Tom Machamer

October 18,1954- July 21, 2026

GRAVESIDE COMMITTAL SERVICE

Mount Pleasant Cemetery – 3:00 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP OF THANKSGIVING FOR GOD's GOODNESS & TOM'S LIFE

Houghton Wesleyan Church, Community Room – 3:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 18, 2026

HIS HOPE!

"Since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess…Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:14,16

HIS SERVICE!

"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrews 13:15,16

"His Master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness.'" Matthew 25:21

MUSIC

Special – ***You Raise Me Up,*** by Josh Groban - Michel and Amanda Cox

Sing Along – ***Because He Lives,*** by Gloria and Bill Gaither

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to be my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy He gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.
And then one day we'll cross the river,
We'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
We'll see the lights of glory and we'll know He lives.

Chorus:

Because He lives we can face tomorrow,

Because He lives all fear is gone;

Because we know He hold s the future.

And life is worth the living just because He lives.

Thomas R. Machamer, 71, entered the presence of his Lord and Savior unexpectedly at home on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, following a medical event.

Tom was born on October 18, 1954 in Ithaca, New York to Betty Jean Wolcott. He graduated from Elmira Free Academy in 1974, then worked in construction for over 40 years, often as an independent contractor. He also worked at Houghton University for 20 years, serving as a groundskeeper and sports team driver until his retirement in 2016. It was at Houghton where Tom met his wife, Laurie J. (Eagle) Bosch, in 2010. They married on February 11, 2011, at the Houghton Wesleyan Church.

Tom is remembered as a Jack of All Trades who found immense joy and purpose in using his skills and resourcefulness to help others. A longtime member of the Houghton Wesleyan Church, Tom truly lived his faith—his generosity was a constant inspiration to those around him. He rarely spent money on himself, preferring to save it for those who would need it more. Likewise he was never idle, always eager to offer his time, skills, and possessions to anyone in need.

In this way, Tom became a familiar face throughout the Houghton community, where, among other services, he shoveled snow for the town, split firewood for its residents, helped with construction projects, and drove his Amish neighbors. He also supported young people by sharing his skills and knowledge, including through a connection with Houghton Academy and its international students. He was community-minded, ever seeking to support and understand others and to live out his dream of bringing people together.

In his personal life, Tom loved music—especially Blues—and loved to travel. Above all, though, he found happiness in being of service to those around him; his kindness will live on in the many lives he touched with such contagious joy and inspiring generosity

As well as a thoughtful and generous community member, Tom was a loving husband and father and a playful, devoted grandfather. In addition to Laurie, his wife of 15 years, he is survived by two children, Thomas "Elliott" Machamer and Makenna Machamer, both of Lockport; the mother of his children and former spouse of 22 years, Cynthia Machamer; five stepchildren, Ethan (Lydia) Bosch, Rebecca (Adam) Michaelides, Ruth (Dr. Todd) Bindig, Roanne (Michael Sedelmeyer) Bosch, and Robyn Ruiz; two sisters, Kim (Don) Seymour and Deborah Gene Lane; his former mother-in-law, Gail Mazourek; sisters-in-law Jackie Nelson and Cheryl Eagle; and son-in-law Anibal Ruiz.

Tom is also survived by 23 grandchildren: Oliver Machamer, Mayra Mejia, Isaiah Mejia, Matthias Bosch, Elias Bosch, Josiah Bosch, Jonah Bosch, Amos Bosch, Cyrus Bosch, Amaya Michaelides, Ashley (Jared) Kozik, Ivy (Quinn) Allard, Calliope Bindig, Isabella "Nico" Bindig, Violet Bindig, Leo Bindig, Gretta Bindig, Wolfgang Bindig, Ariadne Bindig, Valerian Bindig, Rhaeny Bindig, Jade Ruiz, and Kaiden Ruiz; five great-grandchildren, John Kozik, Theodocia Kozik, Atreyu Allard, Esca Allard, and Necile Allard; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is predeceased by brothers-in-law Ken Nelson and Bill Eagle.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, contributions in Tom's memory be made to Houghton Academy to support its work with students and young people, continuing to uplift those who Tom cared so deeply about helping to find purpose, direction, and a place to belong:

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