



Thomas W. Hatem

February 24, 1961 - April 21, 2019

Thomas W. Hatem, 58, of Grandview Heights, passed on April 21, 2019, after a fierce battle with pancreatic cancer. Owner/operator of Tom Hatem Automotive for over 20 years. Enthusiastic and proud supporter of all Grandview Heights sports, OSU Buckeyes, and anything BMW. Preceded in death by parents Lila and Habib Hatem; brother, David Hatem and sister, Polly Collins. Survived by loving wife, Sharon, and adored children, Amelia and Paul. Also survived by Verne Brothers, Pat (Mary) Hatem, Jeff (Patty) Hatem, Joe Hatem, Chris (Jen) Hatem; sister, Ann (John Keys) Hatem and many beloved nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, high school friends, the staff at Tom Hatem Automotive, BMW Car Club friends, and pretty much anyone who knew him. Friends may call from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm Wednesday, April 24 at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME, 2383 N. High St., Columbus. Funeral Mass will be Celebrated at 10:30 am Thursday, April 25, 2019 at Ss. Augustine and Gabriel Catholic Church, 1550 East Hudson Street, Columbus. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please support the Foundation for Hospice of Central Ohio, www.HospiceofCentralOhio.org , or support pancreatic cancer research at The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, www.pancan.org/give.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home-University
2383 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43202
(614) 299-1153
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<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

APR **24**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

APR **25**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Ss. Augustine and Gabriel Catholic Church
1550 East Hudson Street
Columbus, OH 43211

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas W. Hatem*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Amelia,*

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your wonderful Father! I can't imagine the pain that must be in your heart, and I am so sad that you are going through this tough time. The memory of your Dad will live on through you, so keep on being the sweet girl that you have always been. Make him proud of you, Amelia!

"Mrs. Z."

Mrs. Zimmerman, your fourth grade teacher

Alice J Greenwald - April 26, 2019 at 08:44 PM



“ *Dear Sharon, Amelia, Paul and family,*

My heartfelt condolences and sympathy go out to you during this difficult time. May the beautiful memories you have stay with you always.

With love from Bonnie Nangle

Bonnie Nangle - April 26, 2019 at 01:20 PM

CW

“ Sharon, Amelia and Paul, our deepest sympathies and condolences on the loss of your wonderful husband and father.

Cate, Kermit, Riley and Anne Whitfield

Cate Whitfield - April 26, 2019 at 12:32 PM

JB

“ I met Tom when we both worked at Continental BMW in the early 80's.

He was a great guy and a helluva mechanic.

Jeb Bucher - April 26, 2019 at 11:26 AM

HW

“ Deepest sympathy and loving thoughts .

Helen and Randy Wheat

Helen Wheat - April 25, 2019 at 06:55 AM

NC

“ Dear Sharon,

We are so sorry to read of Tom's passing. Find comfort in the countless beautiful memories you shared.

*With sympathy,
Ned and Keith*

Ned Cullom - April 24, 2019 at 09:26 PM

JU

“ Tom was my friend and mentor for man years. His sense of humor and passion for the shop that bears his name are among his many admirable traits. Words fail to quantify the loss felt by friends, family and co-workers at THA.

Justin Nokes

Justin - April 24, 2019 at 08:09 PM

EL

“ Sharon and family, my deepest condolences to you all. Prayers Of peace for you all.

Ed Likens

Ed Likens - April 24, 2019 at 06:02 PM

SH

“ This is a tough loss. We are going to miss you and your shop banter. You were always a good brother-in-law to me and I will forever be grateful for your friendship.

Suzy Hatem - April 24, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Hatem.



April 24, 2019 at 12:02 PM

BG

“ Tom was the first friend that I made in Columbus when I moved here to work at David Hobbs BMW. We remained friends and he allowed me to pursue my craft at his shop in Grandview for many years. He will be missed.

My condolences go out to all Hatem family and friends, and I know that Tom will continue to bring us smiles and laughter as we reminisce about the good times in the years to come. Rest in well-earned peace, friend.

-- Bruce Girod

Bruce Girod - April 24, 2019 at 11:52 AM

GP

“ *i was very saddened to hear of Tom's passing. He was one of my oldest and dearest customers. Often as a service provider, you see people as they really are, sometimes at their best, sometimes worst. Tom was always the same, ready to give you a hard time about your prices, but always with a smile and a kind manner. I always looked forward to visiting Tom, and i know he will be greatly missed by everyone.*

Greg Phillips AEW

Greg Phillips - April 24, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ I served as Tom's service advisor for nearly 15 years with a goal of building the shop to what it is now. As a friend I cannot count the number of events we shared - many of which were *guys being guys*. I told him recently that to be a legacy is amongst the highest of human nature. Sharon, Paul, Amelia ... remember that.

Greg G.

G - April 23, 2019 at 11:41 PM



“ My wife Linda and I were both very saddened to hear of Tom's passing. I was one of Tom's first customers when he opened Tom Hatem Automotive years ago and had nothing but complete 100% respect for Tom and how he ran his business. Plus, he was a great person to talk to and we will miss him.

Condolences to the Hatem family. You are in our prayers.
Dick Evans

Dick Evans - April 23, 2019 at 05:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Hatem.



April 23, 2019 at 03:24 PM

DF

“ Don & Nancy Rife and family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Thomas W. Hatem.



