 1:40pm - Email

Brother, No one will ever replace you. When someone needed help you were the first one there. You are the most selfless person I'll ever know. A compassionate and caring father and a truly devoted fiance. You are an inspiration to all you have come in contact with. I only wish I could be more like you. I love you and will miss you deeply. Semper FI Marine!!!!

Matt and Betsy Prested - July 7th, 2008 at 3:04pm - Email

It is sad the world has lost such a sincere and down to earth great guy. Tom brought a smile to us every time we saw him. Tom was so excited to meet our new son, I only hope he is watching over him from Heaven.

Luke Rademacher - July 7th, 2008 at 3:21pm - Email

I met Tom Weaver in the Spring of 2004 when I joined the Michigan Treasure Hunters club. Over that Spring/Summer/Autumn I got many chances to hang out with Tom when I'd go out Detecting with him and others. I did not know him very well or for long but the time I knew him, Tom was a generous person who would do anything for anyone. I was dismayed and saddened when I found out Tom had died over this past holiday weekend. I know he will be missed by everyone, his family most of all. I remember seeing him again many times later over the years at summer carnivals always with his kids in tow. I pray for his family. God Bless you Tom.

Joe Carey - July 7th, 2008 at 3:55pm - Email

Tom, I once needed a friend, and there you were. You were the kind of compassionate person gifted with that kind of intuitiveness. You always showed concern about my health and welfare each time I saw you at club outings. You had a way of making people feel good and good about themselves. You were a great example to all and always ready with a smile and a handshake. You will surely be missed.

Fred and Lori Bailey - July 7th, 2008 at 5:34pm - Email

Our prayers are with you all during this trying time.

Shawn Courtney (Bim's cousin) - July 7th, 2008 at 6:31pm - Email

Bimmer and Buzz, We are so sorry to hear about Tom. Our prayers are with you and your family. Love Shawn and John Courtney

Tomeca Dinkins - July 7th, 2008 at 6:49pm - Email

Our prayers and thoughts is with the family during this diffucult time. I will always remember the beautiful smile Tommie had on his face everytime I seen him. Billie and Tomeca

Sandy Vela Zunk - July 7th, 2008 at 10:09pm - Email

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you, your family and those precious children during this very trying time.

Debbie Gries - July 7th, 2008 at 10:09pm - Email

Tom, you were a wonderful, thoughtful and caring person. You will be missed more than you will ever know. Doug and I were blessed to have you as a friend. You will never be forgotten. May god bless you.

Lea Weaver - July 7th, 2008 at 11:38pm - Email

You always had to have the last word, I guess this means you win. You will be missed more than you could know. Birthdays wont be the same without you!

Cousin Nick Agro - July 8th, 2008 at 12:04am - Email

How broken hearted I feel to hear of your passing. I remember so distinctly your gentle heart, big hugs, and funny laugh. I remember the fun and games our families shared at every holiday and family celebration. You were more like a brother than a cousin. I am saddened my two girls will miss knowing you and your kindness. I promise our family will keep you alive in our hearts and minds until you, and the rest of our family who have passed, welcome us to heaven with the open arms, big hugs, and the

sweet kisses we have all grown accustomed to. I look forward to seeing you again brother. Until that day comes we love you and miss you. Dream now Weaver

Mike and Debbie Grimm - July 8th, 2008 at 5:45am - Email

We were so saddened to hear about your loss...Know that Tom was always very pleasant and gracious as well as a "little chatty" and will be missed by all his friends and co-workers. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom's entire family

Larry & Darlene Ciarrocchi (pezhead) - July 8th, 2008 at 12:15pm - Email

To know Tom was to love and respect him. He was a great father to his kids. And I am glad to have him show up at Newburgh Lake in Livonia while I was there with my camera. He was having a ball, untangling lines, baiting hooks, and just being Tom, I could see through my eyes and my camera's eye, that he lived life to its fullest. You were a true friend, we are all gonna miss your smiles, your sparkling blue eyes, and your camaraderie. Sure gonna miss ya Buddy.....

Bill and Jenni Upleger - July 8th, 2008 at 12:58pm - Email

It was such a shock when we heard about Tom. Although we hadn't seen him much lately we always knew we could call on him if we ever needed anything. He was an amazing father and friend. His family was definitely what made him whole. He will be missed dearly here but God has much more important things for him up there. Some people are put on this earth to make an impact on other people's lives. Tom was definitely that person! There are people that live very long lives that did not make the impact on others the way Tom did in his 39 years. We feel so blessed to have had Tom in our lives. We are praying for all of you. Tom- thank you for the memories and your friendship. You will be missed.

