



## Thad R. Earl

June 15, 1956 - December 1, 2025

Thad R. Earl

Age 69

of Bangor

Passed away unexpectedly, December 1, 2025 at his home. Thad was born June 15, 1956 in Paw Paw. He was the son of Archibald and Marie (Bothwell) Earl and had lived the majority of his life in the Bangor area. He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Savanna Rae Wood. Thad is survived by his sister, Lucy (Steve) Norton; nephew, Matt Norton; son-in-law, Jeremiah Wood; grandchildren, Andy Wykstra , Kiera Wood; and his partner at the store for twenty two years and long time friend, Wincie Armiger. In 1985, he purchased the building next to the Bangor City Hall that now houses Danny's Barber Shop. After extensive remodeling, he opened Earl Coin and Jewelry on December 20, 1986. In 1991, he purchased and moved into his current location. He previously was the Maintenance Director and Refrigeration Engineer for South Michigan Cold Storage Corporation. Prior to that, he was a machinist at Benton Harbor Engineering. His first retail store opened in 1973, with the Paw Paw Bicycle Shop and Earl Jewelers that was operated by his mother. Thad served on the Bangor City Council for 11 years and the board for the South Haven Arts for 10 years. He was an avid coin collector all of his life and had always been interested in Native American Art and local artifacts and antiques. He was unmatched in his talent of his gem cutting abilities and jewelry creations. His talent will be sorely missed. There

will be a visitation 4-6 PM Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. The family suggests memorials be made towards his grandchildren's education.

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel  
258 West Monroe Street  
Bangor, Michigan 49013

# Tribute Wall

AP

“ *Arnie Preib lit a candle in memory of Thad R. Earl*



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**Arnie Preib** - March 04 at 03:26 AM

TR

“ *Wow this blows my mind. Great guy and business man. Enjoyed wheeling and dealing with him. R.I.P Thad.*

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**Tim Roper** - January 01 at 01:26 PM

GB

“ *Oh no ! What a gut punch this is! Loved ya buddy! My sincere condolences to his family and friends! Rest in peace good sir!*

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**Gregi Blackwell** - December 28, 2025 at 06:50 AM

SL

“ *I am sorry sorry to hear about Thad. I enjoyed going in the jewelry store to buy, sell, or get jewelry repaired. But more than that I enjoyed talking to Thad and Wincie most of all. He was a great citizen of Bangor and was proud of the community. Bangor has lost a great business. My sincere condolences to his family and Wincie. May your grief be shortened by who he was and what he did for everyone.*

*Sharon Lee  
South Haven, Michigan*

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**Sharon Lee** - December 15, 2025 at 09:54 PM

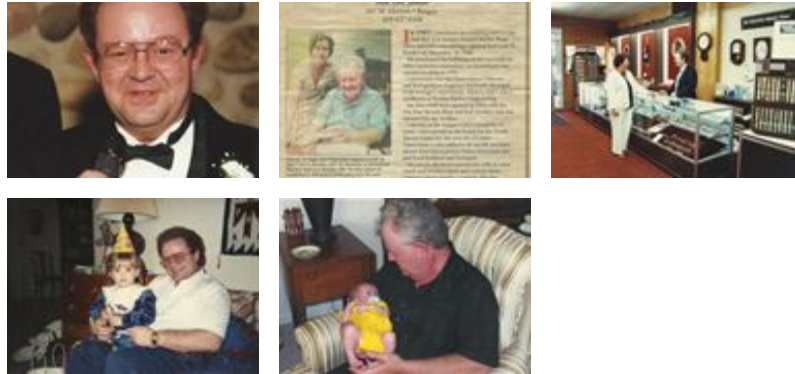
SH

*I am just reading Thad's obituary now! I think of him almost every day as I wear a piece of jewelry he repaired, or that I purchased from him. He and Wincie taught me so much about gemstones and jewelry. He was a gemologist and gem cutter of the utmost expertise and knowledge. My heartfelt condolences are wished for his family, and especially Wincie. I will always remember his kindness and teaching to me. Sincerely, Sally Hummel*

