



Tom Terpstra

October 1, 1963 - February 8, 2019

Tom Terpstra, 55, of Zeeland, passed away on Friday, February 8, 2019. Tom was born October 1, 1963, the son of Gordon and Thelma (Nyenbrink) Terpstra. Tom was raised in Borculo with his sister Tammy, and went to Zeeland Public Schools. Tom graduated from Zeeland High School in 1981. Tom started working for Prince when he was 15, and worked for Prince and JCI for 40 years. Tom was currently employed at Careerline Tech Center in electrical training. He was preceded in death by his parents. Tom was an avid sports fan, especially his Wednesday night golf league at Winding Creek. Tom attended Community Reformed Church. He is survived by his daughter Richelle Terpstra, his sister Tamela (Marvin) Kamps of Zeeland; nephew Johnathan (Erin) Kamps, niece Morgan Kamps, and many extended family and friends. A funeral service to honor the faith and life of Tom Terpstra will be held at 2:00 pm, Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at Community Reformed Church, 10376 Felch Street, Zeeland 49464. Visitation will be 5:00-8:00 pm, Tuesday, at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland 49464. Interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to The First Tee of West Michigan or the National Park Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ *Tom Terpstra*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"I am so very sorry for your loss. My son is in the Electrical program at CTC. I met Tom at conferences. He was a great teacher! My son looked up to him and I know all of the guys in class will miss him!"*

Tammy Martin - March 19, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ *"Dear Tammy, Marv (Rachael) and family Just learned today here at Nettles island that Tom passed away.(He was my FB friend). We have loved All of your family members, and remember so many good times together. You are in our prayers God Loves You and So Do We Bob and Marcia Zenk"*

Marcia Zenk - February 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I first met Tom at Prince back in 1991. Used to bribe him with donuts so he'd come do electrical work that I needed on my equipment. We became quick friends and our paths crossed for 27 years as we both stayed at Prince/JCI. It was always a pleasure to run into him and chat. He was always happy, smiling and we'd joke about this or that. Just a heck of a guy. A genuinely good friend. He'll be missed."*

Jim Cuatt - February 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KW

“So sorry for your loss he was such a sweet man!”

Kristi Warners - February 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JH

“TOM AND I STARTED WORKING AT PRINCE AROUND THE SAME TIME ,I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I MET HIM, HE WAS A GREAT GUY,A TRUE GENTLEMEN,ONE OF THE BEST ELECTRICIANS I KNOW.HE WILL BE MISS BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.REST IN PEACE TOM,I WILL NOT FORGET YOU.”

Jeffrey Hoekenga - February 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

HC

“Tom I was very sad to hear you passed. I have known you to be a very good and caring person.”

Howard Campbell - February 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Dear Richelle , Tammy and family.We will be praying for you all. You have our sympathy. Ray and Sharon(Nyenbrink) De Jonge”

A friend - February 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MB

“Tom Terpstra

Mary Baron - February 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MB

“Tammy, So sad to hear about your brother, Tom. Met him through Careerline Tech Center. Such a nice guy. His smile and kindness will be missed. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.”

Mary Baron - February 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DA

“So sorry to hear of Toms passing. my wife and I had spent some time working with and getting to know Tom in our years at JCI together. May he rest in peace and know he is in all of our hearts today.”

Dave - February 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RD

“My son Justin was a student of Mr. Terpstra and he absolutely loved him and talked about him often. We were very sad to hear of his passing and we send our heartfelt condolences to his family. He was a wonderful man and a warm, kindhearted teacher. May he rest in eternal peace. Love, The DuMont family”

Ruth DuMont - February 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BS

“This is very sad news for all that knew Tom. He was a great man that will be truly missed by all. Thinking back of all the fun times I enjoyed with Tom over the years, are the memories I will hold on to. Working with Tom at Prince for 23 years was a pleasure. We spent many hours at work, on the golf course, and enjoying a cold one or two. Rest in peace my friend. My prayers go out to your family.”

Bryan Swiftney - February 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TH

“Tommy T, You are a great man and friend that I had the pleasure to be able to call a friend! Always had a smile and never a bad thing to say. Worked with you at Prince, JCI. Didn't realize you move on to Careerline Tech Center and I'm sure you touched ever kid you taught. Many laughs over golf and softball. Will be missed. Great man. Troy Housenga”

Troy Housenga - February 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JG

“I'm so sorry for your loss.”

Joe Grabel - February 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BN

“So sorry to hear about this. I worked with Tom at JCI and played in his golf league on Wednesday. We had many laughs. Tom was what you would call a true gentlemen. He never had a bad word for anything, always had a smile on his face, and would bend over backward for you! He was also genuine as well. The picture is exactly how everyone should remember him and how he was in life. Both him and I got word the same time that we were being laid off at JCI, and for a guy to have worked there for so long, he took the news as well as you can imagine. He never showed any pessimism and was very upbeat about his future. He will be missed! Prayers for you and your family, and God hold you in His arms!”

Bill Van Niejenhuis - February 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LH

“I cannot event begin to say how much you will be missed my dear friend. How all our lives suddenly changed in one day. You have brought so much joy, kindness and caring into this crazy world. I am so so glad to have known you and called you my friend. Till we meet again.....Lee J.”

LEE HOEKSEMA - February 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KW

“So sorry to hear this tammy we will be praying for you and your family. Karen Walcott”

Karen Walcott - February 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ES

“I worked with Tom and Prince and JCI. He was fun loving and very caring. Helped me out with a couple of projects. Always had a smile for everyone. So sorry to hear of his passing.”

Eleanor Selvig - February 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LM

“Tammy, I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. With love and prayers - Lori”

Lori Mierle - February 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RL

“You have our Sympathy,”

Randy and Sandy Lamer - February 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MW

“prayer for you Tammy remember your strong faith and love for Jesus hugs Mary De Witt”

mary de witt - February 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BS

“Tommy T, you were an awesome human being and will be sadly missed. Thoughts and prayers for all of us as we remember you and know you are in our Savior's arms.”

Bill Sorensen - February 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RW

“I worked with Tom and my husband went to school with him. The angels got one of the good ones that's for sure! What a great guy! Your presence on this earth will be greatly missed!”

Randi Wolters - February 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ *"Tammy..so sorry for your lost"*

Sue Zwyghuizen - February 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ *"Sorry for your loss. So sad to lose a brother at such a young age. Prayers for all of his family."*

Cinda Yonker - February 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *"Tommy T. It was an awesome pleasure to have you as a friend and to work with you for so many years. Prayers to you and your family. This is a huge loss to us and we will miss that smile. Till we meet again, my friend. (Kooch)"*

Ken Koetje - February 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM