



## Thomas Babcock

February 1, 1961 - March 21, 2024

Thomas Edward Babcock, age 63, passed away peacefully on March 21, 2024, at his home in Napoleon, Ohio, surrounded by his family. The fourth of five children, Tom was born February 1, 1961, to Earl and Sally (Rafferty) Babcock in Napoleon, Ohio.

Tom married Leigh Ann (Cobb) Babcock on November 6, 1982, at First Presbyterian Church in Napoleon, Ohio. Tom and his wife Leigh Ann took pride in raising their children to know the Lord.

A native of Henry County, Tom built his home by hand on family land. He loved time with his family, whether it was family vacations, mushroom hunting, doing projects around the house, or swinging on the front porch. He loved coaching all of his children and their friends in various youth sports. His favorite activity was doing anything with his grandgirlies, especially outside. He had an amazing gift of making all people feel included and had a heart of servanthood. As a born-again believer and follower of Jesus, Tom was a man who did the little things well, the things that really matter.

Tom was a member of First Baptist Church in Wauseon, Ohio, and most recently was a member of Napoleon Church of the Nazarene. Tom was the Director of Domestic Transportation & Logistics at Sauder Woodworking where he worked for over 36 years, and prior to that he worked at Cloverleaf Cold Storage. His career was more than just work, and he dearly valued the relationships he built.

Tom was preceded in death by his son Jess Babcock, his parents Earl and

Sally, and his brother James Babcock. Tom is survived by his wife Leigh Ann (Cobb) Babcock; their children Seth (Melanie) Babcock, Bret (Rachel) Babcock, Rebekah (Cameron) Caryer, Emma (Blake) Graber; grandchildren Klara Babcock, Kenzie Babcock, Kayleigh Babcock, Berkleigh Caryer, Tessa Caryer, Camille Caryer, Sally Caryer, Mary Babcock; siblings, Steve (Kathy Carlson) Babcock, John (Candy) Babcock, Linda (Jeff) Boulton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held Thursday, March 28, 2024, at Napoleon Church of the Nazarene from 2:00 - 8:00 PM. The funeral service will be held at Napoleon Church of the Nazarene at 10:00 AM on Friday, March 29, 2024.

Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home in Napoleon has been entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be given to Liberty Center Lifewise Academy. Instructions below:

#### Online Giving

- <https://sft.my.site.com/guest/s/public-donation-page?page-type=general>
- First Screen: fill out personal information, click "Add Dedication" and type "In memory of Tom Babcock"

● Second Screen: for location select "OH - Henry - Liberty Center Local"  
Check

- Make checks payable to "LifeWise Academy Liberty Center", Memo "In memory of Tom Babcock" mailed to Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, 1010 Westmoreland Ave, Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **28**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Nazarene  
630 Appian Ave.  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Funeral Service

MAR **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Nazarene  
630 Appian Ave.  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Tribute Wall

KE

“ *I loved my papa he was the best in the world!*

kenzie - November 16, 2025 at 08:24 PM

KE

“ *he is my papa*

Kenzie - April 11, 2025 at 03:17 PM

TF

“ *The Zade Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Thomas Babcock.*



The Zade Family - March 27, 2024 at 09:26 PM

JH

“ *Jeremiah & Justine Hoeflich purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Thomas Babcock.*



Jeremiah & Justine Hoeflich - March 27, 2024 at 07:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Babcock.*



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March 27, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ *The Sauder Procurement Department planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Thomas Babcock.*

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**The Sauder Procurement Department** - March 27, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ *The Five Lakes Church Elder Team purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas Babcock.*



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**The Five Lakes Church Elder Team** - March 27, 2024 at 03:03 PM



“ *The Kessler/Engler's Dan, Karen & Sam planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Thomas Babcock.*

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**The Kessler/Engler's Dan, Karen & Sam** - March 27, 2024 at 02:29 PM

TS

“ *The Kessler/Engler’s Dan, Karen & Sam purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Thomas Babcock.*



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**The Kessler/Engler’s Dan, Karen & Sam** - March 27, 2024 at 02:29 PM

YF

“ *Your Brondes Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Babcock.*



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**Your Brondes Family** - March 27, 2024 at 02:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Babcock.*



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March 27, 2024 at 02:11 PM

BG

“ *Bret and Cassandra Griggs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Babcock.*

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**Bret and Cassandra Griggs** - March 27, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Babcock.*



March 27, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ *The DTW Pilot/Maersk Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Babcock.*

**The DTW Pilot/Maersk Team** - March 27, 2024 at 06:36 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas Babcock.*



March 27, 2024 at 06:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Babcock.*



March 26, 2024 at 02:19 PM

UF

“ UPS Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Babcock.



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UPS Family - March 26, 2024 at 11:22 AM

MB

“ I worked with Tom for many years as an attorney for Sauder . He became a friend over the years and I was always so impressed with his integrity , balance at all times and his exceptional professionalism and friendly , open approach to everyone . This is a huge loss and my heart and prayers go out to Tom’s family , friends and work colleagues . He will be greatly missed but now he rests in God’s hand .  
Mike Briley

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mike briley - March 25, 2024 at 03:22 PM

TD

“ Thomas and Ruth Draggoo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Babcock.

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Thomas and Ruth Draggoo - March 25, 2024 at 09:59 AM

TD

“ Thomas and Ruth Draggoo purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet for the family of Thomas Babcock.



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Thomas and Ruth Draggoo - March 25, 2024 at 09:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Babcock.*



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March 25, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ *Matthew J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Babcock.*

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**Matthew J.** - March 25, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ *FedEx purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Babcock.*



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**FedEx** - March 25, 2024 at 08:15 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas Babcock.*



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March 24, 2024 at 09:40 PM

YC

“ *Your Circle purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas Babcock.*



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**Your Circle** - March 24, 2024 at 12:28 PM

DA

“ *So very sorry to hear this news. He was a very special man. I so enjoyed working with him at Sauder's.*

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**Diana Ashenfelter** - March 24, 2024 at 08:03 AM

BH

“ *My deepest sympathy goes to you and your family. I pray that you find peace that will overcome the sadness in your hearts. Tom's memory will live on forever*

*Continuing to pray fervently -  
Betsey Bartlett Holland*

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**betsey holland** - March 23, 2024 at 10:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Babcock.*



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March 23, 2024 at 10:29 PM

MF

“ Mark Balazs and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Babcock.

Mark Balazs and family - March 23, 2024 at 05:49 PM



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



March 23, 2024 at 05:49 PM

HB

“ Hampton and Kaylyn Bourne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Babcock.

Hampton and Kaylyn Bourne - March 23, 2024 at 12:03 PM

HB

“ Hampton and Kaylyn Bourne purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thomas Babcock.



Hampton and Kaylyn Bourne - March 23, 2024 at 12:03 PM