



Timothy Barry McKeon

October 10, 1954 - September 15, 2017

Timothy Barry “Tim” McKeon aged 62 of Manistee, longtime resident of Mount Clemens, passed away on Friday, September 15, 2017. Tim was born on October 10, 1954 in Guelph, Ontario, Canada, the son of Joseph Barry and Margaret Joan (Coles) McKeon. On June 3, 1977 he married Lenore Ann Dunsmore at the St. Louis Catholic Church in Clinton Twp. and they have walked side-by-side for the last 40 years.

Tim worked for Hewlett-Packard EDS for over 33 years, retiring in 2015. In his retirement, he was able to fulfill his dream of living on a beautiful river in northern Michigan where he could enjoy his love of fishing. Tim enjoyed many hobbies in his life including riding his motorcycle, following the Detroit Red Wings, listening to classic rock, and researching military history, especially the World Wars and the role of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Lately living on the river, he found a new hobby in bird watching as well. Tim and Lenore were active members of St. Bernard Catholic Church in Irons, and formerly of St. Thecla Catholic Church in Clinton Twp. where Tim also served with the Knights of Columbus. Even with his many hobbies and active life, Tim always found his greatest joy in the presence of his wife Lenore and their sons Shaun and Patrick.

Tim was preceded in death by his father Barry McKeon and his father-in-law Leo Dunsmore. Along with his wife Lenore, Tim will be greatly missed by sons Shaun of Lansing, and Patrick of Rochester Hills; his mother Joan McKeon of Mount Clemens; his sisters Wendy Graham of Essexville, and Mary Elizabeth

Kehrig and husband Earl Kansier of Harrison Twp.; his brother David McKeon and wife Debbie of Williamsburg; his mother-in-law Patricia Dunsmore of Mount Clemens; his sisters-in-law Mary Carter of Clinton Twp., Patricia Insana and husband Glenn of Shelby Twp., and Susan Savage and husband Doug of Harrison Twp; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and wonderful friends.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Tim at 11:00 am on Thursday, September 21 at the St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 5734 W. 10 ½ Mile Rd., Irons, MI 49644. Burial will follow at St. John Cantius Cemetery in Free Soil. Friends may meet with his family for a time of visitation on Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, and Thursday morning from 10:00 – 11:00 am at the church, with a Prayer Service to be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm. Those who wish to remember Tim with a memorial donation are asked to consider St. Bernard's Church, or the Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council. Envelopes will be available at the church.

Cemetery Details

St. John Cantius Cemetery

2845 East Michigan Street
Free Soil, MI 49411

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Bernard's Catholic Church
5734 W 10 1/2 Mile Road
Irons, MI 49644

Prayer Service

SEP 20. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Irons, MI 49644

Visitation

SEP 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *White bread and mustard!*

Tim saved me by sharing the last few dollars he had to purchase a loaf of white bread and a bottle of mustard. You see, Tim, Ron Moore and I had gone on a spring break trip to Daytona Beach. Spring Break in Florida is a rite of passage for many post High School and College kids and I had the good fortune to take mind with Tim!

We camped at a local camping area just outside Dayton Beach, we went to Disneyland in Orlando and just had a fantastic time. We spent the last day body surfing waves. I walked back on the beach to find my pockets turned inside out and all the money I had for my share of food and gas to get home gone... Tim happy offered up his remaining funds for food and gas. After we calculated how much money we need for gas, we had just enough left for a loaf of white bread and a bottle of mustard. Tim was that kind of guy, always generous, willing to help and with tremendous personal integrity. It was on that same trip that Tim found the motorcycle repair school he attended and stayed at the same camp ground. Tim's friendship throughout High School and the few years after until I moved away helped me celebrate and create some great life experiences and carry me through some very tough ones. Thanks for your courage and friendship Tim and for enriching my life...

