



David Eugene Lilly

October 14, 1947 - July 24, 2023

David Eugene Lilly, 75, of Charlotte, passed away on Monday, July 24, 2023 in Lansing. David was born October 14, 1947 in Hinton, WV, the son of the late Ernest Rusell and Elsie Fay (Evans) Lilly. David joined the U.S. Army immediately after high school in 1966 and he was stationed in South Korea. After completing his military service, he returned to West Virginia for a short time before moving to Pottersville, MI. He began working at Owens-Illinois factory in Charlotte in 1968. He worked there for 37 years, retiring as Shift Supervisor in 2005. David married Joyce Ann Welsh on April 7, 1987, and the two happily combined their families. David was a huge Spartan fan, avidly following both MSU basketball and football teams. He loved country music and he could often be found enjoying old Western movies.

David is survived by his wife, Joyce Lilly; children, Eric (Angie) Lilly, Brian (Christine) Lilly, Gina (Lawrence) McWilliams, Tim Welsh, Scott (fiancée Drema Emerson) Thomas, and Nick (Casey) Thomas; 9 grandchildren; brother, Gary (Marilyn) Lilly of Haslett; sisters, Joyce Louise Stricker of Camphill, PA, Brenda (Don) Lilly of Winchester, VA, and Anna Lee (Kevin) Breese of Harrison, MI; and his close friend, Ron Crook of Charlotte. David was predeceased by his parents; sister, Carolyn Susie Lilly; and brothers, Alvin Lilly and Roger Lilly.

Friends are encouraged to support David's family by attending services or

sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2023 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Chuck Jenson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral. Interment will take place in Benton Township Cemetery. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on David's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Sparrow Herbert-Herman Cancer Center. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Benton Township Cemetery

3775 E. Vermontville Hwy.
Pottersville, MI 48876

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

JUL 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of David Eugene Lilly



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 28, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of David Eugene Lilly



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 27, 2023 at 01:14 PM



Beautiful tribute to Uncle Dave. He was such a sweet and gentle soul and will be missed by many....❤️

Cheryl McCreary - July 28, 2023 at 02:52 PM



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 27, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Uncle David was one of the most peaceful people I have ever known. He was so sweet and kind. I am thankful for the memories I have of our wonderful family vacations to the beach and reunions in West Virginia and Michigan.*

I loved when my mom and all her siblings would get together and joke and laugh. It was always fun to hear Uncle David's giggle.

Our prayers are going up for Joyce, their kids, & grandkids.

With love,

Kristi and Jeff Piotter

Kristi Piotter - July 27, 2023 at 12:43 PM

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“ I had so much fun growing up with my brother David. We were always so close and I will always cherish our memories. A specific memory I have was when we were in Michigan for a reunion, we couldn't find my little grandson and then we looked over and he was standing under your downspout getting soaked. It was so funny!! Our family always laughed and reminisced when we were together. I will miss that so much! We are keeping Joyce and their family in our prayers. ❤️ With love,
Brenda and Don

Brenda Lilly - July 27, 2023 at 12:19 PM

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Little Brother...I'm only 6 months older than you, but since 1966 I have been as close to you as my own brother! When Roger was not in Jumping Branch before I was family, y'all always treated me as a full sister! I will & have been missing our calls & sharing the same ole timeless stories your brother & y'all shared so many times! I guess you two have a lot to fill Alvin in on now & apologies to your folks as you spend eternity together, waiting on the rest of us to get there. I'm on my way, but y'all can just "wait on the woman" I pray God keeps me here a few more years, I got work yo do! I love you & I will not get to come to Michigan to say goodbye, but I plan to watch the service! May God bless your family with peace he gave me when He took Roger from my hand & showed me I was finished doing all I could for him & to let go... He's got him now, I'm done! Love to all who read this & May God be with you! 😍🙏🥹🙏❤️

Ginger Lilly - July 27, 2023 at 02:38 PM