



# Dr. Thomas E. Davey DMD

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**M**t. Zion - Thomas Edmund Davey, D.M.D., 77, of Mt. Zion, passed away, Friday, May 24, 2024.

Tom was born on February 25, 1947, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. DeeDee and Hunter Moody were his parents. Tom graduated from Taylorville High School. He married Mary Micenheimer on December 19, 1970.

Tom graduated from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in 1974. From there, Tom and Mary moved to Decatur, Illinois in 1974 where they opened their dental practice. Retiring in 2011, Tom sold his practice to Dr. Eric Wherley.

Tom then invested his time in a myriad of interests: woodworking, airplanes, cars, clocks, guns, and animals. Tom soloed at age 16, and then obtained his pilot's license. His interest in airplanes continued for the rest of his life. Ace Hardware in Mt. Zion was another place where he found his niche using his talents and know-how. He and Mary were known as Team Davey, building countless grills together, along with Tom fixing screens.

Tom died on May 24, 2024 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Illinois. He is survived by his wife Mary. They were married for 54 years. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Jim Micenheimer (Linda), and their family. Also surviving is Nik Bodine, an "adopted" son, friend, and neighbor, and his family. Tom had many cousins across the U.S.A., and in Australia as well.

Our world lost a kind and gentle soul, one always ready and willing to help a friend or neighbor.

Mary is so grateful for the excellent care Tom received at Kirby Medical Center and Carle Foundation Hospital.

In memory of Tom, memorials may be made to your favorite charity.




# Events

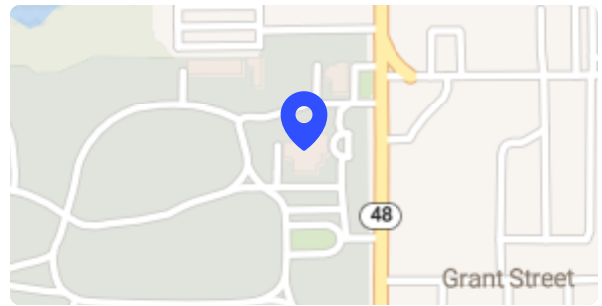
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## No Service Planned

 **Friday, May 31, 2024**

 **Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**  
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526





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SB

**Sharon Bowles** posted:

Mary this is Sharon from Walmart. I just heard about Tom from someone. I couldn't believe it. I will always remember how he always came up and wiggled my earlobe or blew on my ear. I remember the day Jim and I ran into you two at Walmart. I think you were both shocked to see us together. I miss seeing you both. Please call me and maybe we could go to lunch sometime. Jim has been gone 6 months now and I still miss him as much as I did the day he passed.

June 1 at 9:11 AM

BG

**Brenda Graham** posted:

Mary, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Davey. He was a real gem. Such a kind and gentle man. Began having dental work with him in the beginning, at the age of 14 (maybe his first patient), until he retired. I was devastated (and even cried) when I found out he was retiring. But knew it was well deserved. He did so much for me and I will never forget that. I saw him in December 2023 at Dr Steven's dental office. I walked in and said I thought that was your car. He immediately stood up, gave me a hug and the we had a nice chat. Just like every time I would see you both out somewhere. Mary he will be so missed by so many. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Brenda Graham

May 31 at 12:49 PM

DC

**Deanna Chandler** posted:

Mary, Duane and I are saddened and shocked! So many wonderful memories of your practice. We were there from the beginning to your retirement! Talk about a family Denistry! What a loving and dear sweet man! Our kids loved going to Dr. Davey as babies to adulthood! He will be greatly missed! Prayers for you Mary! We can only imagine how many people Tom has touched and cared for over the years! We were truly blessed and honored beyond measure to have been a part of your FAMILY PRACTICE! TAP TAP TAP! 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️ Duane and Deanna Chandler Monica, Nathan and Keith

May 31 at 4:13 AM

SS

**Sharree And Mije Severe** posted:

Tom Davey was not only our dentist for over 30 years but a treasured friend as well. We had a lot of fun snow skiing and having dinners together. He will be missed!!

May 29 at 2:29 PM



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DH

**Dr. Marcia Hardy** posted:

Mary, I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a great friend to me when I first moved in across the hall as a brand-new baby dentist. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was truly a gentle man. The whole Decatur Dist. Dental Society will miss him. He was a great dentist and was held in high esteem by his fellow dentists. He is gone too soon! The Dental Society will be sending a memorial in his honor to Teddy Bear Care. God Bless! Marcia Hardy (secretary-treasurer DDDS)

May 29 at 1:01 PM

CO

**Chuck/Kathy Ormsby** posted:

Mary: Chuck and I were shocked to hear of Tom's passing. He was our dentist from the time he opened his practice until he retired. It was kind of like we grew up together thru the years. Always enjoyed seeing you and Tom and the warm greeting when visiting the office. Our condolences to you and family. Sincerely, Chuck, Kathy and Paxton Ormsby

