



Darwin Ralph Letson

June 25, 1960 - November 27, 2016

Darwin Letson was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on November 27, 2016. He was born in Charlotte, Michigan on June 25, 1960 to Ralph and Betty Letson.

Darwin grew up on the family farm where he earned his driver's license. Since the age of 20 he lived in the Lansing area where he lived in a group home, then in his own apartment with the assistance of Moore's Living Connections. For the last few years he lived at The Turner Home in DeWitt. Darwin loved to work. In the past he worked at Wendy's, Transitions North, and Peckham Industries.

Darwin is survived by his mother Betty Hogan, sisters, Jeaneen (Mark) Smuts of Charlotte, MI; Verna (Wayne) Brundage of Charlotte, MI; brother, Vern (Cathy) Letson of Claxton, GA. Many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Ralph Letson, sister, Lavonne and his step father, James Hogan.

Darwin's family wish to express their special thanks for the loving care the facilities provided. Memorial donations can be made through Darwin's sister Jeaneen Smuts for The Turner Home in DeWitt, MI. Graveside service will be 2:00pm Friday December 2, 2016 at Gresham Cemetery, Charlotte, with Rev. Chuck Snyder of The First Baptist Church of Charlotte.

Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Darwin on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Gresham Cemetery

4100 Mulliken Rd
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I worked with Darwin for several years at Moore Living Connections. To say I considered Darwin a close friend would be an understatement. I have so many great memories from going to the movies together to the many, many nights he was excited to tell me about (and show me!!!) moves from the latest wrestling event which were his favorite. He was the biggest Rock fan on the planet and mannnn... I just really miss his energy. Rest in heaven Darwin!

Joshua Jenks - July 05, 2024 at 06:37 PM

RE

“ My name is Roger Evans, and I worked at the Battle Creek Outdoor Education on Clear Lake from '72- '79. During the seven years I was there, I worked in the summers with a group of teens and young adults that included Darwin. Darwin quickly became one of my favorites! The activities for the week usually included boating, fishing, and hiking. However, the biggest hit of all was dancing! One year we ordered pizzas and had a party at our house. The last summer, because they were all seven years older at that point, we decided to camp overnight. For most of them it was their first experience sleeping in a tent. They did a great job! The conversations around the campfire, hotdogs, beans and somores were enjoyed by all of us. Darwin had a good sense of humor, and I have fond memories of the year he came with his Davy Crockett coonskin cap. The last year we were together at camp was the hardest as I was moving to Wisconsin. Darwin and I took a long walk on the last day of camp and there were some tears and hugs from both of us. Darwin was a powerful hugger! I'm sure that he will be missed by his family and friends. Peace be with all of you. Darwin will always be a part of me. Roger

Roger Evans - December 05, 2016 at 01:15 PM

TP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tosha parks - December 01, 2016 at 10:39 PM

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Tosha parks - December 01, 2016 at 10:28 PM

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“ *Darwin was such a joy to be around. He always made us laugh. His smile was infectious to all of us. He loved his tv shows. MET N HAPPY DAYS. Darwin would snap his fingers like the Font n he wanted a kiss. And he did it alot. We made many trips to McDonald's for his Fish sandwich n diet coke n apple pie. He would a biggest smile on his face. We are so blessed we all got to take care of Darwin. He blessed us in so many ways. Your Turner Home family will truly miss you so much. We love you. Our prayers go out to his family.*

Tosha parks - December 01, 2016 at 11:08 AM

CG

“ My sympathy to you. I got to know Darwin since he lived at Turner Home. I saw him every time I visited my son Ron, who also lives there. You can be comforted in the knowledge that Darwin received such loving care while he was at Turner. I saw the love, care and compassion the staff had for him and know he will be terribly missed. Sincerely, Clarita Goerge

Clarita Goerge - December 01, 2016 at 07:54 AM

LW

“ Lori Wagner purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Darwin Ralph Letson .



Lori Wagner - December 01, 2016 at 07:29 AM

SM

“ My prayers go out to the Letson family. You may not remember me but I worked with Darwin for many years at Meadowview school from when he was a little tike to a young man, he always had a great sense on humor and sometimes could be as stubborn as a mule, ha ha but mostly he'd do anything you would ask. We really enjoyed Meadowview for we (Parents and children) were family though and though. The parents group, to plays we put on at Christmas to Halloween spook house put on by staff. We all have very found memories don't we Betty. I raised two special needs grandchildren after I retired so my job never stopped and I'm glad for these people are the best in the world as you know. Thinking of the good times. "Miss Sandy" Sandy McDonald.

sandra mcdonald - November 30, 2016 at 12:51 PM

CM

“ Dear Betty, Jeaneen, Vern and Verna,

The memories of Darwin doing things on your farm, playing with us kids and what fun he was when I got to spend the night with Jeaneen. So sorry to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours as you celebrate his life. I will let Bill and John know of this notice.

Hugs and Prayers,

Carolyn Smithson Miller along with Bill and John Smithson

Carolyn Miller - November 29, 2016 at 10:16 AM