



## Joseph Gordon Defrates

February 20, 1942 - November 13, 2013

Joseph Gordon Defrates, 71, of Lansing, Michigan died November 13, 2013. Joe was born February 20, 1942 in Charlotte, the son of Samuel Gordon and Margaret Jean (See) Defrates. He was raised in Charlotte, Michigan and graduated from Charlotte High School in 1960 before joining the Army during the Vietnam War. Following his service, he worked for General Motors in Lansing, retiring in 1992. Joe loved the outdoors. He was an avid sportsman who especially enjoyed fishing and hunting. He enjoyed watching racing, the Detroit Lions and, his favorite team, the Detroit Tigers. He was always willing to help his neighbors, family and friends with his handy skills and positive attitude. He could build and fix anything. Many will remember Joe as a loving father, grandfather, neighbor and friend. Joe is survived by his daughters, Sherry Defrates and Christine Finley; grandchildren, Miranda Defrates, Teia (Corey) Conley and Chad Joseph Finley; great-grandchildren, Izaiah and Izaak Rodriguez; siblings, Beverly (Richard) Vincent, Judy Schultz, Carol (Dan) Hinckly, Cheryl Defrates, Darryl (Judie) Defrates and Kevin (Jan) Defrates; many nieces, nephews and cousins; the mother of his children, Linda Regis; and special friend, Gary (Roberta) Brickley. He was preceded in death by his parents and loving nephews, Rick Soules and David LaPratt. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Rev. Mark Russell officiating. Visitation will be from 5:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte. Memorial

contributions may be made to the family in care of Teia Conley. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Gordon Defrates



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear that Joe passed away, I will never forget Joe was the one that talked me into getting my long hair cut into the D A style when I was in 7th grade, remember those days. He even helped comb it the day of the cut. Always had a lot of fun at there home when we were young. Rest in peace Joe, prayers to all of the family. Donna White

Donna Bashore (White) - November 30, 2013 at 10:51 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of Joe passing on. All the folks at Sawyers will miss him. Joe, you were a very good man, always had a smile for everyone. From all of us at Sawyers Chevy, R.I.P. and God bless.

don graves - November 19, 2013 at 10:31 AM

JC

“ Our prayers and positive thoughts are for the family of Joe. So sorry. John & Joy Colizzi

John Colizzi - November 18, 2013 at 10:23 AM

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“ We know how much you love Grandpa Joe and know how much you will miss him. Cherish your memories of him always, and know that he will be with you forever. Our thoughts, prayers, and love are with you and your family always. God Bless.

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**Jerry & Leslie Lupien** - November 15, 2013 at 01:57 PM