



## Thomas Charles Sutherby

March 23, 1930 - February 3, 2014

Thomas C. Sutherby, age 83, of Bangor passed away Monday, Feb. 3, 2014 of leukemia in South Haven, under the care of Hospice of South Haven. Tom was born March 23, 1930 in Kalamazoo, the son of Archie and Margaret (Grills) Sutherby, and has lived all of his life in the Bangor area. He was a long time member of the Bangor Lions and attended the Simpson United Methodist Church. He enjoyed fishing, and worked many years as a stone and brick mason. Surviving are his wife, Betty whom he married Feb. 19, 1949; 2 daughters, Deborah (Tom) Nyman of Plano, TX, Kendra (Douglas) Overton of Bangor; 3 grandchildren, Tara Cherigo, Shannon Hernandez, Creela (Matt) Hamlin; 6 great grandsons; sister-in-law, Norma; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Sutherby. The family will meet friends at a memorial gathering, 7-9 PM, Monday, Feb. 10, 2014 at Simpson United Methodist Church, Bangor. The family suggests memorials be made to either the Simpson United Methodist Church or to Hospice of South Haven. Arrangements entrusted to the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **10**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Simpson United Methodist Church  
507 Joy Street  
Bangor, MI

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Bopie.....I regret that it has been years since I've seen you but I'm feeling so blessed to have so many great childhood memories that I will forever hold onto. Memories of you taking my sister and i to 7/11 for Slurpees, one of us would always sit on your teeth that you left on the seat of your truck ;) Memories of those endless but always entertaining fish stories! Memories of Grandma telling you to pull up your pants and tuck in your shirt everytime we went somewhere. The way you would hold the Bopie belly when we would make you laugh. Listening to you snore in the chair while you would be "watching tv" and grandma yelling at you to turn it down. From your holie socks to your infamous flannel shirts and Bopie hats I remember it like it was yesterday. You will be truly missed and forever loved. Bopie may you rest in peace.*

*Grandma I'm sending you so much love from me and the boys.  
Xoxo*

*Shannon*

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**Shannon Hernandez** - February 09, 2014 at 09:30 PM

TC

“ *Grandma, Mom, and Aunt Kendee I can't imagine how you are feeling right now but I hope it brings you peace to know he is no longer suffering. He is in a good place now in amazing hands. I have said a prayer for y'all everyday hoping that you know how loved you all are and that you are never alone. I wish I could be there with y'all to hug you, hold you, and help you.*



*Now a few special memories that I have of Bopie. I remember our special fishing trips, the fish stories, the jokes he would secretly tell me, lol, then there's the little things like taking us to 7-11 to get a slurpee and some candy, and then there was the month they would come to Florida to stay and he would cut me a grapefruit every morning:)*

*Bopie was the type that never knew a stranger. Everybody that knew him loved him. He was an amazing husband, an amazing Father, and trust me when I say he was the best Grandpa any little girl could dream of. I also know there is a very special place for him in heaven. Knowing Bopie he has probably already made his mark there and will be the first to greet us all someday! Until then I love you Bopie.*

*P.s. please try not to get in too much trouble before we get there.*

*Love ya, Tara*

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Tara Cherigo - February 08, 2014 at 10:16 PM

AF

“ Betty and family:  
*I was truly sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He hired me to work with him for two summers when i was home from college. He taught me much more than how to lay bricks, blocks, and pour cement. It is difficult to put into words what i learned from working every day with him other than to say he showed me another side of life. He worked hard, had fun , and always treated me with respect . He is an important part of my life and his memory will always be with me. Thanks Tom. I really appreciate what you did for me.*  
Alan Fergin

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alan fergin - February 07, 2014 at 10:57 AM

BW

“ Betty, Debbie and Kendra, Tom has always held a special place in my heart and to know that he is gone will leave that party empty. May God Bless you all and help you thru this sad time in your lives.  
Larry and Becky (Zook) Woodley



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becky woodley - February 06, 2014 at 05:45 PM

TG

“ Betty and Girls, So sorry to hear my Bubby has passed away. I first met Tom, long before we moved to Bangor. When he worked for Keith Watson in Lawton on the Girl Scout camp. My Father was an electrician in Lawton. He worked on our home and many projects after the home was built. When the two of you moved into the neighborhood we enjoyed many chats with you both. I will missed seeing him go by in the little white truck. He was a great guy and will be dearly missed by many. Our lives were better having known him. We keep all of you in our prayers and know that if we could be at the visitation we certainly would be. Love to all Corky and Terry.

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Terry and Corky Glidden - February 06, 2014 at 11:23 AM

JL

“ *To all the Sutherby Family,  
I am so sad to hear about Tom. He will be missed by many he was  
a good man.*

*I want to tell a funny little story, 60 yrs. ago he worked on a Sunday  
(so my late husband Ang could help) to lay the bricks for part of our  
basement. He mentioned that he liked Chop Suey, I made a pretty  
good one, so I made that for dinner and invited him to stay. Of  
course Ang like to put hot sauce on everything, so when the meal  
was being passed around he gave Tom the hot sauce and he used  
it. When it came to seconds, around came the hot sauce again and  
Tom told him, thank you but his time I would like to actually taste it.*

*Again, I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with  
you all.*

*Joan Ghidotti Lull*

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**Joan Ghidotti Lull** - February 05, 2014 at 10:52 AM

JB

“ *Betty & Family,  
I always enjoyed Tom and worked on many projects with him over a  
lot of years. I learned a lot from him both in construction and out.  
Many a beer was shared as we solved all the worlds problems and  
sometimes our own. He was a wonderful man to be around and he  
will be missed by many.*

*Jim Beyer*

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**Jim Beyer** - February 04, 2014 at 07:21 PM

TF

“ Betty and Family,  
Very sorry to hear about Tom; Another city father being lost..  
Tom was a decent fisherman, and pretty damn good Lion...And  
brick and block man.  
I enjoyed being around him..  
And know the tall chimney he built and a wall repair, will be there  
long after I'm gone.  
Terry..

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**Terry Crafts and Family** - February 04, 2014 at 03:35 PM

JT

“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing, he will be sorely missed by all.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Jeff Thomas*

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**Jeff Thomas** - February 04, 2014 at 11:54 AM

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“ Very sorry, Betty, to hear of Tom's death. In our high school years  
we lived across from them-oh, so long ago now. My Prayers are  
with you and your family.

*Carolyn Watkins Herndon (Kelly)*

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**Carolyn Watkins Herndon (Kelly)** - February 04, 2014 at 08:19 AM

CR

“ Kendra, Doug and Creela - so sorry for the loss of your dad and  
grandfather. Thoughts and prayers.

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**Chris Rigozzi** - February 04, 2014 at 08:10 AM

PB

“ to Toms family sorry to here this. Really enjoyed him and Betty coming in for coffee. He will be missed dearly



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**Peggy Brayman** - February 03, 2014 at 06:01 PM