



David Cline Young

February 21, 1945 - December 30, 2021

David Cline Young, 76, of Charlotte, a tight-line ice fishing man of the outdoors, died Thursday, December 30, 2021 in Lansing. David was born February 21, 1945, in Lake Odessa, MI, the son of Rev. C. Fred and Joan Evelyn (Copeland) Young. He graduated from Lansing Sexton High School in 1963 and went to work with General Motors. The U.S. Army drafted Dave into service in the Vietnam War in 1965. He proudly served two years before returning to GM, where he worked 43 years, retiring as a Union Representative to Locals 652.

Dave was internationally renowned in the world of ice fishing. He first started fishing with his sons, over 40 years ago. He was one of the finest and widely-known anglers to use the tight line method, a technique developed in his native Michigan. More than anything, he loved to share his knowledge with others, leading him to teach thousands in the art of tight line ice fishing. He toured the country on the pro circuit, appearing in countless tournaments and shows, sponsored by Schooley Reels, Clam, and HT. Many will recognize his regular appearance on the TV Show ICE MEN. The North American Ice Fishing Circuit (NAIFC) says of Dave, "Dave's love for teaching kids, for teaching tight lining is unmatched. The number of rods he gave away to people he just met is not countable. When he and son Mark won a prize at an event he looked for the nearest kid to give the equipment to...God bless, tight lines, rest in peace."

Many will remember Dave's generosity, passion for the outdoors, dedicated to the Detroit Tigers, and, above all, love for his family. Much of Dave's life was dedicated to hunting and fishing with his sons, and spending time with his grandchildren.

David is survived by his wife and life partner of over 55 years, Christine Young; sons, Matthew (L. Jacobsen) Young, Mark Young (Ann Johnson), Michael Young, Martin (Jessica Herrick) Young; daughter, Mandi Wallace; 9 grandchildren, Lindsey (Blake) Greiner, Josh (Sara) Young, Tyler Young, Brendan Brethauer, Haley Griffin, Hannah Thompson, Delilah Young, and MaKenna Young; 5 great-grandchildren, Justin, Brody, and Maverick Griener, and Easton and Connor Young; sister, Anita Stevens; many nieces and nephews; and countless close friends and sporting buddies. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Pamela Young.

Friends and family are encouraged to support David's family by sharing memories on his tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. A Memorial Gathering will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JAN 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of David Cline Young



Chad & Carol Walker - January 11, 2022 at 09:40 AM

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“ Met Dave several times, mostly at ice shows, but never had the opportunity to actually fish with him. Really enjoyed watching him as part of the Ice Men TV series. He is and always will be one of the giants in the sport of ice fishing. He taught so many not only his style, but to be thankful for the days we are given and to share that with kids. He loved the NAIFC, for which I am thankful to be a part of, and now in a leadership role as well. He and I discussed an idea for a new series I was starting back in 2013, and he was very skeptical until I told him I saw it as a great format that schools could use as well. Once he heard that, his response was "well if it helps get kids on the ice, I am all for it, let me know how I can help"...That's who he was and we will all miss him.

Mike Howe

Mike Howe - January 03, 2022 at 01:01 PM

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“ I remember the time Dave came over to pogy lake to go ice fishing with us Scott rice scotty and other friend's i had my 5 year old grand son with me and he started to pick on Dave ,Dave was having fun with Landon next thing you Landon go on Dave's Quad i told Dave Landon will start that Dave said no he wont next thing you see is Dave running over to his quad Landon has the throttle fully open lucky it was in neutral Landon jumps off and runs over to Dave's fishing pole and starts putting it in the hole so Dave runs back over to his fishing hole then Landon grabs about 10 of Dave's poles and starts putting them in the holes in the ice we where all laughing at Dave he had his hands full, and Landon was running all over the place with his poles on the ice it was a vary comical it went on for about 30 min i remember Dave said that dam kid is kicking my ass and all you gays jest set there laughing and not helping me well we where to busy fishing and it was fun watching you running around the lake trying to get your poles back

Scott rice - January 02, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ Mr. Young was a fabulous man on and off the ice. My best memory is when me and my son fished near him and his son in a NAIFC tournament and he was all class. RIP Dave and may you always have a tight line.
Until we meet again from Dan Erath and Dilan Erath.

Dan Erath - January 01, 2022 at 10:46 PM