



David Brian Heinze

August 24, 1957 - October 16, 2017

David Brian Heinze, 60, of Charlotte, passed away October 16, 2017 following a surprisingly short diagnosis with cancer. He was born on August 24, 1957 to Arnold and Rosemary (Wilber) Heinze in Charlotte, MI. He attended Potterville High School, graduating in 1975.

David worked as a concrete finisher for his own company CandD Concrete for 23 years. For the last two years he has worked for Linn Products of Charlotte. David was known to many as a quiet, sometimes gruff fellow with a soft side that was always willing to help. Sometimes he didn't appear to be as willing as others, but he was always ready to lend a hand when help was needed. He was a hard worker and believed in the saying "early to rise..." often having the house cleaned, and the laundry done before heading off to work in the am. Because of his job of concrete finishing work for his company CandD Concrete, he would have the Weather Channel on in the living room and could quote you the forecast as the rest of the family showed up for breakfast.

There were many stories that the family cherishes from his childhood. One of them was the story where he reluctantly admitted he was the Homecoming King at Potterville High School. Some of the most recent stories included trips to Wisconsin with his buddy Richard where they brought back "tons" of morel mushrooms to sell to friends and family.

David always took pride in his work, whether it was years finishing concrete, or his most recent job at Linn Products. He was known for always carrying a bit of candy to share with co-workers who did a good job or helped him out. In his spare time, he loved to fish. Fish became a staple on the family dinner table for many years. Golf was another favorite pastime. Perhaps his favorite round included his hole in one at Olivet Golf Course.

Above all, David was most proud of his children and his grandchildren. His grandkids often referred to him as Paw Paw, and sometimes as Grumpy Grampa, even though it was all an act. Again he always had candy or a treat ready to reward his grandkids just for being kids.

Unfortunately David was diagnosed with cancer only two weeks before his death. His family remarked they didn't have time to finish, or do all the things they had hoped to accomplish with David. He was a master at always "saving something for later." Their words of advice to all they know is "DON'T WAIT."

David is survived by Debra Heinze; his two brothers, Marty Heinze and Jim Heinze; three sisters, Tammie Selzer, Jane Lemons and Vickie Carrick; step-mother, Louanne Heinze; four daughters, Amy Heinze, Jessica Heinze, Kim (Nathan) Denniston, Sara (Donavan) Caldwell; son, David Heinze, Jr.; three grandsons, Austin, Sawyer and Ty; three granddaughters, Alexis, Lillyanna and Lorelei. He was preceded in death by father, Arnold Heinze; mother, Rosemary Heinze; sister, Larinda Klont; and brother, Bud Hicks.

Visitation will be held Friday, October 20, 2017, 5-8:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to take part in the Family Affirmation Service which will take place at 7:30 that evening at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, the family has suggested memorials to the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, or McLaren Hospice. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances

and condolences online in David's Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Affirmation Service

OCT **20**. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of David Brian Heinze



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 19, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



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KD

“ *The Heinze family lived across the street from my family, the Casey's, growing up in Potterville in the early 60's to the early 70's. So many of my childhood memories include David, Marty and Larinda, and later Bud, Vickie, Jane, Tammy and Jimmy. It was a great time to grow up, and Potterville was a wonderful place to raise your family. Summer nights with all the neighborhood kids, Casey's, Heinzes (there were more Heinzes next door to us)...the LaClair kids... playing "I Spy" on the corner of Cottage and Benton. (Long before McDonalds came to town)... Frigid winters days with record snowfalls, building snow forts. Playing baseball, kick the can and tag....it was an era when kids played outside and entertained themselves. We rode our bikes all over town until dusk...and no one worried about us. Walking down to Franks when it was still M9, and buying a pop...or over the gas station where we would stomp on the bell.. I treasure those memories. I send my condolences to all of the Heinze family...you are in my prayers. RIP David... Kathy (Casey) Dobie*

Kathy (Casey) Dobie - October 19, 2017 at 04:39 PM

SH

I recall stomping on that "bell" at the gas station. Fun times!

Shelly Heinze Hamilton - October 20, 2017 at 03:47 PM

LU

I remember back in the 70's, when I lived in the house by the Nazarene Church that my beloved Dad pastored and Dave, my brother Chris Taylor and I use to play "Eenie Inee Over" with a kickball we then would throw over the roof of the church and see who could catch it on the other side , then run and get tagged. We had a lot of fun. I used to have the biggest crush on my brothers best friend...Dave Heinze..Great memories. My deepest sympathies to his family and friends today.

Lori (Taylor) Umbarger - October 21, 2017 at 10:45 AM



Antennam
Heinze

“ Unfortunately I am out of town for the service on Friday. I have fond memories of Larinda, Marty and David when they lived across the street from us in Potterville on Cottage St. Over the years I would run into Dave at the Parish golf outings and my brother Jeff and Dave would always entertain us at these events! RIP cousin!

Mike Heinze & family

Antennamen Heinze - October 19, 2017 at 09:12 AM



TC

“ I have many fine memories of David growing up. We lived across the street. Me and my older brother Mike often played football in Heinzes back yard with David and his little brother, Bud (John). These are some of my best childhood memories. My sympathies to his family. Thanks David for being my friend. Thanks for all the good times and good memories. RIP Brother....

Tim Casey - October 19, 2017 at 01:45 AM



SW

“ David used to live across the street from our family. I was best friends with his sister Jane. I remember him giving me my first snowmobile ride, he told me I will always remember it. I still do, I remember having air under the snowmobile. I promised I would never take another snowmobile ride again . He said well i kept my word, youll never forget it.

Sue Wyckoff Worden - October 18, 2017 at 07:22 PM

JH

“ I will miss my uncle Dave. Although he was an uncle by marriage (his sister Larinda was my stepmom) I always regarded him as my uncle. My memories include him and aunt deb going camping with us up north, the holiday parties we had where uncle dave, uncle marty and my dad broke the dining table playing spoons and just going over to play with my cousins. My thoughts and prayers go out to my cousins, Amy, Jess, Kim, Sara and DJ. I love you all.

Jodi Hargis - October 18, 2017 at 11:35 AM



“ I have great memories of David. His families back yard backed up to my families back yard. What wonderful, carefree days those were when all the neighbor kids had to think of was what games or shenanigans we could get into. RIP David

Jill Maynard-Gidner - October 18, 2017 at 11:12 AM

MC

“ Grew up with David. He lived across the street on S. cottage. I'm grateful I bumped into him not long ago at Walmart, little did I know it would be our final chance meeting. He was a good guy . I have many fond memories of our childhood. My condolences to Dave's family.
RIH my brother.

Marcia Casey - October 18, 2017 at 10:19 AM

ML

Dave and I grew up together and spent most of our youth playing sports. We graduated in 75 and unfortunately our paths diverged over the years. Still, I remember our childhood fondly with many laughs and good times. Thanks Dave

Mark lively - October 19, 2017 at 11:56 AM

DH

“ *Our hearts are heavy with the loss of David. His Linn Products family will miss him dearly.*

Denise Hummel - October 18, 2017 at 10:17 AM