



## Dr. Timothy R. Woltanski

February 27, 1952 - January 4, 2024

Timothy R. Woltanski, M.D., of Scottville, Michigan, died on January 4, 2024. He was 71 years old. In the end, his heart failed; however, he never failed to give his heart to his family, friends, and community.

Doc started his medical practice in 1981. He was an old school practitioner who prioritized bedside manner, made house calls, and saw walk-ins. He removed more fish hooks from a variety of body parts than anyone else around. Taking after his father, he was always up for a chat and loved storytelling.

Since his retirement in 2018, he could be found reading amongst stacks of books, putting on house projects, collecting interesting items at auctions, or honing his napping skills. He volunteered at the Caritas Food Pantry in Custer. Tim was a lifelong musician and sang bass in the church choir for 27 years.

Doc spent many years as an on-field doctor for MCC's football team, developed the athletic training program, and performed hundreds of in-school sports physicals. He also supported school music and drama programs. He was on the ground floor of creating the local Quality Deer Management program.

Time as a 4-H leader for his horse-loving daughters led to his own interest in draft horses. He was always on the lookout for antique horse-drawn farm

equipment (known to some in the family as his rusty s\*\*\*).

Tim was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan and raised on a farm in Kent City. He was the second of 10 children. He was valedictorian of his Kent City High School class, attended Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, and graduated from Wayne State Medical School in 1978. His residency at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn allowed him to meet his future wife. He and Maggie were married for 42 years. Tim would do anything for his two daughters, Amy (Matt) Mroch of Grandville, Michigan and Laura Woltanski of New Orleans, Louisiana. He was also known as dad to many exchange students, most of whom he was able to see on a recent trip to Greece. Tim was most proud of being Papa to his three grandsons, Tommy, Aaron, and David Mroch.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, January 20 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services in Scottville. Remembrances can be made in the form of contributions to Caritas Food Pantry, c/o St. Mary's Church in Custer, Michigan.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends & Family

JAN 20. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy R. Woltanski.*



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January 18, 2024 at 12:33 PM



“ *We had the blessing of Dr. Woltanski's services for about ten years, maybe more, since we moved here around 2001. We've had several other doctors in places and none compared to the genuine down-to-earth kindness of Tim. And he was always learning more, like a good professional, he studied and sometimes shared with me something that he had recently read about that helped keep his practice up to date. He combined the best of "home town doctor" with being a genuine professional who knew his stuff. When I had an appointment I always felt like I was going to see a friend, because that is how he would treat me, and I know, from reading the other tributes, that he did that for so many others as well. Maggie - we miss him, but I pray God will give you deep comfort and love to fill your heart.*

*Stan & Mary Ann Hagemeyer*

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**Stan & Mary Ann Hagemeyer** - January 18, 2024 at 09:50 AM

RT

“ My Wife Karen, and I started seeing him in his first year of practice; 1981. We were a Newleywed couple living in FreeSoil. He was there for our two Son's birth, and there for all of us until his retirement from practice. We considered him a close friend and part of our Family. When we visited his office, he treated us like we were the only ones there, and would chat for as much time as either one felt like. An incredibly compassionate man, we were Blessed to have him in our lives all those years. We Loved him, and will always hold fond memories. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his Family.

*Rick, Karen, Evan, and Eric Tetsworth - Manistee*

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**Rick Tetsworth** - January 17, 2024 at 09:18 PM

JF

“ Joe & Sue Smalley & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Timothy R. Woltanski.

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**Joe & Sue Smalley & Family** - January 17, 2024 at 08:38 PM

JF

“ Joe & Sue Smalley & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Timothy R. Woltanski.



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**Joe & Sue Smalley & Family** - January 17, 2024 at 08:38 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Timothy R. Woltanski.

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January 14, 2024 at 12:53 PM

LR

“ Lyle and Kris Reene planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Timothy R. Woltanski.

Lyle and Kris Reene - January 12, 2024 at 12:00 PM

LR

“ Lyle and Kris Reene purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Dr. Timothy R. Woltanski.



