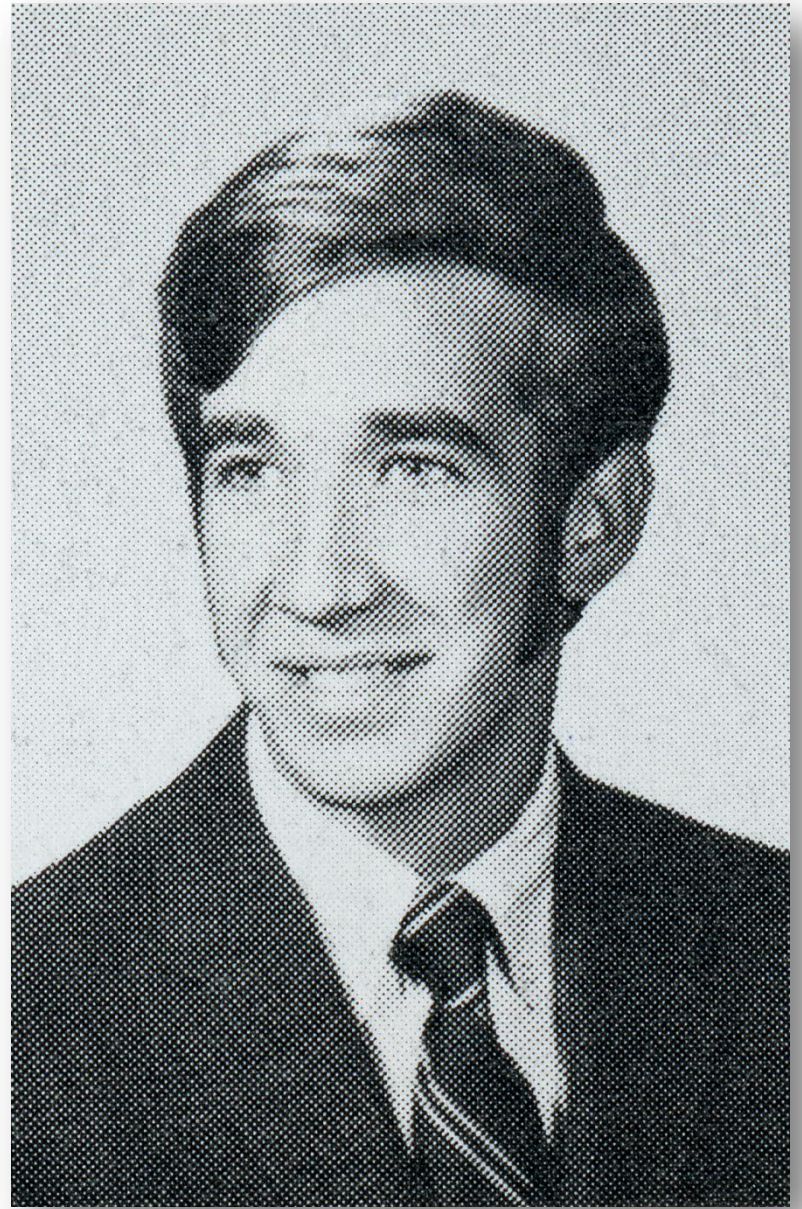


Tim Allen



Born Timothy Alan Dick, the actor better known as Tim Allen moved to Birmingham in 1964. He then graduated from Seaholm High School in 1971. Upon a dare from a friend, he made his first stand-up appearance in 1979 at Detroit's Comedy Castle.

Living in metro Detroit, Allen did stand-up at night, and appeared in local commercials by day. He moved to Los Angeles in 1990 and attracted the attention of Walt Disney Studios. Soon after, the wildly popular television show Home Improvement started airing on ABC.



Tim Allen in 1971 Seaholm Graduation Picture
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In addition to his stand-up and television careers, Allen launched a successful film career in 1995 with his starring role in *The Santa Clause*. He appeared in many other Disney movies, including the *Toy Story* franchise and *The Shaggy Dog*.

Most recently, Allen has lent his voice to various advertising campaigns such as Chevrolet and Campbell's Soup. Locals perhaps love him best for his contribution to the Pure Michigan campaign.



Courtesy of michigan.org.

Why I was inspired: I nominated Tim Allen because he is a feel-good, family-friendly actor whose voice recalls the love we have for our state.

--Submitted by Brittany Phalen