



Thomas Arthur Esch

October 6, 1949 - September 17, 2023

Thomas Arthur Esch of Eagle passed away September 17, 2023 just three weeks after his wife of over 52 years, Jacalyn (Cochran) passed away. Tom was born October 6, 1949 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Francis and Lorraine (Cook) Esch. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in the Class of 1968 and worked for the State of Michigan as a Supervisor maintaining the state police vehicle fleet. Tom enjoyed building things and working with his hands so after retirement he owned and operated his own company, Esch Construction. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and looked forward to trout fishing and deer camp every fall. Tom loved his family and looked forward to spending time with them on camping trips, family gatherings, holidays, and special occasions.

He is survived by his sons, Scott (Jeanne) Esch and Bill (Vickie) Esch; grandchildren, Rachael Hinds, Ashleigh Esch, Kyle Hinds, Dillon Esch, Amy Jo Esch and Brady Esch; siblings, Theresa (Ed) Shivley, Linda (Russ) Russell, Kathleen (Thomas) Leitz, Karen (Scott) Eavey, John (Leah) Esch and Mark (Elizabeth) Esch. Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Jacalyn Esch; daughter, Amy Esch; and nephew, Gerrit Esch .

A funeral service will be held Friday, September 22, 2023, 12:00 pm at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Father James Eisele, officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 10:00 am until the time of the service at 12:00 pm. Memorial contributions in Tom's name may be given to the Michigan United Conservation Club, 2101 Wood Street, Lansing, Michigan

48912 (https://michiganunitedconservationclubs.app.neoncrm.com/forms/online/donate?_gl=1*ak69p2*_ga*MjEzMjMxNDk0My4xNjk1MTI5ODYz*_ga_3TCKK33NPD*MTY5NTEyOTg2Mi4xLjEuMTY5NTEyOTg5NC4wLjAuMA) Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Cemetery Details

North Eagle Cemetery

12200 S. Grange Road
Eagle, MI 48822

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Service

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Tribute Wall

TV

“ Thoughts and prayers for all. Sorry we couldn't be there. I'm so exhausted from moving to lake Odessa that I slept till 11:45 this morning Tom and Cathie VerHage

Thomas VerHage - September 22, 2023 at 01:38 PM

VE

“ So sorry for your loss. Tommy was my cousin I have many memories of are childhood family get togethers, he was a very special guy.Love to his whole family.

Virginia Esch Erickson - September 22, 2023 at 11:40 AM

TS

“ Theresa S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Arthur Esch.

Theresa S. - September 21, 2023 at 02:27 PM

EV

“ I worked with Tom for many years at the State. I left years ago but he was a great man. Worked on my cars and even some my dads. He was a hard worker. I was sad to hear his sweet wife passed so recent too. Sending God's comfort to all.

Erika Vallance - September 20, 2023 at 09:25 PM

KL

“ So many good memories of you my brother. Also many camping trips together with Jackie. Scuba diving adventures. Jackie and I sitting on the beach reading our books while the 2 Tom's are diving. Will miss you both so much. Can't wait to see you some day in heaven. May our loving Lord keep his arms around you both. Love, Kathy & Tom Leitz

Kathleen Leitz - September 19, 2023 at 02:11 PM

ME

“ I owe my brother Tom, so many thanks because he taught me how to shoot a bow and a gun in how to hunt which is still a passion today first with squirrels in the woods across from our Francis Road home then deer camps up north bear camps in the UP and elk hunting out west with a bow in Colorado. Tom's was our family mechanic for many years. so many fond memories of Tom he was a great teacher, mechanic and carpenter and big brother. Will miss you brother.

Mark Esch - September 19, 2023 at 01:27 PM

CM

“ Carol M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Arthur Esch.

Carol M. - September 19, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Esch.



September 19, 2023 at 11:48 AM

VR

“ I worked with Tom at the State of Michigan from the time that I transferred there (from the Detroit Garage), until Tom retired. I have very fond memories of Tom and (his late Wife) Jackie. My deepest condolences to the Esch and Cochran Families in the passing of your beloved. May God bless, and keep you in his loving embrace.

Vince Reynolds - September 19, 2023 at 10:32 AM

VR

A donation was made to the Michigan United Conservation Club in Tom's name.

Vince Reynolds - September 19, 2023 at 10:39 AM

CJ

“ Tom was a popular and respected resident at Great Lakes Christian Homes retirement community where he and Jackie lived for several years. They are missed by residents and staff alike. Our sincere condolences to the family.

Chaplain Dan Johnson - September 19, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Arthur Esch.



September 18, 2023 at 07:12 PM