



Thomas C. Mentzer

September 10, 1934 - April 12, 2016

ADRIAN – Thomas Cartwright Mentzer age 81 of Adrian, died suddenly at his home April 12, 2016.

Tom was born in Wilmington, Delaware on September 10, 1934. He was the only child of Charles T. and Helen L. (Wolfe) Mentzer.

Tom graduated from high school in New Jersey and continued his education at Williams College, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree and Lehigh University where he earned a Master of Science degree in Geology. In 1963, he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in mineralogy and geochemistry from Lehigh University.

In June of 1966, Thomas and R. Meredith “Mitsy” Mills were married in the First Congregational Church of West Hartford, Connecticut, and they have been blessed with almost 50 years together.

Tom became professor of geology at Trinity College in Connecticut, Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, and most recently Adrian College. In 1971, he was employed by the City of Adrian as an engineer in the Utilities Department and, later, as a computer programmer/analyst until his retirement in 1997.

He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Adrian.

Other interests included sailing, skiing, woodworking, golf, rocks and minerals, travel and computing.

In addition to his wife, Mitsy, he is survived by their children: Elizabeth Wickey of Royal Oak, Charles (Stefanie) Mentzer of Northville, and Alice (Marc) Beckley of Portland, Oregon; and five grandchildren: Rachel Wickey, Charles

Mentzer II, Alexander, Zachary and Katherine Mentzer.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will take place Monday, April 18, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Drew Hart officiating. The family will receive friends at the church Monday from 10:30 a.m. until the service.

Memorial contributions are suggested to First United Methodist Church or the donor's charity of choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
1245 West Maple Avenue
Adrian, MI

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas C. Mentzer*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Tom was a valued member of the utilities department for many years. He was a good man and served the citizens of our community in a very professional manner. He was my friend I will miss him.*

Alden Smith

Alden Smith - April 18, 2016 at 07:56 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas C. Mentzer.*



April 17, 2016 at 10:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas C. Mentzer.*



April 16, 2016 at 09:38 AM

GC

“ Great Kiwanis member, and enjoyed seeing Tom in church every Sunday. He'll certainly be missed.
Garry Clift and family.

Garry Clift - April 16, 2016 at 08:52 AM

IS

“ Inci, Jason, and Steve purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas C. Mentzer.



Inci, Jason, and Steve - April 15, 2016 at 02:11 PM

HB

“ My condolences to you Mitsy, and your wonderful family. Will miss seeing you and Tom in the grocery store. He always had that wonderful smile and raised a great family. I have such wonderful memories of having them as students, they were the best! I love them still!
Helene Bleecker

Helene Bleecker - April 14, 2016 at 03:14 PM

YL

Thank you Mrs. Bleecker for your thoughtful and kind words.

youngest daughter, Lexi - April 15, 2016 at 09:09 AM

LR

With deepest sympathy at this time of Tom homegoing. Wishing the family strength and peace. God is always in your corner at a time like this. Larry Richardson

Larry Richardson - April 17, 2016 at 04:43 PM



“ *The Noles Family (Dave, Siani, Koh & Teak) purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Thomas C. Mentzer.*



The Noles Family (Dave, Siani, Koh & Teak) - April 14, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas C. Mentzer.*



April 13, 2016 at 09:08 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas C. Mentzer.*



April 13, 2016 at 12:34 PM

LM

“ Mitsy and family,

Sending you our deepest condolences. We will miss our "over the fence" chats, and we'll always remember Tom's smile.

Your neighbors,

Laurie and Terry McIntyre and family

Laurie McIntyre - April 13, 2016 at 11:24 AM

YL

Thank you for your kind words. Our dad is missed, and your note is deeply appreciated.

youngest daughter, Lexi - April 13, 2016 at 08:56 PM

BD

Williams College informed me of Tom's death. I am notifying the Class of 1956. Our thoughts and prayers our with your family.

Bruce Dayton President of the Class of 1956

Bruce Dayton - April 14, 2016 at 08:15 AM

WL

“ Tom was my best friend in the late 1940's. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.

walter j lafferty - April 13, 2016 at 10:23 AM

YL

Thank you Walter. He spoke of you with fond memories. I am glad you received word of his passing. He will be missed

youngest daughter, Lexi - April 13, 2016 at 08:57 PM

AM

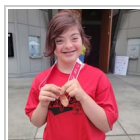
“ *He was such a great man to have a conversation with. Such passion for geology and his family. Praying for those feeling his loss the most intimately. I'm so very sorry for your loss.*

adele myszenski - April 13, 2016 at 10:00 AM

YL

Thank you for your kind words and memories.

youngest daughter, Lexi - April 13, 2016 at 08:58 PM



“ *Mitzi, I am so sorry to hear about Tom's passing. He always had a smile for me and would always talk to me when I was at the church. He was a wonderful man and always so willing and helpful he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

Janice Mistriel - April 13, 2016 at 09:08 AM

YL

Thank you

youngest daughter, Lexi - April 13, 2016 at 08:59 PM

SA

“ *Sue Tim Allshouse lit a candle in memory of Thomas C. Mentzer*



Sue Tim Allshouse - April 13, 2016 at 07:23 AM

HL

“ 1 file added to the album *Pictures*



His youngest Daughter, Lexi - April 12, 2016 at 10:35 PM

HL

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



His youngest Daughter, Lexi - April 12, 2016 at 10:33 PM

MB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Marc Beckley - April 12, 2016 at 10:32 PM

MB

“ Marc Beckley lit a candle in memory of
Thomas C. Mentzer



Marc Beckley - April 12, 2016 at 10:26 PM

HL

“ *His Youngest Daughter, Lexi lit a candle in memory of Thomas C. Mentzer*



His youngest Daughter, Lexi - April 12, 2016 at 10:25 PM

MV

“ *Mary Vallad lit a candle in memory of Thomas C. Mentzer*



Mary Vallad - April 12, 2016 at 06:11 PM

HL

Thank you for your caring thoughts of our dearly missed husband/father.

His youngest Daughter, Lexi - April 12, 2016 at 10:27 PM

SA

*Mitsy and family,
We are saddened to hear of Tom's passing. Tom was a very caring man who would never pass by someone without saying hello or offering a chat. He will be greatly missed! We hold you all close in our hearts and in our prayers.
Sue and Tim Allshouse*

Sue Tim Allshouse - April 13, 2016 at 07:32 AM

WL

Tom was my best friend when he lived in Delawae. I am so sorry he passed on.

walter j lafferty - April 13, 2016 at 11:48 AM