



Thomas Boyd Hamilton

December 27, 1934 - February 13, 2026

Thomas Boyd Hamilton, a beloved lifelong resident of Grand Ledge, Michigan, passed away peacefully at home on February 13, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Born on December 27, 1934, in Mason, Michigan, he was the cherished son of the late John F. and Burnidean V. (De Pugh) Hamilton. Tom graduated with pride from Grand Ledge High School in the Class of 1953, where he was honored to serve as Homecoming King.

A dedicated patriot, Tom proudly served his country in the United States Army from March 1955 to March 1957, attaining the rank of Private First Class. He embraced many roles throughout his life, working for General Motors as a Supervisor in Material Handling, where his commitment and expertise were truly valued.

Tom held a deep connection to his faith, being a longtime member of the Grand Ledge Church of the Nazarene and, later in life, the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church. His passion for life extended beyond his work and faith; he was known for his love of collecting coins, especially pennies, which he delighted in gifting to his family. He cherished the ocean, often reminiscing about his long walks on the beach where he would collect shark's teeth and shells. His adventurous spirit led him on cherished trips to the Western United States and the majestic Devil's Tower National Monument, as well as family camping outings at Lake Margrethe and vacations in Englewood, Florida. Tom

and Carol enjoyed taking trips and traveling to North Carolina, Europe, and Mexico with good friends George and Vickie Hunter.

Tom was not only handy with home improvement projects, but he was also a fixture in the community, often found at the Grand Ledge A&W table of knowledge, where he shared conversations and laughter while tackling the world's problems with his friends.

Tom's legacy lives on through his loving family, including his devoted wife, Carol (Sanborn); sons Thomas (Kristie) and Timothy Hamilton; daughters Tina (Kirt) Chapin and Terri (Denny) Lay; grandchildren Ashley (special partner Tim Radee) Hamilton, Laura Hamilton, Trenton Hufnagel, Jordan (Zack) Patterson, Miranda Hamilton, Sydney (Steven) McCracken, Zac Chapin, Makenzie Chapin, Jackson Chapin, Caleb Lay, Chloe Lay, and Hailee Lay; great-grandchildren Login Kristofferson, Wyatt Stanton, Luca Patterson, Addy Patterson, Luna McCracken, and Zane Chapin. He will also be missed by his many longtime friends within the community and his coffee buddies. Tom was preceded in death by his infant sister, Shirley Mae Hamilton and foster brother, Norman Rust.

Family, friends, and community members are invited to pay their respects and celebrate Tom's life during a memorial service scheduled for February 24, 2026, at 1:00 PM at Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Followed by a Military Graveside service at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be two hours prior to the service. Following the Military Graveside Service at Oakwood Cemetery the family will be hosting a memorial luncheon at the Grand Ledge Masonic Hall, 200 W. River Street. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, Virginia 22116 (<https://diabetes.org/?form=Donate>) or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, Texas 75284-0692 (<https://www.heart.org/?form=FUNELYZXFBW>) in honor of

Tom's enduring legacy and the causes he cared about.

Tom will always be remembered for his warmth, love, and the joyful moments he shared with all who knew him. His spirit will linger in the hearts of those who loved him, and his memory will be celebrated in the stories we share. Share your memories and condolences online at holihanatkin.com

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home and Cremation Services
406 N Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Celebration of Life

FEB 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Military Graveside Service

FEB 24. 2:15 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery
299 Halbert Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837-1232
(517) 627-2149

Tribute Wall



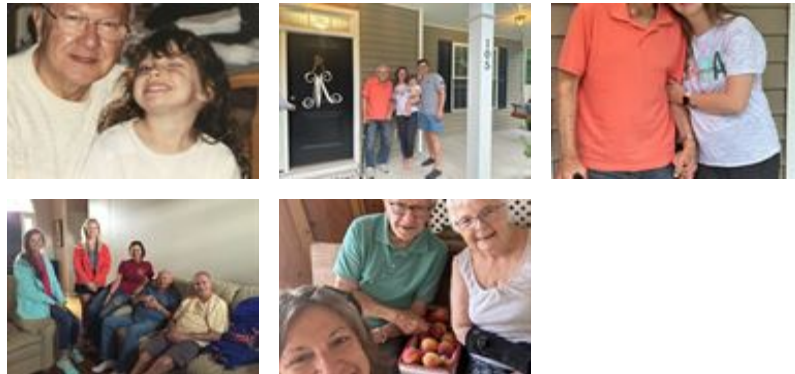
“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Boyd Hamilton*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - February 23 at 12:36 PM



“ *13 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - February 23 at 01:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Boyd Hamilton.*



February 23 at 12:11 PM

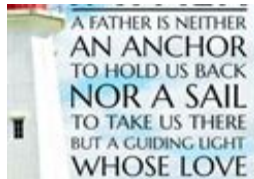


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Boyd Hamilton.

February 23 at 12:11 PM



“ 319 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - February 20 at 02:00 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - February 19 at 04:12 PM



“ The VanEpps family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Thomas Boyd Hamilton.



The VanEpps family - February 19 at 06:52 AM

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“ Sending love and condolences to all of you. I loved Tom! He was always kind and fun loving when I was a kid. However, I most enjoyed him when I was an adult, with my own kids. I went to A&W once a week to pick up gift certificates for St. Mikes. Of course, I was always running behind. The Coffee Club always had lots of encouraging words and brought a smile to my face every time I went in. When Tom and Roger weren't causing trouble, they even helped me with some of my many fundraisers. I was sad I missed his party. He will be missed.

Dianna Living - February 18 at 09:20 PM

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“ Tina and family, although we never met your father his obituary tells the story of a very devoted family man. He will be forever in your in your hearts and memory❤️. We are so very sorry for your loss.
Love, Tom and Lori

lori Guldenzoph - February 18 at 07:45 AM

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“ I was privileged to get to know Tom through his friendship throughout high school, and then joining the Army, with George. He was a wonderful man in all respects-and a great model for anyone's son. I can still hear him walking in our back door with a shout of "is supper ready?!"—never mind what time it was.
Infinite warm (and humorous) memories of one of the best ever.

Vicki Hunter - February 17 at 03:40 PM