



## Tim Ahleman

June 6, 1936 - March 18, 2009

BROOKLYN – Paul “Tim” Ahleman, age 72 of Dewey Lake, passed away unexpectedly at his home, Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

Tim was born June 6, 1936 in Adrian, the only child of Paul and Helen (Wonder) Ahleman. He graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1954.

On August 7, 1955, Tim married Shirley Smith in Adrian. Shirley, his wife of over 53 years, survives.

During high school, Tim worked at a local gas station. He eventually became the owner/operator of the Gulf Station, then later the Marathon gas station, and finally Ahleman’s Sunoco. After selling the Sunoco station in 1979, Tim worked as service manager for several different car dealerships including, Underwood Ford, Underwood Chevrolet, LeBlanc Oldsmobile Cadillac and Jensen Lincoln Mercury in Jackson, where he retired in 1998.

A faithful member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Tim served in many capacities including Elder, Board of Christian Education member and most recently as the Business Manager. Tim was also a member of the Jaycees where he was a past-president, state officer, and Senator for the national Jaycees. Tim was also active in the community as a volunteer for the

American Red Cross, the March of Dimes, where he served as Campaign Chairman, and the Department on Aging.

In addition to his wife, Tim is survived by his children, Tom (Debbie) Ahleman, Teresa Kelly, both of Adrian; and Mike (Melinda) Ahleman of Tecumseh; five grandchildren, Christopher Ahleman, Sarah Ahleman, Jessica (Nicholas) Warner, Laura Ahleman and Jordan Kelly. Also surviving are three great granddaughters, Kaylee, Riley, and Kamryn.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Timmy.

The funeral service for Tim will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Adrian with Rev. Joel Sarrault officiating. Burial will be private. Friends may visit the family at Wagley Funeral Home on Friday from 1 to 8 p.m. You may also sign the register book or send condolences at [www.wagleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhome.com). Contributions in memory of Tim may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church  
3448 North Adrian Highway  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Ahleman*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Just wanted you to know that we are thinking of all of you today and everyday. Tim may have left us in this life but his memories make us smile like he was always smiling that special smile. Thank you for including us in so many events so we have these memories to keep Tim close. We love you all and are here for you whenever and where ever you need us.*

*Hugs to all...*

*Dick and Karla###imported-begin##Karla and Dick###imported-end##*

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March 23, 2009 at 04:11 PM



“ *Phil and Simon Tomell visited us this week and told us of Tim's sudden call to his heavenly home. Our Sympathy to Shirley and the family: remembering our time at St.Johns and our friendships there. Jean Steudle also notified us. God of all comfort be your strength and guide during the days ahead. Love, Pastor & Neen###imported-begin##Pastor & Mrs. J.V. Moyer###imported-end##*

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March 23, 2009 at 02:37 PM



“ Shirley - Judy Phipps sent me notice of Tim's death - so sorry to hear of it! I'll always remember that he told me he'd rather have a woman bring in the car for repairs because she'd say, "It sounds like this and it's coming from here." A man would say, "Fix this (naming whatever)" and when that turned out to not be the problem, the guy was mad at Tim for not fixing it. I've told that story to many people, so besides being one of the good guys, he's famous for that story. God bless.##imported-begin##Carole Mobus##imported-end##

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March 22, 2009 at 12:54 PM



“ Mike and Melinda,

*I did not know your father, Mike, and it was only while reading through the obituary that I realized he WAS your dad.*

*Dick and I have you uppermost in our thoughts and heartfelt prayers.##imported-begin##sybil diction##imported-end##*

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March 22, 2009 at 01:32 AM



“ We are so very sorry about your loss. Tim is remember by me as a very nice gentleman and a good man . Who was dedicated to his family. He will be greatly missed.

*Love, Janet##imported-begin##Janet and Ken Brown##imported-end##*

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March 21, 2009 at 02:24 PM



“ We're sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. If we can help out in any way, please let us know.  
Eric & Ramona##imported-begin##Eric & Ramona  
Williams##imported-end##

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March 21, 2009 at 12:36 PM



“ Teresa and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Kris##imported-begin##Kris (Solmonson) Cooper##imported-end##

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March 21, 2009 at 10:50 AM



“ May the Lord help you and your family through these trying times.##imported-begin##Judy and Butch Filter##imported-end##

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March 21, 2009 at 10:27 AM



“ Shirley,we are so sorry to hear of Tim's passing. We are shocked as it was so fast. We are in Florida so we are not able to visit you and your family but we will keep you in our prayers.We pray that God will comfort you in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jack and Pat Germond##imported-end##

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March 20, 2009 at 05:39 PM



“ Dear Shirley,  
What a big loss to the community. Tim was always an encourager, as I remember him. Friendly, always a smile. No wonder he did so well in the service manager job. Sounds like Tim fulfilled his faith through church and community activities. I'm sure he is going to be missed by you Shirley, his children and grandchildren and great grandchildren.  
May God continue to bless the family and community.  
Barb (Ruesink) Barnes '54###imported-begin##Barbara Barnes###imported-end##

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March 20, 2009 at 03:22 PM



“ Shirley; I was sorry to hear of Tim's passing. I've been away from Adrian for about 30 years but always remembered Tim as a friend with a great personality and the person who got me involved with the JC's where we had many good times. My thoughts are with you and your family.  
Barney Mobus###imported-begin##Barney Mobus###imported-end##

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March 20, 2009 at 07:32 AM



“ Teresa, Shirley and Jordan,  
I am so sorry to hear of Tim's passing. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
  
Love and God Bless you all  
Dee###imported-begin##Dee (Kelly) O'Brien###imported-end##

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March 19, 2009 at 06:02 PM