



## Kim Tomlinson

November 16, 2025

Donald KIM Tomlinson of Wallaceburg and formerly of Sarnia passed away peacefully in Wallaceburg on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at the age of 73. Kim is the son of the late Donald Ross & Marian Elizabeth (Summers) Tomlinson. Beloved husband to Karen (Steele) Tomlinson. Loving father of Warren Tomlinson and Valerie Tomlinson (Dell). Dear grandfather of Logan and Dominic. Brother of Ian, Wendy, Lee, Jay, Janice, Elizabeth and the late Arlene, Brian and Marietta. Kim owned and operated Tomlinson Enterprises, a nondestructive testing service in Sarnia since 1984. He was a generous person, caring about the people in the community. He loved his family, fishing, his vintage cars and his cottage on Lake Nippising. He loved being near the water.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg on Tuesday, November 25 from 4 – 7 PM. The funeral will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 26 at 11 AM. Interment in McDonald Cemetery Port Lambton. If desired, donations to the Salvation Army Food Bank or Pet And Wildlife Rescue may be left at the funeral home 519.627.3231.

Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca)

# Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kim Tomlinson



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - November 24, 2025 at 10:11 AM



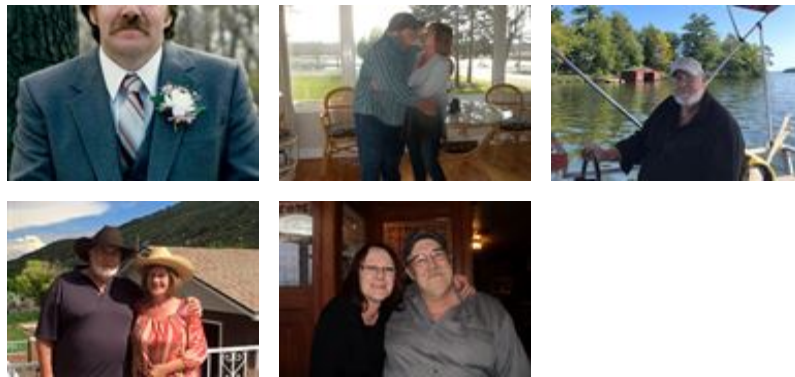
“ So sorry and saddened by your loss, Kim was always such a kind man. We send our deepest condolences from the Goulais Family



Laurie Goulais - December 14, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ 84 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - November 24, 2025 at 10:06 AM

CS

“ I'm saddened by the loss of a very good friend. Kim would come to Papa's Place for breakfast. We had some good conversations and laughter. I could tell he spoke from his experiences which added to his words of wisdom. Kim was a very pleasant person to know. He once had two hydrant valve keys made for our fire dept. One of his many kind gestures. Kims company is missed around the table at Papa's. My condolences go out to his wife Karen, Warren, Valerie and his family. RIP Good buddy.

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**Charles Wright Sr.** - November 22, 2025 at 10:22 PM

SC

“ Patty and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Karen, Warren, Val ,Lee and the entire Tomlinson family. Words cannot express how I feel to have lost a great friend and mentor in Kim!! He was the greatest boss I have ever experienced! Kim, we will miss you!!! Stewart and Patty Clarke

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**Stewart Clarke** - November 22, 2025 at 05:42 PM

LM

“ Lee and Family, so sorry to hear about the passing of Kim. May your memories be your comfort

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**Lorrie Mason** - November 22, 2025 at 12:38 PM

BH

“ My condolences to Lee and the families on the loss of Kim. He was a great fellow to have on the projects sharing his expertise in radiography.

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**Bob Humphreys** - November 20, 2025 at 08:05 AM

GW

“ I Was very fortunate to have crossed paths with Kim through work always one of the best and accommodating there was. A great all round gentleman. Gary Wright

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**Gary Wright** - November 20, 2025 at 07:10 AM

CF

“ On Nov 16th chemical valley lost one of the most respected NDE inspectors in Sarnia. Kim was not just my boss most of my career but a true friend and mentor. Anyone who ever met Kim felt his genuine kindness. It has been a privilege to have been part of his team all of these years. He will be truly missed! Sending deepest condolences out to Karen Warren Valerie and family. Cam , Shivon Finch

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**Cam Finch** - November 20, 2025 at 06:31 AM

AP

“ Kim Tomlinson , you will be sorely missed mate ! You inspired many , embodied a senses of humour and humanitarian spirit that you could not ,not see . You were a brilliant businessman who people all around you trusted and deeply respected !!! You deserved all of your hard earned recognition from your staff the valley you called home for so many years. We will always love and admire the man you were! Our sincere condolences to Karen , Warren and Val.kims grands and Lee and ( Vicki ) his stead fast brother always by his side . To his extended Family we are so very sorry for your loss . God Bless . Warmest . Dennis & Angie pugsley .

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**Angie pugsley** - November 19, 2025 at 07:50 PM

LA

“ We miss Kim at Papas restaurant for breakfast he would talk about his vintage cars and his work place as well of his fishing experiences. My condolences to his family.



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**Leon (Sarge) Arsenault** - November 19, 2025 at 10:16 AM

BS

“ Years ago, I took a chance on a new opportunity and left the company I was working for. It didn't turn out to be what I expected, and when work dried up locally, I found myself lost in the shuffle. Kim had never met me, but he heard about what happened and reached out. Even though he didn't have much work at the time, he offered me a job and promised to give me as many hours as he could.

*Not long after I started, Christmas was coming up. On payday I found an extra cheque in my mail slot for \$500. I went to Kim and told him there must have been a mistake. He smiled and said, "It's close to Christmas, work slows down, and I think everyone could use a little extra this time of year."*

*That was who Kim was. He made coming to work feel like walking into your grandpa's shop to lend a hand. He was honest, kind, and always supported those who worked for him and I'd imagine anyone he considered friends or family. He was one of the best bosses I've ever had. He will be truly missed.*

*My thoughts are with Karen, Val, Warren, Lee, and the rest of his family, friends, and everyone who had the privilege of working with him or for him.*

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**Bud Sowerbutts** - November 18, 2025 at 04:38 PM

DM

*I first met Kim when I was still in high school. He and my brother were partnered up at work performing radiography in one the local refineries and had taken some time to have a quick dip in the lake using my mom's house as a change room.*

*When I hired on the NDT go around I got to know Kim better. Got to know special person that he truly was. Always fair, always good to anyone he crossed paths with.*

*My heart goes out to Karen, Dub, Dolly, Lee, Jay and the rest of the Tomlinson crew. 🙏*

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**Doug Mitchell** - November 22, 2025 at 07:20 PM

BR

*So sorry to hear of Kim's passing, our thoughts and prayers are with you Karen and your family. Love you guys*

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**brad** - November 25, 2025 at 04:51 PM