George Fox, MCHS Class of 1972

George Fox - October 12, 2017 at 01:43 PM

WG

Thanks for sharing that wonderful story George! Wendy Mckeon Graham

Wendy Mckeon GRaham - September 01, 2018 at 08:46 AM

MK

“ *Tim - my big brother and ever-protector. I cannot even process that you are no longer here on earth with us. I will never forget you, and am so thankful for all your advice, love and help through all of my life's ups and downs. For your sake, I'm glad that you are finally able to escape your suffering. You are missed more than you'll ever know. Till we meet on the other side.....Love, MB*

Marybeth McKeon Kehrig - September 28, 2017 at 06:02 AM

“ I met Tim in 7th grade and we immediately became close. I coined him "Pumpkin" for such a perfectly round head. I remember helping him with his paper route when he went out of town. It left lasting impressions on me about his level of responsibility, commitment and dedication, not to mention getting up in the dark every morning, that he shouldered at a young age to earn some spending money. His Mom and Dad were the only parents of my friends who would allow their son to join me on a huge expedition at a young age. We had both just gotten brand new Schwinn Varsity 10-speeds and decided in the spring of our 13th year to take a 230 mile bike trip to our cabin in Canada. We biked two 90 mile days and one 50 mile day, staying in a hotel one night and at a family friends house the next.

Laying in the hotel bed the first night, we argued over who would be the one to fake a medical issue (seriously sore butt) to be able to quit and be picked up by my family on their way to the cabin.

Pumpkin lost the coin flip, but calling from Goderich the next day, my Dad convinced us that quitting was not part of the program; we made a commitment and had a responsibility to complete it. And we did.

Wendy joined my sister and family at the cabin that Memorial weekend. Tim and I had climbed this huge, three story staircase that was attached to a building when my sister and Wendy showed up. Wendy jumped on Tim's prized possession, his 10-speed, and took off down the gravel road. Tim was furious! He slid down the pole that held up the stairs with lightning speed and chased down the fleeting, now scared to death big sister. She dropped the bike and ran for her life while Tim inspected his bike for scratches and hurled a few obscenities here way.

We learned a tremendous lesson on that trip that carried with us for life and cemented a bond between us that would never weaken.

I recall when he slid his motorcycle under a car that had cut him off on the way to school one morning, coming out without a scratch. I know it made him a better and safer rider; I know it left an everlasting impression on me.

There was the time Tim, Lenore, Marcia and I fished off of Leeland

one August many moons ago. Tim was not at 100% due to ongoing treatments, but managed to reel in our only fish, a huge King Salmon. He was blown away and kept saying "I did it! I did it!". After what he had been through, to see him excited about living was huge. That day kicked off a passion for Salmon fishing that never ended. I have so many great memories with Tim that I could go on forever. Marcia and I were extremely lucky to have breakfast with Tim and Lenore a week before he passed. For that we will be incredibly thankful.

We will miss his sarcasm and love, but know he had a great, fulfilling life.

Love you Pumpkin,

George and Marcia Freeman

George & Marcia Freeman - September 27, 2017 at 08:39 AM



Thanks for the great memory. I had forgotten all about it! Although, I am not sure if I was scared to death or laughing....haha

Wendy Graham - October 01, 2017 at 03:37 PM



“ *I always thought of you as the "Thinker". You always seemed to think things through before you reacted. We were more than neighbors, we were family. Our parents parented all of us...our brothers and sisters, our playmates and confidants. Even our pets, Ginny and Ginger belonged to us all. Then we grew up, moved away and loss touch. Many, many years later I ran into your sons and lovely wife, Lenore. The years melted away, and you were that little boy that lived next door. In my mind you will always be that little boy, the Thinker. Rest in peace sweet Tim. Jill Baker Hansinger*

Jill Hansinger - September 20, 2017 at 09:05 PM



“ *Chinese Dogwood Tree was purchased for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



September 20, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ *I remember that Tim and Dave pulled me aside at my bachelor party and Tim said that I better take care of his little sister!! He was always a good big brother!! God Bless! SDJK*

Steve - September 20, 2017 at 04:27 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



September 20, 2017 at 03:25 PM



“ *Lenore,
I am so sorry to hear of Tim's passing. I am so glad he got to enjoy living up north in retirement. I will pray for you and your family and hope you can find peace in your memories of Tim.*

*Sincerely,
Joyce Gerlach*

Joyce Gerlach - September 20, 2017 at 11:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