Don & Nancy Rife and family - April 23, 2019 at 10:49 AM

BI

“ Blagoi's International purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas W. Hatem.



Blagoi's International - April 23, 2019 at 10:39 AM

AY

“ Sharon, Paul and Amelia, we are so saddened by your loss. Tom was always a friend to our family. The hours spent at sporting events with him and the times he and Paul would walk past our house after going to DK Diner and stop and chat are just some of the fun memories we have. Thinking of you all during this difficult time. Love you. The Yues

Anastasia Yue - April 23, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Hatem.



April 23, 2019 at 10:06 AM

MC

“ Dear Sharon, Amelia and Paul,

We are at a loss to find the correct words of condolence. We are sending you all, our extra strength and love during this most difficult time. Rest in peace, Tom. You were taken too soon and will be remembered fondly. May God wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace in your heart .

*Love,
The Crabills*

Marilyn Crabill - April 23, 2019 at 09:52 AM

TW

“ We are so sorry to learn of the passing of Tom. Our hearts go out to you, Sharon, Amelia, Paul and all of Tom's family. He was a wonderful man. Prayers for Tom and all of you.

Love, Lee and Terry Webb

Terry Webb - April 23, 2019 at 09:37 AM

LG

“ Tom and I go back to his early days at Firestone. What a deep loss to friends and family.

*Lou & Mike Garcia
King Ave Firestone*

Luis Garcia - April 23, 2019 at 09:22 AM

JB

“ Sharon, Amelia and Paul-

We are saddened by your loss, our loss. I loved Tom and am happy I got to know him, be friends with him and watch how he loved you guys, Grandview and his community. I will have great memories of watching soccer with Tom, talking cars, family and life. He will be missed and made an impact on us all.

Love,

The Bechtels



Joe Bechtel - April 23, 2019 at 08:34 AM



“ *I send my deepest condolences to the entire Hatem family. I was lucky to be a old friend of Tom's, and I always admired his, kindness, and sweet, sweet nature. The world is a little less bright, with his passing. My love to all of you.*

Terri Carlier - April 23, 2019 at 07:43 AM

CO

“ *Im from the Callahan/Cummings family. I am Pat and Larry Cummings daughter.. Chris Cummings - Ott. So sorry for your loss. <3 Sending love, hugs and strength...*



Christine Ott - April 22, 2019 at 10:35 PM

KG

“ Had a lot of good times with Tom at linden auto mechanic class we laughed a lot at some of the things we where working on rebuild motors he was very smart when it came to cars hope your flying high and pain free brother you will be missed and we will never forget you 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Kenneth Gangloff - April 22, 2019 at 10:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Hatem.



April 22, 2019 at 09:30 PM

AW

“ When one owns multiple old German cars, you often get expensive bad news from your mechanic. It is a testament to Tom's integrity and good nature that I consider the bearer of that news over the years to be a friend. My condolences to Tom's family and friends, he will be missed.

Andy Welter. - April 22, 2019 at 08:14 PM

MM

So sorry for your loss.

Melissa Dotson and Tod Melick - April 22, 2019 at 08:26 PM



I've known Tom since we were little kids running around on Glenmawr Ave. RIP. Tom.

Barbara Blume - April 22, 2019 at 08:56 PM

EK

Sharon, so sorry for your loss. Hugs to you and the kids. Love from the Koch's.

Ellen Koch - April 22, 2019 at 09:13 PM

ES

I will always have fond memories of Tom and me cutting up in Mr Crooks 8th grade English class at Crestview. He never failed to laugh at my bad jokes.

Eric Sullivan - April 22, 2019 at 09:27 PM

MF

Sharon, Thinking of you during this difficult time. Love to you and your family. Maggie Farley

Maggie Farley - April 22, 2019 at 09:33 PM

MS

A special light has gone out on Elmwood Avenue. We will miss Tom's sense of humor and wit when it came to doing yard chores "because I do whatever my wife tells me to do." We send our love to all of Tom's family members, especially Sharon, Amelia, and Paul. Michel and Susan

Michel and Susan - April 22, 2019 at 09:46 PM

CG

Sharon, We are saddened to learn of Tom's passing. As you know, Tom was one of the many school buddies that continued their friendships from their youth into their adult lives - supporting, cajoling, challenging and debating each other but always keeping their connections ongoing. Our son Ben is in that group. Our condolences to you and your children. Carolyn and Ted Goodman

Carolyn Goodman - April 23, 2019 at 08:46 AM

CS

Dennis looked forward to having his car serviced so he could catch up with Tom! We're so sad to lose him here on earth but his struggles are over. Thinking of you Sharon, Amelia, and Paul and wishing you peace in the memories of such a wonderful husband and father. Carol and Dennis

Carol A Smith - April 23, 2019 at 08:57 AM

DH

So sorry for your loss. It was always nice to see Tom's smiling face at the baseball field helping out! Sending love and peace to all of you during this difficult time! Brian, Darla, Gavin, and Jordan Van Horn

Darla Van Horn - April 23, 2019 at 08:59 AM

JC

Sharon, Paul and Amelia, heartfelt condolences and blessings to each of you. Tom had such a kind heart, and the twinkle in his eyes will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Wrapping you all in prayers of love and healing. Janet, Steve, Sam and Silas Callison

Janet Callison - April 23, 2019 at 05:04 PM