May 29 at 10:07 AM

RD

**Ralph Dedomenico** posted:

Mary: Vicki and I were sorry to hear about Tom's passing. I am glad he retired 13 years ago and was able to enjoy himself. I have fond memories of Tom as a classmate at the University of Louisville 54 years ago. Being that he was next to me for all 4 years, I know how great a dentist he would become and how hard he wanted to do the best for his patients. I watched him do such great work for his patients and how kind he was to all those he came in contact with in Louisville. Our condolences to you and your family. Ralph and Vicki DeDomenico, Class of 1974

May 29 at 7:08 AM

JL

**Jan Leigh** posted:

Mary, I was shocked to see Tom's obituary. You have my sympathy. Remember the good times had at Claire's restaurant. Bill was proud of the gas pump Tom helped him restore. Please know I am thinking of you and your family. You & Tom were fun to be with. Sincerely, Jan Leigh

May 29 at 4:17 AM



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**Denise And Jim Littrell** posted:

Mary & family: Jim and I send our deepest condolences. We were so shocked to see this. Dr Tom gave 110% of himself in dentistry and relationships. Your practice was always top notch and we looked forward to you both greeting us. Gone too soon. God Bless you. Denise & Jim Littrell, Mt. Zion

May 28 at 7:37 PM



**Tom & Debbie Evans** posted:

Mary, we are both so sad to hear about the passing of Tom. He was the best with his dry sense of humor. We both enjoyed having him as our dentist for many years!! He was old school and always make us feel comfortable in the dentist seat!! He will be sorely missed to many people. Please accept our most sincere condolences. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and family. Tom and Debbie Evans

May 28 at 11:23 AM



**Ryan Marucco** posted:

Mary, I am very sorry to hear of Dr. Davey's passing. He was a great guy and he will be sorely missed by all that knew him. I was fortunate to have him as my dentist for the first 28 years of my life. I always looked forward to seeing him. He is the reason I never dread going to the dentist.

May 28 at 9:52 AM



**Shirley Shaw** posted:

Mary, Rich and I were so sad to hear that Tom passed. Our thoughts are with you

May 28 at 5:48 AM



**Mark Workman** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

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May 28 at 5:41 AM



**YM** **Yolanda Marucco** May 28 at 6:43 AM  
In my thoughts and prayers



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SE

**Shirley Elam** posted:

Mary we are shocked and deeply saddened by the passing of Dr Davey. He made going to the dentist pleasant, if not exactly enjoyable. The two of you were such a joy to know. Our whole family thought there was NO ONE better than Dr Davey. We have lost a truly kind soul. The Elam family

May 28 at 5:36 AM

DF

**Dan Farrimond** posted:

Mary, saddened for your loss, may cherished memories be of solace to you and family. Dan Farrimond

May 28 at 4:31 AM

JH

**Jeanne Helm** posted:

So young- what happened, Mary? We just saw you at the 4Star diner. I will never forget Mr Davey- so kind... bought my paintings. He cared so much for me when I told him of my oral cancer. He gave me his phone number. You both were so kind as our dentist for my family. We cannot believe this. Jeanne and Ron Helm

May 28 at 2:31 AM

BH

**Beverly Holly** May 30 at 11:19 AM

Our deepest sympathies and what a shock. From the time you took over the practice and until it was sold our family were patients of Tom's, and I will always remember Tony's first dental visit at 2 when he fell in love coming to see the dentist rather than the pediatrician because he loved the toy box and no shots and was he disappointed when he learned Tom was retiring even though Tony was grown with a daughter. He last saw Tom when he was at Wherley's office and they had their picture taken together and he was so delighted. I will always remember how Tom offered to provide dental care for the residents of the Adolf Meyer Center and what a wonderful service that was. He was a very special caring person and I am glad that he was a part of our lives. Beverly Holly



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CS

**Chris Smith** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Mary, Our deepest sympathies and love to you. Tom and you lived your life together as "Team Davey", whenever out, you both were side by side. I know your loss will be a difficult one. But please know your friends are always here. I look forward to still running into you at the diner and everywhere else. Our love never ends for our Loved ones. Tom was always a special person and man. Just hold tight to the ring he made you. Such special memories they leave us with. Love, Chris Goodbred Smith and Phyllis Goodbred



May 28 at 2:13 AM

CB

**Cindy Boyle** posted:

Tom was such a great presence in our office. His strolls down to say Hi and putting his cold hands on my neck to get me to jump. Lots of laughs, loved his smile. My deepest sympathies to you Mary 😞 RIP.

May 27 at 5:59 AM

LE

**Leonard Estell** posted:

Our condolences go out to Mary and adopted family, (Linda & Brenda) He had touched so many lives throughout his practice. He will certainly be missed. He always enjoyed talking about sports, He was a great guy! Leonard and Beverly Estell

May 26 at 3:07 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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