Jerry Wickens (+Family) - MTH members - July 8th, 2008 at 1:00pm - Email

We met Tom several years ago after becoming members of MTH. Tom was always around offering encouragement and help to those that needed it. I always marveled at his generosity and his friendly nature. A tremendous individual; he will be missed. Our prayers are with Tom's family during this difficult time.

John & Barb Lazzari - July 8th, 2008 at 1:25pm - Email

Any & Buzz. We are so sorry to hear about your son. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Wish we could be there for you to help you through this time. You know that if you need anything, you can call anytime. John & Barb

Kenneth Snyder - July 8th, 2008 at 3:30pm - Email

Please know you are in our prayers

Mindy Walczak-Zielinski - July 8th, 2008 at 3:59pm - Email

I will never forget your wonderful voice singing "Sweet Baby James". You always knew how to make people smile and although we have not been in touch, you will forever be in my heart. I hope you have forgiven me for putting a dent in your truck. God Bless

Annie Wren - July 8th, 2008 at 6:01pm - Email

Dear Andy & Buzz, I am so sorry for your loss, I know first hand how it feels to lose a child its not an easy thing to get over, but just keep thinking about the good things and you will get by. Take one day at a time, keeping your family in my prayers. Love Annie

Jim Foster - July 8th, 2008 at 6:27pm - Email

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. All of us who are Treasure Hunters, Veterans, Golfers and Dad's know that he had to be a special guy. I hope time will heal your pain. He can never be replaced but he will stay with you forever in your memories. From all of us down south. James H. Foster
United States Army Retired Chief of Police United States Department of Veterans Affairs Gainesville, Florida

LISA JAMNIK (JOHNSON) - July 8th, 2008 at 7:31pm - Email

RON - WE WERE VERY SAD TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR BROTHER. OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. LOVE - THE FAMILY OF GYSGT. ERIC JOHNSON

Cousin Beth (Dupke) Decker - July 8th, 2008 at 7:42pm - Email

There simply aren't words enough to express my sorrow and sympathies. Aunt Andy, Uncle Buzz, Deb, Billy, Ronnie, and Peggy, I'm so very, very sorry about Tommy. I'll miss you, coz. Swing easy, go far up there.

Tom Mitzelfeld - July 9th, 2008 at 4:51pm - Email

Buzz and Andy- I was so sorry to hear about Tom's passing and am truly sorry I wasn't able to be there for the services. I will keep you and all of your family in my thoughts and prayers. If I can be of any help or you would just like to talk please just give me a call. 248-736-2980. God bless and stay strong. Tom

Mindy - July 10th, 2008 at 8:29am - Email

Buzz, Andy, and Family, I'm sorry to hear about the loss of Tom. He will be very much missed. Please send my love and heartfelt prayers to the family for me. You are all, always in my thoughts and prayers.

Paul Hunt - July 10th, 2008 at 5:12pm - Email

Tom, I was incredibly saddened to hear of your passing just yesterday. Although we haven't been in touch recently, I wanted to say Thank You for the many great memories we created growing up as kids (especially the break dancing!!) and all of your golfing tips. My deepest heartfelt wishes go out to your family as they work through this difficult time. God Bless you Tom - Your friend always, Paul

Rich Mucha - July 10th, 2008 at 5:47pm - Email

To the Family of Tom Weaver, My sincerest condolences on the untimely loss of your son, father, brother and dearest fiance, Tom. He was one of the jewels of the Michigan Treasure Hunters Club. The energy that he put into every activity that he engaged in was so contagious, he made you feel good just to be around him. In his journey and search through life, Tom has finally found his ultimate treasure that we all seek, Jesus! He now rests in the Sacred Heart of baby Jesus and our Holy Virgin Mother, Mary. Our Lady of Consolation, please take care of our dear friend Tom.

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The story caught my eye when I saw a mention of a metal detector . . .
Tom was a great guy. I hunted with him a couple of times at the Pontiac Apt teardown and, of course, he cleaned up at the Tuscazoar Hunt.

Steve

It is always a sad day when a fellow hunter passes. My prayers go out to Tom and his family.

Great eye for finding that story, Steve. If anyone has a picture of Tom from the April hunt, could you please post it here. I know that I had intended on sitting down with Tom to discuss programming in person, but we never crossed paths that weekend...

Joe in Michigan

My prayers are with Tom's family. I didn't know him but just the same, he is forum family.

NEdirt digger62569

wow, bad news. my prayers are with his family.

Rob

Bad news. I didn't know Tom but I feel bad for the loss his family & the metal detecting fraternity suffered.