September 20, 2017 at 07:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



September 19, 2017 at 11:31 PM



“ *Cousin Marianne and family. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



Cousin Marianne and family. - September 19, 2017 at 07:37 PM



“ *Joe and Jem purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



Joe and Jem - September 19, 2017 at 03:35 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



September 19, 2017 at 02:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



September 19, 2017 at 11:06 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



September 19, 2017 at 10:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



September 19, 2017 at 09:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



September 18, 2017 at 09:43 PM



“ *Mark & Fay Autra purchased the Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



Mark & Fay Autra - September 18, 2017 at 08:58 PM



“ *Big brother Tim, biking buddy, fishing guide (at least my typical lure washing), musical soundboard, moral compass and all round wonderful guy. You taught me so much and probably never knew how much I modeled you as a youngster. You will be missed immensely. I always looked up to you and I guess I still am. Peace and Love.*

Dave

Dave McKeon - September 18, 2017 at 06:04 PM

LX

“ Love from Mike, Tammy, Karlee, Jordan and Nate xo purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.



Love from Mike, Tammy, Karlee, Jordan and Nate xo -
September 18, 2017 at 04:44 PM

FF

“ From Margaret Nielsen and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.



From Margaret Nielsen and Family - September 18, 2017 at
03:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.



September 18, 2017 at 10:39 AM

KH

“ We are so saddened to hear of Tim's passing. We really were just getting to know him these past few months, after Lenore had retired and moved up north. We live in Frankfort. We would make it a point to get together at least once a month for dinner.

I had a dream about Lenore on the night that I heard of his passing. I was with Lenore and Tim was there. You know how funny dreams are? Well, in my dream, I knew that Tim had passed, and it made no sense to me why he was there. But he talked a bit (don't remember what he said) and then gently tapped me on my shoulder and then he was gone. In my dream, I said to myself, "This was a sign from Tim that he was OK."

*Denny and I will miss our dinners together with you Tim.
RIP friend.*

Karen and Dennis Holcombe

Karen Holcombe - September 18, 2017 at 10:35 AM

DC

Lenore, so sorry for your loss. Praying for your family. Diana Cobbs

Diana Cobbs - September 19, 2017 at 12:17 AM

WG

“ Well Tim, I waited until 6 pm to open this up, hoping that I would awaken ... and this would be a dream. I am so lucky to have had you as my little brother for 62 years, even if you always did your best to harass me about my bright colors or loud voice or just about anything you could! My heart is broken, but I know that you are with Jesus , at peace and laughing with dad and all of our loved ones who have gone to heaven. I am so glad that we celebrated Mom's birthday together last weekend and I am forever grateful that We were able to be with you as you left us and entered heaven! Fly High my brother, until we meet again ❤️💔🙏💔🙏💔Love, Wendy

Wendy Graham - September 16, 2017 at 06:14 PM

SM

“ 2 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Shaun McKeon - September 16, 2017 at 01:42 PM

EI

These are great photos that perfectly capture Uncle Tim's spirit.

Erik Insana - September 17, 2017 at 07:38 PM

WS

“ With love, Wendy (Coles), Derek and Ryan Shaye purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.



With love, Wendy (Coles), Derek and Ryan Shaye -
September 16, 2017 at 01:40 PM

DR

“ *David, Tammy, and Andrew Rolling purchased the Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



David, Tammy, and Andrew Rolling - September 16, 2017 at 01:19 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



September 16, 2017 at 12:05 PM

MC

“ *I would like to share the time when I was in need of a friend & Tim took me on his motorcycle to talk. It meant the world to me. I was going through a divorce. He was a good & gentle friend & brother-in-law.*

You have a beautiful loving family & legacy.

Ride on my motorcycle brother!!! Although we do disagree on what bike is better!

Yamaha vs Harley Davidson?

Love you Tim & will definetly MISS YOU!

Mary Carter - September 16, 2017 at 11:24 AM

MC

“ *Mary, Matt, Deidra & Lucas, Micah & Christina purchased the Home in Heaven Throw for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



Mary, Matt, Deidra & Lucas, Micah & Christina - September 16, 2017 at 11:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Timothy Barry McKeon.*



September 16, 2017 at 08:22 AM