



Thomas E. Gartland

September 4, 1946 - July 5, 2021

Thomas Errol Gartland, born the fourth of September, 1946, passed from this world on the fifth of July, 2021, achieving seventy-four years of kindness, generosity and caring for all those who knew and loved him, along with many people he never met.

He graduated from St. Joseph's College with a bachelor's degree in accounting, acquiring his CPA license in 1972, his Masters of Business Administration in 1981, and his Certified Financial Planner license in 1987. As a professional, he was known for honesty and integrity during his forty-five year career as a founding partner of Dennis, Gartland and Niergarth, an accounting firm that gained local and national respect during and after his tenure.

As President of the Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Gladhander Auction, Treasurer and Chairman of the GTACS School Board and member of the Education Foundation, he was known for his calm demeanor and competent leadership. He served as Chairman and as a long-time member of the Munson Healthcare Board. He was honored in 2014 with the James Decker Munson Award for Service. He was a strong supporter and volunteer at the Father Fred Foundation, as well as member and past President of Rotary Charities. He also served as a member of the Carmelite Golf Committee and was President and Treasurer of the Shumsky Foundation. As a decade's long member of St. Francis, he served the church in various capacities and was a staunch and devoted Catholic, taking solace, comfort, and direction from his faith throughout his life.

Tom was a devoted golfer and loved to fish. He took great joy in watching his grandchildren grow and pride in the accomplishments of his children. Tom Gartland was as good and kind a man as there ever could be. He was loved by many. The world was a better place for having had him in it.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Catherine (Callahan) Gartland; his siblings, Mary Pat, Jim, Ruthanne and his twin brother Bob; his mother and father-in-law

John and Gail Connor and his daughter-in-law, Abby (Mahan) Gartland.

He is survived by his loving wife of forty-eight years, Karen (Connor); his children, Brian, Erin, Patrick and Daniel; his daughters-in-law Rachele (Bruscato) and Erin (Prasse) and son-in-law Matthew Vollmer. His eight grand-children are Buzz, Eloise, Gus and Jane Vollmer, Madeline and Greta Gartland, and Scarlet and Brooks Gartland. He is survived by his siblings, Jane and Kevin White, Mike and Lois Gartland, Dave and Ronda Gartland, and other extended family and friends too numerous to list.

Visitation will be held Monday, July 12th from 5:00PM to 7:00PM At Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home with the rosary held at 6:30.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00AM on Tuesday, July 13th at St. Francis Church.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to The Father Fred Foundation or The Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools.

Events

JUL Visitation 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

JUL Mass of Christian Burial 11:00AM

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St. Francis Catholic Church
1025 S. Union, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

Comments



“ Send BEAUTIFUL Flowers Locally to the family of Thomas E. Gartland. Express your condolences, giving comfort and support. [Click here to view selections on our website](#)

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“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Tom. He was such a vital part of Traverse City. Through his quiet strength and kindness, our community followed his lead to extend a helping hand to others. We valued his friendship and guidance. Our prayers are with Karen and the family. We know your many joyful memories will bring you comfort as you move forward.
Hogg Hugs,
Cindy and Ed

Ed and Cindy Hogg - July 13 at 09:59 AM



“ Tom Gartland was one of the finest men I have ever had the opportunity to know. He and I served on the Chamber board together and he served as auditor for the Colleges finances when I served as president there. He was kind, courteous, genuine, authentic and as honest as the day is long. He was very proud of his family. His passing is a loss to our community and to all who knew him. Blessings to his family in this time of transition.
Tim Quinn

Tim Quinn - July 13 at 09:58 AM



“ Donna and Tom Ryan purchased In Our Hearts Lavender for the family of Thomas E. Gartland.



Send Flowers - July 10 at 01:12 PM



“ Tinetti cousins purchased Simply Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas E. Gartland.



Send Flowers - July 10 at 10:01 AM



“ Dear Karen and family,

So very sorry for your loss of Tom ! He was an amazing person and touched so many lives. Rest assured he is with our Lord and you will all be together again.

Prayers and hugs

Cecilia Kleinrichert

cecilia kleinrichert - July 10 at 09:48 AM



“ There was no finer man than Tom Gartland. We were honored to have him as our friend. Bruce and Nancy Mann

Bruce & Nancy Mann - July 10 at 07:31 AM



“ Cathy and I were so saddened to hear of Tom's passing. Dr. Johnson and I were among Tom's first clients at the same time we began our emergency medicine business. We kind of grew up together professionally. Tom was always a most talented accountant who helped us immeasurably in so many ways. We also spent many wonderful days golfing with Tom and Karen. They also visited with us once in Scottsdale AZ and we took a very memorable hot air balloon ride. We will miss him greatly and think of him often. God Bless.
Bob and Cathy Williams



Robert M Williams - July 07 at 08:15 PM



“ Though I'm retired and live in Florida, I read the TC Obituary Column this morning and was shocked to read of Tom's death. In fact, I called Fr. Ken to ask him if it was the same Tom Gartland who was a parishioner of SF when we were there as Pastor and Associate. I recall Tom and admired his charm, intelligence, love for the parish, school, and his willingness to serve on the Financial Council and be involved in other parish activities. We may not have always agreed on every issue but I admired and respected him and his devotion to his family and faith. I recall one Christmas Eve when the doorbell rang and there was Tom with a gift for Ken and myself, not a bottle, not two bottles but a full case of wine. He had a remarkable smile, a big heart, and deep faith in God. I know he will be missed by so many. May the soul of Tom Gartland and all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen. My condolences to Tom's family and numerous friends. A great loss indeed.



Ronald Gronowski - July 07 at 03:29 PM



“ I worked for Tom for close to 20 years....I was just thinking I should call him just to say hello, it had been awhile. Tom was the kindest, most generous man I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. You will be sorely missed my friend. RIP
Jon F. Bush

Jon F. Bush - July 07 at 06:28 AM



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