



Duane Allen Mears

August 6, 1962 - November 11, 2019

Duane “Dewy” and Sharon Mears of Charlotte, MI, soul mates for 26 years, died together unexpectedly on November 11, 2019. They were married August 22, 1993, and loved many of the same activities in life. A blind date at the bowling alley is where they met, and they have been together ever since. They were extreme U of M football fans, holding season tickets for many, many years. Together they enjoyed gardening and many other activities. They loved traveling. Their favorite time together was time spent at Grand Marais in the U.P.

Dewy, 57, was born August 6, 1962 in Yakima, WA to Herman and Sylvia (Tefft) Mears. A sales rep for Nabisco for 29 years until his retirement, Dewy made lots of friends. He was just awesome. With a great sense of humor and a hopeless romantic, Dewy loved setting up surprises for Sharon. Small engine repair came very naturally to Dewy, his family was always amazed at his know-how.

Sharon, 64, was born December 7, 1954 in Battle Creek to Richard and Frances (Beatty) Jelinek. She worked at Pennock Hospital, Hastings, in home health care prior to her retirement. Known as funny, feisty, and strong-willed, Sharon loved to have fun and she was also a great gift-giver. She enjoyed yard-sales, and bargain shopping, and was a collector of Boyd’s Bears and many cookbooks, which she often used to bake delicious treats. Christmas

was her favorite time of year, she loved to celebrate with family for days. Sharon was also talented at making wedding cakes, something she learned to do with her sister.

Dewy and Sharon died in a tragic accident, along with Dewy's mother, Sylvia Mears. They are survived by Dewy's sister, Joy Martin; Sharon's sister, Sandy Hook; Sharon's brothers, Ron (Peg) Hook and Randy (Leona) Hook, aunts Charlice Crane and Nila Baldwin; and many nieces and nephews. They were preceded in death by Dewy's father, Thurman "Sonny" Mears; Dewy's brother, Scott; and Sharon's parents, Richard and Frances Jelinek.

Friends are encouraged to support the Mears family at visitation and funeral services. Funeral services are Saturday, November 16, 11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Mark Booth officiating. Visitation is Friday, November 15, 6-8:00 PM. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to American Cancer Society "Lavonne's Lame Ducks Relay for Life of Eaton County." Friends and family are asked to share memories of Duane Mears and Sharon Mears on their Tribute Pages at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Creek Cemetery

9701 Cedar Creek Rd.
Delton, MI 49046

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Ceremony

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane Allen Mears*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 15, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ *To the Mears family. I have been in Italy since November 5 and have just learned of the tragic accident. I am so sorry. My deepest sympathy. Tom Fullerton*

tom fullerton - November 19, 2019 at 05:54 AM



“ *Dewy, you and Sharon were such a great couple, and you had such a beautiful love for each other, it truly touched my heart! GO BLUE, forever!!*

Kathy Van Houten - November 16, 2019 at 10:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Duane Allen Mears.*



November 15, 2019 at 05:39 AM

JB

“ Dewy, always with a smile on your face! You faced many obstacles throughout your short time on this earth. But you persevered. In so blessed to have had you in my life. It won't be the same without you. Will always remember the pine needle chili at tailgating. Go rest high upon that mountain!

Jeff Bruce - November 14, 2019 at 03:14 PM

TO

“ Dewey & Sharon what a love story for sure. We all had so much fun at Nabisco, going on the Nabisco weekenders that we won, going out to have a few or more after the sales meetings. Dewey didn't drink much so we drink his share. "The Dew" always had a Big smile and a warm heart he and Sharon will be forever missed. Go Blue! Tom & Beth O'Connell

Tom OConnell - November 14, 2019 at 10:23 AM

TO

“ Tom & Beth O'Connell purchased the Pretty Pleasure for the family of Duane Allen Mears.



Tom & Beth O'Connell - November 14, 2019 at 10:09 AM


CS

“ Your life touched so many others, and will be remembered forever more. To leave the world a better place than it had been before. You will always be in my heard in your own special place. I was so saddened to hear this shocking news. My heart goes our to the family at this time of grief. Dewy and Sharon were a beautiful couple both inside and out. I am thankful and grateful for the day that they came into my life and for all of the moments that we shared together. How lucky is it to have someone so wonderful that it makes saying goodbye so hard. Know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Cherie Smith

Cherie Smith - November 14, 2019 at 06:48 AM

CM

“ Go Blue Dewey! You and Sharon are together in heaven. You are missed and loved by so many, including me. Glad we have great memories, but am sad, that we already had our last tailgate together, and we didn't take more pictures. Love to you and Sharon,


Cathy Miller - November 13, 2019 at 07:43 PM

AL

“ Duane always had THE biggest smile on his face and was always careful not to push anything negative he was experiencing onto others. He had a huge heart and will truly be missed. Rest In Peace, and GO BLUE.

Alex - November 13, 2019 at 07:09 PM

PG

“ I can't begin to explain how I feel about Dewey, he is still in my heart, a fantastic friend. Always there with great support and a beautiful smile. You have touched the lives of so many people. You are going to be missed by many. I will hold your smile in my heart forever. Until we met again my friend, R.I.P.

Pattie Secor Gustin - November 13, 2019 at 12:16 PM

LE

“ I worked with Dewey over twenty years and knew him and Sharon 23. What a great couple to know. I was truly blessed with their friendship, recipes and advice. When I saw Sharon a few weeks ago I had know idea it would be the last. God has three beautiful angels in heaven. You will be missed by all.

Lisa England - November 12, 2019 at 10:57 PM

ST

“ Miss you Daddio Dewy!!! Rest in Heaven!! Love you!!

Stacey - November 12, 2019 at 10:49 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Duane Allen Mears.



November 12, 2019 at 10:17 PM