Sally Hummel - February 15 at 02:57 PM



“ 22 files added to the album LifeTributes



D.L. Miller Funeral Home - December 15, 2025 at 03:33 PM

JS

“ Jennifer Spears lit a candle in memory of Thad R. Earl



Jennifer Spears - December 15, 2025 at 11:08 AM

SG

“ To the family my deepest condolences I new him for years and did business with him and very kind person he will be miss Bangor will not be the same with out him he helped a lot of people thank you Mr Earl for your service from Sheila Gipson and Family

Sheila Gipson - December 13, 2025 at 09:16 AM

DF

“ Sorry for your lost Thad was guy praying for your family



David and Amanda Freislinger - December 12, 2025 at 05:17 PM

BB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Thad. I own an estate sale company and Thad was always so helpful when I had items that I wasn't sure had value. He taught me a lot. I referred people to him because he was so welcoming and helpful. He will be missed. Brenda Bertorelli, Family Heirloom

Brenda Bertorelli - December 12, 2025 at 04:47 PM

PH

“ Our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Thad. We have known him and have been customers for many years. No one can fill his shoes. He was very talented and very kind and trustworthy. He will be GREATLY missed. Please know that our thoughts & prayers will be with you all during this difficult time.

Most sincerely, Ron & Pat Henry

Pat Henry - December 12, 2025 at 09:44 AM

JH

“ *Janie Huffman lit a candle in memory of Thad R. Earl*



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**Janie Huffman** - December 11, 2025 at 10:19 PM

DM

“ *He taught me a lot about diamonds. He was very kind and patient and generous.*

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**Debbie malins** - December 11, 2025 at 09:16 PM

PR

“ *I enjoyed seeing him in the store from time to time.*

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**Phil Radtke** - December 11, 2025 at 07:58 PM

DB

“ *My family has known Thad all the way through school. He was an incredibly kindhearted person. He especially helped me so much after my brother's passing. Praying to his family and friends.*



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**Debbie Bentley** - December 11, 2025 at 03:40 PM

ME

*Sorry For Your Loss. Prayers*

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**Maria Escobedo** - December 11, 2025 at 07:20 PM

PS

“ *Thad was a very nice man will be missed. I will miss our talks in my chair.* ”



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**Patricia Serratos** - December 11, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ *Shelly Charles lit a candle in memory of Thad R. Earl* ”



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**Shelly Charles** - December 10, 2025 at 07:01 PM

JP

“ *John Preib lit a candle in memory of Thad R. Earl* ”



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**John Preib** - December 10, 2025 at 06:53 PM

MB

“ *Maggie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Thad R. Earl* ”



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**Maggie Brooks** - December 10, 2025 at 04:30 PM

DH

*To the Earl family. I am so sorry for your loss. Thad was basically a life long friend of mine starting in Paw Paw schools. I visited him at least three times a year in the jewelry store, mostly for repairs and just to chat. He will be dearly missed . RIP my friend.*

**Dale Harvey** - December 11, 2025 at 10:40 AM

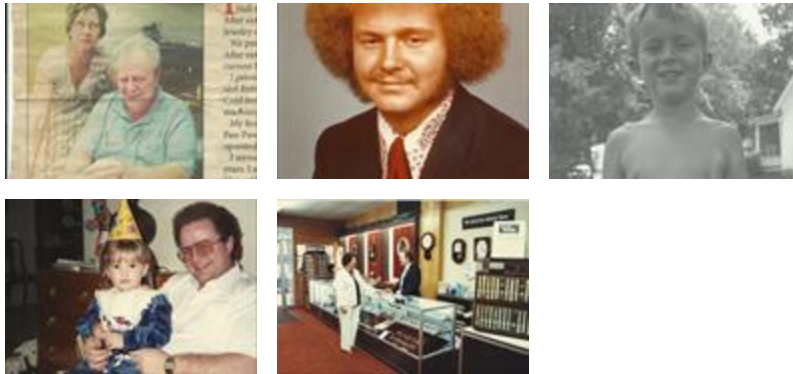
AI

*“ i'm so sad to hear of Thad's passing. I did not know him well at all, but always felt his kindness and admired his talents when ever I visited his store. My condolences to his family.*

**Amy Ingraham** - December 10, 2025 at 06:09 AM



*“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album*



**D.L. Miller Funeral Home** - December 09, 2025 at 05:09 PM

PH

*Such great pictures!*

**Pat Henry** - December 12, 2025 at 09:46 AM



*Will miss you rip*

**Joe Rumsey** - December 13, 2025 at 05:13 PM