



## Duane Lee McGill

September 19, 1962 - July 1, 2018

Duane Lee McGill, an inspiration to many, died peacefully on Sunday, July 1, 2018 in Ann Arbor. Duane, 55, of Charlotte, was born September 19, 1962 in Lansing, the son of Dale and Rocksan (Wolcott) McGill. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1981, where he was a talented football player. He played at Central Michigan University before making the Lansing Crusaders semi-pro league and eventually earning a spot on the New England Patriots. Following his football career, he dedicated his life to inspiring and motivating others as a public speaker and author. His books, videos and speaking engagements impacted many lives, and will leave a lasting legacy of dedication and service to others. Above all, Duane loved his family, "coaching" his children along the way to a life of success and love.

Duane is survived by his five children, Duane McGill, Jr., Eric (Morene) McGill, Dane Kelly McGill, Chase McGill, and Whitney McGill; grandchildren, Julia and Oscar McGill; mother and father, Rocksan and Bill Kelly; siblings, Lanette (Jon) Cater, Kim (James) Baxley, Traci Goucher, Angie McGill Wilkerson, Lynn Goucher, and Robert McGill; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Dale McGill.

Friends are encouraged to support Duane's family at visitation and memorial services. A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 6, 2018 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Visitation will be from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on

Thursday, July 5, 2018 and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 6, just prior to the service.

If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The Homeless Angels [www.homelessangels.org](http://www.homelessangels.org). Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Duane on his Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

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JUL 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Memorial Service

JUL 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane Lee McGill



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 04, 2018 at 05:34 PM

RA

*Brother, your next journey has begun. You finished this one having mentored many to achieve more than they ever dreamed they could have without you. Shaping and building their mental and physical persona's. We are better people having been blessed to call you a friend. Now you are on the Lord's team. It just got better....*

RA

Russ Alwood - July 07, 2018 at 08:09 AM

DL

“ I played on the Crusaders with him. A champion in all things.

Doug Link - January 14, 2024 at 10:56 PM

Tina Yager

“ Wonderful man and former boss. I'll never forget you and all your words of wisdom. Till we meet again my dear friend ❤️

Tina Yager - July 08, 2018 at 09:11 PM

JB

“ To a great guy who gave me tons of inspiration. Until we meet again Duane... R.I.P. My friend

Jodie Bruce - July 06, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Duane Lee McGill.



July 06, 2018 at 09:46 AM



“ 35 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 04, 2018 at 04:30 PM

BB

“ Roxie and family, Thinking about you, sending prayers. Joe and Beatie Burger

Beatie Burger - July 03, 2018 at 03:06 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Duane Lee McGill.*



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July 03, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ *It is a sad day in Michigan today. A great man has passed away from a vicious disease that he has spent the last three years fighting. It breaks my heart getting to hear his voice again after so many years of not talking to him and remembering the impact he had on me, knowing I will only hear him in my memories. He did a you tube video called five more minutes about giving your parents just that, "Five More Minutes" which is ironic because I used to think the same thing when my dad passed away, wishing I had five more minutes with him to say the things I didn't say or touch his hand one more time. Your impact, Duane McGill, was more than you knew and more than I ever told you. Love you for the man you were and God Speed my friend.*

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**Dave Smith** - July 03, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ *To Duane's family.....I met Duane in Battle Creek 2 years ago when he was a substitute athletic trainer at TFL. When Duane found out my brother had a terminal cancer diagnosis, he graciously offered to work with him to enhance the quality of his life through diet and exercise. It gave my brother hope, and Duane had instant credibility with my brother since they had similar issues. Duane was very passionate and helpful, and for that we are very grateful. Know that he will be missed. He was a great guy. Tom Zavitz, Battle Creek, MI*

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**Tom Zavitz** - July 03, 2018 at 10:07 AM

WS

“ Whitney's Alpha Xi Delta Sisters purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Duane Lee McGill.



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**Whitney's Alpha Xi Delta Sisters** - July 03, 2018 at 09:34 AM

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“ Harry Brown (HB) lit a candle in memory of Duane Lee McGill



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**Harry Brown (HB)** - July 03, 2018 at 08:10 AM

KB

“ The world is not the same without you in it 😞

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**Kellie Bartlett** - July 02, 2018 at 08:23 PM