



Dale Gordon Weikel

December 14, 1934 - March 13, 2015

Dale Gordon Weikel, 80, of Charlotte, passed away on March 13, 2015 in Charlotte.

He was born on December 14, 1934 to William and Virginia (Kibby) Weikel in Bangor, MI. He attended Eastern High School in Lansing, graduating in 1956.

Dale served his country in the U. S. Army and after being discharged from the service he worked as a Machinist for General Motors.

He married Jean (Rossendahl) Smith, a co worker at GM, on October 5, 1972. They had planned a wedding, however the day before the big event when they went to pick up their marriage license Dale stated "Let's get it over with", and convinced Jean that they should get married that day. So they did. They were married at the courthouse in their work clothes.

Dale and Jean enjoyed many camping trips over the years with family and friends. Their experiences ranged from a simple tent with young babies to a fifth wheel trailer with grandchildren. Bowling was another of Dale's interests where he bowled with friends and made new ones in the local bowling leagues. He also spent many hours in his workshop working on numerous woodworking projects. One of his favorite creations was the "whirly-gigs" that adorned his lawn and those of other family members and friends. One of his

favorite times of the week were the hours spent on his lawn tractor mowing the lawn. It was speculated that this was his time to escape from life in a house full of girls. Dale will be remembered as a person who accepted everybody he knew as a friend.

Dale is survived by his wife of 42 years Jean, three daughters, Barbara (David) Lakes, Melissa (Daniel) Hall, Jennifer (Daniel) Ockert; four step-daughters, Donna (Gregory) Dufault, Laurie Smith, Deborah (Charles) King, Tina (Mark) Wilton; sister, Sharon Massie; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by mother, Virginia Wallace, father, William Weikel, step-son, Jerome Smith, and granddaughter Morgan Dufault.

The family will accept visitors on Monday March 16, from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at Pray Funeral Home, Inc., Charlotte, Michigan.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, March 17, at the Pray Funeral Home, at 11:00 AM, with Pastor Charles Jenson officiating.

Memorials are suggested to the Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Dale's Book of Memories at www.prayfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

4444 West Grand River Avenue
Lansing, MI 48906

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home, Inc.
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813
(517) 543-2950
<https://www.prayfuneral.com/>

Visitation

MAR 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Dale Gordon Weikel*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 19, 2015 at 10:35 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 19, 2015 at 10:43 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this very difficult time. Dale was such a wonderful caring man. I have fond memories of him that I will cherish forever. Barb and I could never fool him he always knew what we were up to even before we did. Growing up as a child I always wanted a snoopy snow cone machine and for my 18th birthday Dale made sure I had one. That is just the kind of man he was. Always caring for others and making people happy. RIP Dale, until we meet again. Love you!*

Corey Swafford - March 19, 2015 at 10:36 AM

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“ Thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time of grieving.

Louie Smith - March 19, 2015 at 10:36 AM

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“ Jenn, I'm so sorry about your Dad. You and your family are in my prayers.

Karen Krumm - March 19, 2015 at 10:36 AM

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“ My thought and prayers are with you guys!!!! Your dad was a great man. I have MANY fond memories with the family. My all time favorite and Jenn knows is coming home from being out and Dad saying "I have pizza rolls in the oven for you girl" as he was sitting at the kitchen table waiting for us girls to get home. If you need anything please let me know. Love you guys!!!

Kattie Kikendall - March 19, 2015 at 10:35 AM