



## Ernest Edward Bain

October 12, 1941 - March 26, 2025

Ernest "Ernie" Edward Bain, a man famously known for his "I got a picture of U in my wallet," and his removable thumb trick, died on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. Ernie, 83, of Charlotte, was born on October 12, 1941, in Berrien Springs, the son of Theo and Flora (Thomas) Bain. Upon graduating from high school Ernie enlisted in the Army and proudly served his country. During his time in the service, he was introduced to Sherrie Ditto and a short 4 months later on December 20, 1962, they would marry. After his time in the service Ernie worked for a few years as a Police Officer in Niles. He then began working for General Motors where he worked as a Team Coordinator for 24 years before his retirement in 2003. Ernie also worked as a high school football referee for 25 years. Ernie was an outdoor enthusiast and enjoyed in his younger years fishing, hunting, family camping trips, working in his yard, and gardening. He loved sports, and cheering on the Michigan State Spartans. Testing his luck at the different casinos around the state was also a favorite hobby. Ernie was a devoted family man, and once his grandchildren arrived, they were the sparkle in his eyes. He lastly appreciated his many friendships with his neighbors and his community.

Ernie is survived by his daughters, Carrie (David) Canniff, Penny (Carl) Kobb; grandchildren, Samantha (Brad Preston) Kobb, Mandy (Kevin Marvin) Kobb, Zachary Canniff, Bradley (Allie) Canniff, Austin Canniff, and Skyler Canniff; great-grandchildren, Naomi, Hadley, Graham, and Remi Canniff; and sister,

Inez Cook. He was predeceased by his parents; and sister, Betty.

Friends are encouraged to support Ernie's family by sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Uncle Ernie. He was a kind soul who loved to make people laugh and will certainly be missed.



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**Jim & Gina Duval** - March 30, 2025 at 09:00 PM

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“ *Bob and Sherry Pabst*

*Ernie and Sherrie were our neighbors. Ernie was just one of the kindest people. The first thing he always asked about were our kids. We last saw them on Halloween, you could tell he loved seeing all those kids. He will very much be missed in the neighborhood. Just no one more genuine. Rest in Peace Ernie ❤️*

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**Bob and Sherry Pabst** - March 29, 2025 at 08:32 PM

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“ *Sherri and family. Ernie was one kindest people I have ever known he will be missed by many. I will miss seeing his smiling face when he comes into the store.*

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**Michelle Bradfield** - March 28, 2025 at 10:40 AM