



Darrell Glenn Wertz

February 8, 1937 - August 6, 2024

Darrell "Darry" Glenn Wertz, 87, of Charlotte, a natural-born people person and story teller, died on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 in Charlotte. Darry was born February 8, 1937, the son of Duane and Martha (Welch) Wertz. He graduated from Charlotte High School before honorably serving in the U.S. Navy. Upon his return, he worked briefly at Oldsmobile before launching a lifelong adventure as an entrepreneur. Throughout the years, Darry owned local businesses including DJ's Party Store in Charlotte, the D&D Village Bar in Bellevue and the Roadrunner Bar in Vermontville. He worked over 60 years in the family business, D.E. Wertz John Deere in Charlotte and Devereaux, MI.

Many will remember Darry for his need for speed. He was a State Champion snowmobile racer in the 1970s, and an avid motorcycle racer. He travelled the state with his turbocharged motorcycle, putting to shame other racing bikes and breaking a few bones in the process. In later years, he enjoyed time up North at the family cabin in Crystal Valley with his son, Van, where they enjoyed countless Jeep rides through the sand dunes. He was a lifetime member of the Eagles Club, and a friend to many.

Darry is survived by his wife of 42 years, Dolores "Dee" Wertz; son, Van (Mary) Wertz; daughter-in-law, Julie Wertz; four grandchildren, Trevor (Tracey) Wertz, Zane (Lynn) Wertz, Spencer (Sarah) Wertz, and Dalton Wertz; great-grandchildren, Jaelan Wertz, Brody Wertz, Silas Wertz, Hazen Wertz, Serenity

Krawczyk, Lilith Lawrence and Ellarie Lawrence; sister, Angie Earl; sister-in-law, Linda Wertz; and several nieces and nephews and extended family. He was predeceased by his sons, Shane Wertz and Wade Wertz; grandson, Kory Wertz; step-sons, Ronald and Richard Bartlett; siblings, Donny Wertz, Dennis Wertz, and Marcia Dewey; and brother-in-law, Fred Earl.

Friends are encouraged to support Darry's family by sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at noon on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at the Charlotte American Legion Post #42. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton Community Palliative Care. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **22**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

American Legion Charlotte
1000 W Lawrence Hwy
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall

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“ Sophie Olson purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Darrell Glenn Wertz.



Sophie Olson - September 18, 2024 at 01:38 PM

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“ My condolences to Dee, Van, Mary, Julie, Angie, Linda, and the whole Wertz clan. I had the pleasure of doing a lot of business with Darry at the implement store, my favorite saying was, don't tell anyone else the deal I gave you, and Denny is going to be pissed when he see's this. LOLOL. Darry was a gracious person, if you were competing against him and he won, he would buy a round for all, if you won, he'd be the first to congratulate you and buy you a drink, he loved competition, and the thrill of victory. RIP my good friend.

Aaron Maurer

Aaron Maurer - August 09, 2024 at 10:00 AM

JS

“ Van and family, very sorry for your loss.

Jeff Smith - August 09, 2024 at 09:12 AM

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“ Sorry to here that Darry is gone, prayers for all his family & Friends.
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Joyce Wade. (Wertz) - August 08, 2024 at 03:04 PM

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“ I am So Blessed to have grown up with this Entire Family that has always treated me As Family I love You All Lifes Memories will ALWAYS be your Strenght!!

Kevin Towsley - August 08, 2024 at 11:19 AM

MB

“ it would be very hard or us to pick out just one memory of Darry,with all the of snowmobiling, motorcycle ridding, every memrory, we shared for atleast for the 67 years. were very eventfull and fun. he will be greatly missed We share your sadness. Eddie and Marlene

marlene brummette - August 08, 2024 at 11:13 AM