Lyle and Kris Reene - January 12, 2024 at 12:00 PM

LR

“ Lyle R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dr. Timothy R. Woltanski.



Lyle R. - January 12, 2024 at 11:52 AM

LR

“ A great doctor, and a great friend! The community has lost one of the few who really cared about others.

*Our hearts go out to Maggie and the family.*

*Lyle & Kris Reene - Custer*

Lyle Reene - January 12, 2024 at 11:33 AM

TV

“ *The last of the good old boys. He was an amazing doctor and friend! He will be surely missed. Sending love and prayers to his family that he was so very proud of.* ❤️🙏❤️  
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Tammy Vigansky - January 12, 2024 at 10:45 AM

SM

“ *Dr. Tim was my doctor from the time he started until he retired. 2 kids, cancer and numerous ailments. So enjoyed just being able to stop at the office and get advise when you needed. His staff was great and he was always friendly. Sympathy to his family on their loss. He was a good friend to so many.*

Sharon (Stickney) McCumber - January 10, 2024 at 11:32 AM

RH

“ *Renee Hackett lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy R. Woltanski*



Renee Hackett - January 10, 2024 at 04:18 AM

RH

“ *This really and truly broke my heart. Dr Woltanski was my Dr for many years. He delivered both of my babies and in turn he was their Dr. They are heart broken as well. He really cared about each and everyone of his patients. He always ask how your life was going and always had great advice. I felt we had the best care we could ask for and I can't thank him enough. His family will be in our thoughts. The very best to you, Renee, Tristan and Trinity Hackett*

Renee Hackett - January 10, 2024 at 04:17 AM

LJ

“ Love Don, Jane & Carly Jolliff purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dr. Timothy R. Woltanski.



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Love Don, Jane & Carly Jolliff - January 09, 2024 at 12:40 PM

LJ

“ Love Don, Jane & Carly Jolliff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Timothy R. Woltanski.

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Love Don, Jane & Carly Jolliff - January 09, 2024 at 12:40 PM

Person icon

“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy R. Woltanski.



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January 09, 2024 at 11:04 AM

LQ

“ Dr. Woltanski meant so much to our family. He delivered both of our children and took all the time to discuss any issues when we came into the office! We have missed him since he retired, and I am sure he has left a huge hole in his families heart as well as our whole community- they don't make them like him anymore! Our prayers for you, Maggie , girls and entire family.

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Laura and Dean Quick - January 08, 2024 at 05:43 PM

JF

“ Great man and great doctor. I have missed his smile since he retired and will miss his smile out and about. My prayers are for Maggie and the entire family. He will be missed. Rest in peace Tim

Jim Frost - January 08, 2024 at 12:09 PM

LS

“ Dr. Tim was such an amazing dr. and friend. He really cared about his patients. Always took time to listen and talk. Was truly a gift to the community as a Dr. and person. I am so saddened of his passing. My heart breaks for his family. Maggie, Laura, and Amy I hope you find peace with all the beautiful memories of your father and husband. He truly will be missed. Rest in peace Dr. Tim.

Linda Smith - January 08, 2024 at 09:22 AM

EP

“ Dr. Tim was a true gift to our community. Not only was he our doctor for over 35 years, but a friend. He always made time for his patients and never rushed an appointment. He was a compassionate, kind, and humble man. A true small town family doctor! Our sincere and deep condolences to Maggie, Amy, Laura, his grandsons, and family! I hope the reflections of those who know him and the cherished memories you have bring you comfort at this time. Rest in peace, Dr. Tim!

Ed and Kathy Papes - January 07, 2024 at 06:59 PM

JR

“ Dear Maggie, words cannot convey the sadness and hurt in our hearts for the loss of Dr. Tim. We not only had him for 30 plus years for a doctor but felt he was our friend as well. When we would come into the office he and James would talk about the airplane ride took him on and he got air sick. They had a chuckle about that trip.



After his retirement we would meet during the book sale at the Ludington Library and catch up on what had been happening in our lives as we stirred thru the books looking for something good to read. He was truly a friend.