Sarge

i did not know tom either, but my sincerest thoughts for his family and may the allmighty watch over his family.

keith matheny

My prayers are with Tom's family also.

Robie

I did not know Tom, but my thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Kraelity

My deepest condolences to Tom's family..... I'm sure Tom would have wanted it this way..... To be doing something he truly enjoyed....

TomsUSMC

May he find a field of silver in heaven, yes it is a sad day prayers to Tom and his family.

Mamo

My prayers are going up now. May the Almighty God watch over and bring comfort to his family.

V. Bailey, Baileywyck Farm

Just got the fourm's e-mail. very sorry to hear about such a tragic death. at least he was enjoying a hobby he loved. God Bless him and his family

ikes4ever

Tragic News, so sorry to hear about it 😞

Rick.....

Although I didn't know him; I hope this is comforting for those that did... Tom has found the best treasure ever!

Matthew 13:44 (NIV)

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

Cellbuster68

Just read about it, really tragic, my prayers go to him and his family... 😞

Ace

I'm really sad to hear about this... we'll miss him... my thoughts go out to his family.

Beefcake

Very sad and tragic news... my condolences to his family.

RickO

very tragic! My prayers go out to his family and friends.
Bruce/PA

I did not know Tom, but am sickened by this news. What a tragedy. My prayers are with his family and friends. The treasure he is finding now is far greater than any of us have ever found.

Scott

As I am writing this I am so dumbfounded I don't even know what to say. I didn't know Tom other than from the Tuscazoar hunt but I will never forget the first morning at Bob Evans when I met him. He came right up to me and introduced himself and at that time I thought to myself what a great guy. Unfortunately I only had the privilege to talk to him a couple more times at the hunt but remember thinking how great of a person he was. My heart goes out to his kids, fiance, family, friends and they are in our prayers.

SteveMN

My deep mas to weigh, for the death of a companion. They fence in my condolences for all his(her,your) family.

Frank

Go in peace my friend.....My condolences to his family and all his friends

Groundsnooper

I'm so sorry to hear this news. I will keep his family in my prayers.

Schrecky

Some people are good enough to "graduate". But those left behind wish we had more time with them. My condolences to Tom's family.

PlunkTwang

Truly sad. His family is in my thoughts. One never knows what the day has in store for us.
Dennis

O God, our heavenly Father, grant that we sorrow not as those who know not the promises contained in thy Holy Word; but may we look forward to the great gathering of thy faithful servants and children into their everlasting home. O thou in whom we trust, keep us by thy grace that we may live as the heirs of this blessed and glorious hope which thou hast so graciously set before us.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Mudpie

I hadn't been online for awhile and just now got the news. I'm sorry to hear about such an unfortunate accident.

I had the chance to meet Tom at the Tuscazoar hunt and was only able to speak with him for a brief time and had hoped to speak with him more. It was very nice to meet him and talk with him. I may not have known him quite as well as others but he will be missed.

My condolences and prayers go out to his firends, family, and loved ones.

Stringfrenzy

Wow,

Sorry to hear the sad news. Hope all is well for his kids and family. I think I met him at the camp. A pic of him would be nice if someone out there has one.

He sure was a great hunter. Once again sorry to hear about the tragic news. Makes me appreciate life here a little more. My prayers will go out to him and his family.

Take care

Jeremy

Sad news indeed. I was sorry to hear it. Rest in peace, Tom.

God speed.

Ken

I have not posted in awhile but I did see the article in the paper yesterday and received Steve's note. I did not know Tom either but wanted to pitch in here to express my sympathy. What a tragic end for someone who was just out enjoyed life and exploring. I am so sorry to hear the news and my thoughts and prayers go out to Tom's family.

So Sad!

Joe from Howell

Very upsetting news.. I hope his family can find the strength to get by.

zoso

Vary Sad!..My prayers goes out to Peggy Collins and all of Toms family. I'm shore he has found the greatest treasure of all...God!

Don11971

It is always sad to hear of someone passing. I didn't know the man, I'm just new here. The outpouring of love here shows me that a great man posted here and that he has left a legacy and example of what life and giving is about.

Although I don't know you, I know your passion for this hobby and the others have let me know about your passion for life. May the Lord grant all that is promised to you and bestow strength to your family were you are surely missed. May the Lord bless and watch your family and loved ones until you meet them again.

With sadness,

Jhonn

My condolences to the family and friends. It's sad to learn the news of this loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Mark in Tx

SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THIS. MY PRAYERS ARE FOR HIS FAMILY.

