



## Daniel Lee Hinckley

August 30, 1955 - April 6, 2022

Daniel "Dan" Lee Hinckley, a God given man who changed his life for the Lord, died on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. Dan, 66, of Charlotte, was born in Charlotte, Michigan on August 30, 1955, the son of Elam and Shirley May (Campbell) Hinckley. He married the love of his life Caroline Sue DeFrates on July 26, 1980 in Potterville, Michigan. Dan was a man who was always willing to devote his time to others, he was an active volunteer with Sparrow Eaton Hospital, formerly Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital. He also could be found at AL!VE where he loved working out, walking, and most importantly socializing with all of his friends that he's met over the years there. Dan was an avid Detroit Tigers fan and also UofM fan. Dan had a passion for being outdoors and loved spending his free time in a deer blind or sitting in a fishing boat. Above all Dan enjoyed helping his friends and making people happy.

Dan is survived by his children, Melissa Poletti, Tony (Lavanna) Hinckley, Debbie (Jeff) Schultz, Barb (Chris) Perry; 11 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; siblings, Kathy (Gary) Aaron, Tina (Bob) Kellogg, Bruce Hinckley, Sue (Brent) Thornell; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife and best friend, Carolyn Hinckley; granddaughter, McKenzie Hinckley; brother, Dean Hinckley; and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Dan's family by attending visitation or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation will

be on Monday, April 11, 2022 from 12 Noon until 2:00 p.m., with a Funeral Service beginning at 2:00 p.m. following the visitation. The funeral service will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Dan's tribute, then click on Photos & videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Just prior to the beginning of the service, a link will appear on this page to watch the webcast. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to ALIVE or the Discovery Fellowship Church. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral Ceremony

APR 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Daniel Lee Hinckley*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 11, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Daniel Lee Hinckley*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 10, 2022 at 10:10 AM



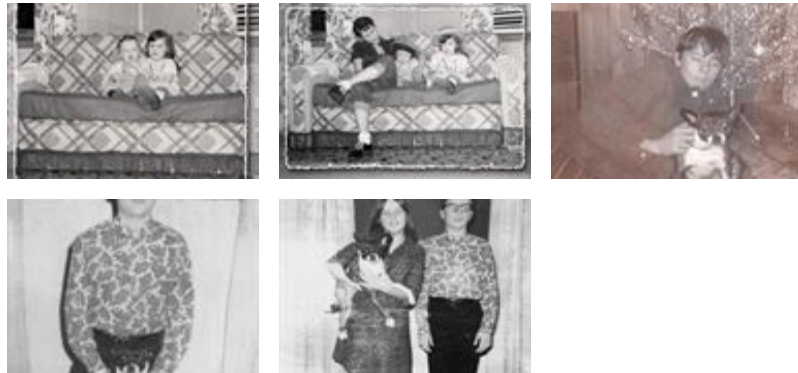
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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 11, 2022 at 08:56 AM



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 10, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Hinckley.



April 09, 2022 at 09:53 AM

BK

“ *RIP brother! We have no doubt about where you are right now. And I am sure Carol was there to meet you with open arms, along with Roy Dean, mom & dad, etc. Bob & I were so proud of your decision to follow the Lord, much thanks to Dean and Pastor Greg. You tried so hard to stay healthy. I still have the muscle pics you would send me showing how hard you worked out. You did all the right things to stay in shape and never quit even when most would have. We'll miss you buddy!! RIP Dan-O! Love Bob & Tina*



**Bob & Tina Kellogg** - April 08, 2022 at 04:18 PM

AC

*Danny, Rest Well my old friend you deserve it!*

**Angie Coffey** - April 08, 2022 at 04:48 PM

DL

*Rip Dan! What a beautiful service. Sorry I couldn't make it, the memories I have are many. We were hospital buddies at Sparrow main for a couple weeks, we didn't see each other but I would message him and see if he was still there and I always felt good that he was there too! Dan you fought a hard battle and I know you were tired! I'll see you again someday. My heart goes out to all the siblings his children and grand children! I remember watching his kids grow up and when I seen them today as I was watching by webcast, boy have they grown to be wonderful adults!!*

**Denise Little** - April 11, 2022 at 02:44 PM

TI

*That was a nice message Dennis. Hope you're doing well. Take care!  
Tina*

**Tina** - April 12, 2022 at 06:23 PM

ST

“ My condolences, love and hugs to you all during this difficult time. May you all find Peace in his memories and love.



Stacy - April 08, 2022 at 03:35 PM

RH

“ I remember when we were kids and we use to come over and play you lived across from the school and I though that was one of the coolest things ever. We all have gotten busy and grown apart but I will always remember those younger years. Then we had the good fortune to see each other again and share some of the old times out on McConnell. You had been through so much in your short life and made so many memories and taught so many lessons that will be remembered for life, go with God.

Rose Hodges - April 08, 2022 at 01:52 PM

TI

Playing softball with the brothers and the neighborhood boys at Southridge School. Great memories!!

Tina - April 08, 2022 at 05:28 PM

JS

“ Jeff Smith lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Hinckley



Jeff Smith - April 08, 2022 at 10:29 AM

PJ

“ So sad to hear Dan passed away. Thoughts go out to Kathy and all of his family.

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**Pamela Johnson** - April 07, 2022 at 07:01 PM