James and I send our most sincere condolences to you and your family in this great loss. We send you all hugs as well. May you be held in God's arms as you grieve this great loss.

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James & Ruth Ann Ricketts - January 07, 2024 at 05:51 PM

KT

“ Dr Woltanski will forever be in my heart as one of the kindest people I was fortunate enough to know.

He was not only a wonderful Dr and person, I truly felt he was my friend! He ALWAYS had time to listen when I was going through some hard times and it was almost like a counseling session when I went to see him for health concerns. Doc was a gift to me and I know to countless others.

God bless his wife Maggie and his daughters and all his family members and friends as we all learn to navigate this life with Doc being in heaven!

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Kathy Townes - January 06, 2024 at 12:54 PM

HK

“ Dr Woltanski was a wonderful person. He'd been my doctor since I was 17 (1982) until he retired. Besides all of the years of being my awesome doctor, he also delivered my youngest daughter. I'd always give him a big hug whenever I'd see him and Maggie out & about . I will miss him greatly. I'm deeply saddened for Maggie, Amy & Laura. I pray God hold you in his arms of comfort.

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**Helen Kelsey** - January 05, 2024 at 09:40 PM

MB

“ Dr. Woltanski was so caring and kind and attentive when I brought my daughter into his office 43 years ago. I was new to the area, a young mother, and worried about my baby girl. He calmed my fears and took fine care of her AND me. His big heart, gregarious ways and warmth will be deeply missed.

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**Maude Bigford** - January 05, 2024 at 09:19 PM

DK

“ Dr Tim became a friend many years ago through our neighbor. It wasn't until several years later we discovered his sister Mary was a very dear friend of ours. Over the years we have enjoyed our summer get together at Bortell's for lunch. Two years ago I broke my leg by Valentine's Day. The weather was not the best. If it was for Dr. Tim and his wife I am not sure where I would be. They were so helpful and gracious to us. You couldn't ask for kinder people! He had a beautiful heart who brought sunshine into everyone's life he touched. May the angels carry him to paradise! He will be very deeply missed💔

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**Debra Kirk** - January 05, 2024 at 01:33 PM

RS

“ Dr. Tim Woltanski was a good Dr. I went to him for 34 years. He would sit and listen to you always. Always asked about my family. I am going to miss him. Think about him often. He got me thru some hard times. Sending prayers and hugs to his family.

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**Robbie Stewart** - January 05, 2024 at 10:37 AM

JG

“ Dr. Woltanski always got me talking about how life is going and treating me. Either before or after what my appointment was about. Normally, appointment are 15 minutes tops I believe. But mine normally close to hour. He was such a great man. Not only did he deliver me. He was my family doctor up until he was retiring. Prayers to his family.

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**Justine Genta** - January 04, 2024 at 10:32 PM

JM

Our family was so very lucky to have him as our doctor from about 1982 until he retired. He was always there for us with his honesty, humor, calmness, concern, kindness, advice and knowledge. He was never in a hurry during an office visit, and made us feel like we were the most important patient at the moment. He will always hold a special place in our hearts and memories.

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**Jenny & Bruce Micinski** - January 05, 2024 at 10:07 PM

ED

Ed and I offer our sympathy to Maggie and their daughters. He was a very fine doctor and I'm sure they were proud of him. He made you feel like you were the only patient he was seeing that day, never felt rushed.

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**Ed and Donna** - January 10, 2024 at 09:11 AM

BR

*Dr. Woltanski will be greatly missed by many especially the dinners with Tim and Maggie, also the kindness when I needed his help with my spouse, he would come to my house and give me support. Tears and laughter, Will miss you to the moon and back.*

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**Bonnie Rathbun** - January 10, 2024 at 05:24 PM

TZ

*My family was stunned and heart-broken to learn of the passing of Dr. Woltanski!! He was truly a great doctor and friend. He touched the lives and hearts of so many people. He will be greatly missed for his kind and caring manner and sense of humor. God broke the mold when he made him. He was truly one of a kind. Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathies to Maggie and the girls. Tony and Diane Zack*

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**Tony & Diane Zack** - January 10, 2024 at 11:42 PM