RWJR13

I do remember seeing him at the April hunt but didn't have an opportunity to talk to him. My prayers go out to his family.

webland

I apologize, I'm horrible with names... It wasn't until the picture was posted that it really hit me... I was fortunate to spend some time with him at the concession stand... Wow, what a great guy. He was always smiling and had a great sense of humor. He seemed to really enjoy himself there and it was a true pleasure to spend some time with him. He was a guy that I would love to have had as a hunting buddy anyday. He'll be missed at future events.

Beefcake

My prayers and condolences to Tom's family and friends.

bka414

Very sad news, my heart goes out to his family.

Guitarmart, UK

as a former member of MTH i send my well wishes and god speed to his children and family...i only knew him from the forum at great lakes metal detecting and on occasion we had our differences...im sorry for this terrible and senseless loss...

Kris Oswald

MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH HIS FAMILY.

DIRTSURFER

Very sorry to hear that. Thoughts and Prayers go out to his family.

SilverSeeker

My prayers are with his family and friends .

DFXED

That is tragic. My sympathies to the family and friends.

Jeff Foster

I am so sorry to hear of Tom's tragic accident. My heart goes out to his family and friends. I met Tom at the April hunt. He was sitting with his close friend, Ross. I'll always remember the light in his eyes as he told my brother and me about the many treasures he found. He had so much energy and spirit. Tom's body may have passed on, but his energy and spirit will always live. My deepest sympathy to Tom's family and friends.

Laura Henry

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Post by: **xdanthemanx** on Jul 07, 2008, 09:45:47 AM

A Sad day indeed, I hope someone posts a few more details as to what exactly happened. there is always something to learn from this kind of horrible accident.

I think a 21 detector salute is in order

DTM

Post by: **swampgal** on Jul 07, 2008, 07:41:00 PM

Semper Fi Marine- Gods Speed
My heart felt symphy to the family and friends We will be praying for you.
From a Marineissuemom.

Post by: **Bridge End Farm** on Jul 07, 2008, 09:01:16 PM

praying for his family, kids and fiance, tough on them all

Post by: **Neil in West Jersey** on Jul 07, 2008, 09:34:05 PM

I Have recommended a banner spot for Tom's picture. You should all do the same.

As posted on the *Coinist's Metal Detecting Forum* website. (Ohio)

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Posted By: Coinist (OH)

Date: Sunday, 6 July 2008, at 12:13 p.m.

Sorry to hear about migolddigger he is in our prayers

I talked to migolddigger a few times thru email and when he posted on our site he was always a gentleman. Sorry to hear about this he will be missed by all.

Posted By: Jim C (Mich)

Date: Sunday, 6 July 2008, at 1:07 p.m.

Thats terrible. Sorry to hear of this.

Posted By: NH Bob (SE-X5)

Date: Sunday, 6 July 2008, at 3:02 p.m.

Very sorry to hear this. My thouhts go out to his loved ones.

Posted By: robo

Date: Sunday, 6 July 2008, at 7:39 p.m.

So sorry to hear of it. My prayers go out to the family.

Posted By: Jon(SW WASH)

Date: Sunday, 6 July 2008, at 8:40 p.m.

Prayers from Washington go out to his family and friends.

Posted By: Dan in Central PA

Date: Monday, 7 July 2008, at 4:26 p.m.

My prayers and deepest sympathies go out to you and his family and friends.

Posted By: Mike from MI Iron Brigade

Date: Tuesday, 8 July 2008, at 9:06 a.m.

Sad day indeed!..... Ross sent me the same email. I am praying for the family and friends.

Thursday, July 24, 2008

Family, friends, co-workers, co-club members, fellow golfers, Marine brothers, sisters, and dear loved ones of Tom Weaver:

We would like to personally thank you for the overwhelming outpouring of love that you have shown our family during these past weeks. We would like to express gratitude for the generosity of so many people who stopped by to offer a hug, in-kind help, time and energy, prayers, and so much more. Without your support we could not have made it through this difficult time.

Your presence, hugs, and stories about Tom will help us to remember him through your eyes. We thank you for every kindness and please know that we are also praying for you as you grieve for his loss as well. So many of you not only paid your respects at the funeral home but also generously sent cards, flowers, and food. A simple thank you just doesn't seem enough.

To those of you that donated money for Megan and Zachary's scholarship fund, we want you to know that this fund has been set up and their mother will be taking care of the college fund. Your donations will help the children financially cope with their loss. Thank you for blessing them in this way.

May God bless you,

The Family of Tom Weaver

As you have just read, Tom touched the hearts of many people. The list goes on

We all will miss you buddy, see ya soon!