



## Eric James Stanton

June 1, 1959 - November 25, 2019

Eric James Stanton of Charlotte, a loving, supportive man that took others in like they were his own family, died unexpectedly November 25, 2019 at the age of 60. Born June 1, 1959 in Eaton Rapids to James and Vonda (Thompson) Stanton, Eric grew up learning to love farming and cooking from his grandma and grandpa Thompson as wonderful role models in his life. He married the love of his life, Carrie LeAnn Bailey on September 16, 1983, and together they raised three children and built their own home. Eric was a carpenter with Carpenters Union, working all over the state of Michigan until his retirement in March of 2019. With a true love of the outdoors, Eric enjoyed hunting (he never missed an opening day of deer season), fishing with trips to Drummond Island as often as he could, and had a real green thumb for "yard farming" with his very large garden. Family was everything to Eric...he put family first and never missed a sporting event or activity of his children or grandchildren. Christmas always had special memories for the family, his mom started reading a special Christmas story to Eric at the age of 2 and did so every year thereafter.

Eric is survived by his children, Derrick, Deven (Bridgette Gallagher), Megan Stanton, and Zach (Mindy) Holbrook; grandchildren, Ayden, Hoyt, and Wyatt Stanton; mom, Vonda Stanton; siblings, Mark (Betsy) Stanton and Karen Stults; and many brothers and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carrie in 2005; his father, James; and his

grandparents.

Friends are encouraged to support Eric's family at visitation and memorial services. Memorial services are Monday, December 2, 2019 5:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Daniel O. Sowles officiating. Visitation is Sunday, December 1, 5-8:00 PM at the funeral home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society. Friends and family are asked to share memories of Eric 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

DEC 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

DEC 2. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Eric James Stanton*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 30, 2019 at 12:07 AM

MA

*A beautiful tribute to a man who clearly loved his family more than anything.*

Maria - November 30, 2019 at 07:09 AM



“ *55 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 29, 2019 at 11:50 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Eric James Stanton .*



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November 29, 2019 at 03:03 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Eric James Stanton .*



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November 29, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ *As Bridgette's mom, I was really looking forward to getting to know Eric better through the shared love of our kids. My heart goes out to the entire Stanton family. I know that through you all, his memory will never be lost.*

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**Maria Beauregard** - November 29, 2019 at 09:15 AM



“ *Maria Theresa Beauregard purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Eric James Stanton .*



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**Maria Theresa Beauregard** - November 29, 2019 at 08:41 AM

GP

“ Eric was Our Classmate of Charlotte High School (Class of 77) He will be Sadly Missed by one and all. I really got to know Eric in High School in our FFA Club, During Our Freshman year Eric Was Our Green hand Speaker at MSU for our FFA Club R.I.P. Eric

George Pope - November 27, 2019 at 09:21 PM

TB

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family during this time Vonda! Duane & Traci Borgman

Traci Borgman - November 27, 2019 at 09:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eric James Stanton .



November 27, 2019 at 04:02 PM

MP

“ So very sorry vonda for you and your family. I remember Eric as a little boy coming into the garage.

mary bosworth palmer - November 27, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eric James Stanton .



November 27, 2019 at 12:25 PM

CW

“ Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Eric James Stanton



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**Chad & Carol Walker** - November 27, 2019 at 09:15 AM

CS

“ Dear Vonda, I'm so sad to read about the death of Eric. My hope is that you have many great memories of your son which time cannot take away. I wish you peace.

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**Charlie Shumaker** - November 27, 2019 at 01:16 AM

AS

“ Vonda, Karen, & Mark So sorry to hear of your loose he was a good man, have known all of you since he was a young boy.  
Alan Shumaker

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**Alan Shumaker** - November 26, 2019 at 06:18 PM

BS

“ Please know, though we can't be with you during this time, that you are in our hearts and thoughts, and pray that you all find comfort during the next few difficult days.  
Beth & John Saurer

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**Beth Saurer** - November 26, 2019 at 04:59 PM

WB

“ Oh Vonda & your family,  
I'm so very sorry to hear of the loss of your son!  
Wanda Bartholomew

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**Wanda Bartholomew** - November 26, 2019 at 04:48 PM

AA

“ I'm Eric's Ex Sister in law but I have kept in touch with the family since. Eric and Carrie have always been very close to my heart. They mean so much to me. My heart is breaking for my niece and nephews and their Children. I have always loved him like he was family. He has a very kind heart, fun to be around. Always helping anyone he could. My favorite memory is when he was around my girls they were scared of his beard. Eric would pick them up and they would scream. He would laugh and say I dont get it. but he would hold them and give them kisses like they were his kids to. He is the Gentle Gisnt

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**Amy Arjes-maddox** - November 26, 2019 at 02:50 PM

BH

“ I have a lot of great memories of Eric. He was one of the finest men I ever knew. My favorite memory is probably the day we sat down to have lunch at work and as soon as he opened his lunch bag out popped a mouse. I don't know which jumped higher. The mouse leaped pretty high coming out of the lunch bag. But I think Eric had a couple feet on him as soon as he seen the mouse. we laughed and laughed ourselves to tears.

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**Bill Hewitt** - November 26, 2019 at 02:48 PM