



## Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr.

October 28, 1936 - June 16, 2023

Thomas H. Marcus Sr.

Age 86, June 16, 2023

Thomas H. Marcus Sr., beloved husband, devoted father, and loving grandfather, passed away on June 16, 2023, at the age of 86. He leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and community involvement that will be cherished by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Tom was the cherished husband of Thelma Marcus for 49 beautiful years. Together, they built a life filled with love, laughter, and shared dreams. Thomas was a loving father to his children Tom (Karen) Marcus and Mary (Joe) Pennebaker-Conaway. His unconditional love and unwavering support were a constant source of inspiration to his children.

Tom took great joy in his role as a grandfather. He adored his grandchildren Thomas, Tyler, Taylor, Travis, Koryn, Kayla, and James, and they held a special place in his heart. Spending time with them brought immense happiness to his life, and his love will forever remain in their hearts.

Tom is survived by his brother Don (Kim), Jerry (Colleen), Richard (the late Cathy), Patricia Bastien, Kathleen (Kurt) Dreher and the late Marianne Velez.

Professionally, Tom made a significant impact as the former owner of Marcus Glass from 1970 to 1990. His dedication, business acumen, and

craftsmanship were evident in every project he undertook. Tom took great pride in his work and built a reputation for excellence within the industry.

Tom was a resident and active member of his Novi community for almost 60 years. He was a charter member of the Novi Jaycees and founder of the Novi Lions Club, where he made lasting friendships and contributed to various charitable endeavors. He has been known as Novi's #1 fan as he spent his Friday nights running the flag at Novi football games and extended his enthusiasm to all Novi athletic teams for 50+ years. Tom is also well-known for his generosity of serving his delicious Marcus Burgers throughout the community, Coffee & Donuts from his glass shop at the Memorial Day Parade, and his Ice Cream Social, just to name a few.

As Tom would say, "We are not here for a long time, we are here for a good time" and he certainly lived life to the fullest!!

Friends and loved ones are invited to pay their respects at the visitation, which will be held at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home located at 41555 Grand River Ave, Novi, on June 20, 2023 beginning at 2:00pm until 8:00pm.

The funeral service will take place at Holy Family Church, located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. With an instate period for Tom starting at 10:00am on Wednesday June 21 until time of funeral liturgy at 10:30am. To watch a livestream of the funeral mass for Tom please click here (<https://www.youtube.com/@HolyFamilyNoviYouTube/streams>)

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to be made to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children (<https://penrickton.org/donations/donate-to-the-penrickton-center/>) or the Novi Athletic Boosters [www.noviathleticboosters.com](http://www.noviathleticboosters.com)

Thomas H. Marcus will be remembered for his warm heart, generous spirit, and dedication to his family and community. His legacy of love and kindness will live on, continuing to inspire those whose lives he touched. May he rest in peace.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 20. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home  
41555 Grand River Ave  
Novi, MI 48375  
info@obsfh.com

## Instate

JUN 21. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Holy Family  
24505 Meadowbrook Rd  
Novi, MI 48375

## Funeral Liturgy

JUN 21. 10:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Holy Family  
24505 Meadowbrook Rd  
Novi, MI 48375

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I am very sorry to hear of Tom Marcus death. He was a true gentleman and supporter of many novi events  
I would have liked to attend his funeral mass  
We shall offer our prayers for the repose of his soul  
He represented Marcus glass with great pride

*John MacInnis*

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john r macinnis - June 30, 2023 at 08:49 AM

PC

“ All of us here at Penrickton Center for Blind Children are saddened to learn of Thomas's passing and offer our deepest sympathies to the entire Marcus family. It is truly an honor for our program to be receiving memorial donations in his honor. Please accept our sincerest condolences.

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**Penrickton Center for Blind Children** - June 22, 2023 at 04:36 PM

JH

“ The Herringtons have such fond memories of your dad and Grandpa. We loved sitting at softball games and talking to him about Novi, where we both had businesses or his grandkids as they were playing. What a kind man. Love and prayers to all of you.

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**Julie Herrington** - June 22, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr.*



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June 20, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr.*



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June 20, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ *Body by Mark* purchased the *Basket of Memories* for the family of *Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr.*



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**Body by Mark** - June 20, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray* was purchased for the family of *Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr.*



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June 19, 2023 at 09:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr..

June 19, 2023 at 09:35 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr..



June 19, 2023 at 07:12 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr..



June 19, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr..



June 19, 2023 at 06:18 PM

MR

“ Mike & T.J. Robertson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr..



Mike & T.J. Robertson - June 19, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr..



June 19, 2023 at 03:39 PM

TF

“ The Pennebaker Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr..



The Pennebaker Family - June 19, 2023 at 11:18 AM

JD

“ Jon, Kerri, Evan, Emilea, Kelly, Derrick purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr..



Jon, Kerri, Evan, Emilea, Kelly, Derrick - June 19, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr..



June 19, 2023 at 08:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr..

June 19, 2023 at 08:06 AM



“ eleanor & eileen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr..



eleanor & eileen - June 18, 2023 at 07:09 PM



“ Tom... you walked through life with such grace. Your faith could move mountains... You loved so many, so unconditionally, in so many ways... You lived so selflessly. I will forever cherish our moments together on the porch sipping coffee & fellowshiping. By faith.. I believe you have heard the words... 'Well done, good & faithful servant' and it brings a smile to my face knowing your soul is at such peace in heaven. ❤️

J. Goluban - June 18, 2023 at 04:26 PM

DJ

“ Tom and Thelma were one of nicest couples I ever met... Tom will be missed, his zest for life touched all who knew him. I always left him with a huge smile. Our bus rides up North, our visits, especially at his house where it was Christmas year round, way back when when Marcus Glass was a drop in spot for a quick hello or a once a year burger/hotdog or two. Novi High School will surely miss him, an honorary Wildcat... Tom you are now with Our Savior, Thelma, family and friends. We will see you again. Rest in Peace. Terry and Diane Jolly

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**Diane Jolly** - June 18, 2023 at 10:12 AM

PB

“ Mary, Tom and family, my heart breaks for you 💔. Tom was a very special person. He called me often to check on me after Bill/Doc passed away. I had a tour of his amazing Christmas decorations with many stories. He is with his beloved Thelma, which brings me peace in his loss. Rest in Peace dear Tom and make sure everyone up above knows about being kind.

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**Patti Barr** - June 18, 2023 at 08:28 AM



“ He will be missed by everyone at Great Lakes Ace!!



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**Christy Deringer** - June 17, 2023 at 10:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Herbert Marcus Sr..



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June 17, 2023 at 06:33 PM



“ I will miss Tom for so many reasons...His Love of Family, Friends, God and Country and ALWAYS his Warm and Beautiful Smile❤️ May the Angels lead you into Paradise🍀

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**Kathy McGuffin** - June 17, 2023 at 04:55 PM



“ They had better enlarge this page we all have many memories. Thanks Tom for those memories. Holy Family, Marcus Glass Marcus burgers at the shop. You gave and gave time to rest in peace. Love Mary Ann O'Hara

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**Mary Ann Ohara** - June 17, 2023 at 04:46 PM



Tom... you walked through life with such grace. Your faith could move mountains... You loved so many, so unconditionally, in so many ways... You lived so selflessly. I will forever cherish our moments together on the porch sipping coffee & fellowshiping. By faith.. I believe you have heard the words... 'Well done, good & faithful servant' and it brings a smile to my face knowing your soul is at such peace.

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**J. Goluban** - June 18, 2023 at 12:10 AM

BG

*Tom was Novi's biggest, and best, cheerleader. A generous, kind and loving man, he will be missed by all. Novi lost a pillar of the community.....but heaven gained an angel. "We are not here for a long time.....but for a good time." God bless Tom Marcus. Bob Gatt, Mayor, City of Novi*

**Bob Gatt** - June 18, 2023 at 07:36 AM

CC

*He always chatted with me when I seen him on walks. He would tell me how mych I looked like my dad! And how much he missed seeing him! Now they can argue together who was in the sub longer!!*

**Christine Changes** - June 19, 2023 at 03:28 PM

DL

*I just learned of the passing of Tom Marcus. A true Novi legend. When we first moved to Novi in 1995 I was told that Tom was one person I had to meet. I did and ever since then we have been fast friends. He did more for the City of Novi then anyone will ever realize. God speed Tom! Say Hi to Thelma*

**David Landry** - June 23, 2023 at 04:30 PM