



Kevin Duane DeFrates

March 31, 1951 - February 28, 2023

Kevin Duane DeFrates of Ionia, an outdoorsman and proud Vietnam Veteran, died February 28, 2023. Kevin, 71 was born March 31, 1951 in Charlotte, MI to Samuel and Margaret (See) DeFrates. Proudly serving in the Marines during Vietnam, Kevin continued to give when he joined the VFW in Ionia where he was a past post Commander and proud member for many years. After his time in the military, Kevin worked as a corrections officer in the Ionia State Prison for over 25 years. A devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather, Kevin was very proud of his family and loved to share stories with others about them.

An outdoorsman in many ways, Kevin enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golf as great ways to spend time with friends and enjoy his surroundings. Also, the life of the party, he enjoyed lots of activities at his local VFW, loved Elvis as well as music from the 50's, 60's, and 70's, and was a big U of M fan and enjoyed watching many different sporting events.

Kevin is survived by his wife of 47 years, Janice; sons, Andrew (Kristi) DeFrates and Derek (Erin) DeFrates; eight grandchildren, Connor, Kyron, Kaidon, Astraea, Erin, Ashley, Quintin, and Irie; and siblings, Beverly (Dick) Vincent, Judy Schultz, Darryl (Judie) DeFrates, and Cheryl DeFrates. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Joseph DeFrates; and sister and brother-in-law, Carol (Dan) Hinckley.

Friends are encouraged to support Kevin's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Friday, March 3, 2023, 6-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home. Funeral services are Saturday, March 4, 11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Nancy Patera officiating. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to VFW Post 12082 in Ionia. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall

GK

“ So sorry to hear of Kevin's passing he was a good man

Gregory Klont - March 05, 2023 at 09:49 AM

PF

“ Phillips, Smith, Childs Families. purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Kevin Duane DeFrates.



Phillips, Smith, Childs Families. - March 03, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin Duane DeFrates.



March 03, 2023 at 07:00 AM

TF

“ The Branch Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Kevin Duane DeFrates.



The Branch Family - March 02, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kevin Duane DeFrates.



March 02, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ Boy am going to miss you. Especially you coming to my vacation spot for the last 4 yrs to fish. You'd be there a half an hour to an hour early...it was still dark out! A few times you scared us being there so early. But we didn't mind, we'd get our coffee and go out and to catch a shit ton of gills! We had a blast!. So happy to have had these memories with you. I'm going to miss your sense of humor and all the laughs we had together. It's going to be weird this vacation without you there. I'll miss the too early wake up. I'll miss you so much Kevin...until we meet again. Say hi to grandpa, grandma, Joe, Carol, Rick and Dave for me! Love you so much💕

Tracy - March 01, 2023 at 08:41 PM



“ I worked with Kevin at RCF he made working in that zoo a lot easier. Will miss you Kevin



WilliamFeehan - March 01, 2023 at 07:31 PM

TW

“ My uncle Kevin was a good man he love to joke around and I will miss his laugh.. my memory was he bought me a walking cane for my 52 birthday.... I laugh so hard...he was a joker for sure love you uncle Kevin until we meet again

Theresa wilson - March 01, 2023 at 06:35 PM

PJ

“ Kevin lived down the street from me growing up. Past by their house everyday to and from school.



Pam (Brandon) Johnson - March 01, 2023 at 06:20 PM

CB

“ Chuck Brandon lit a candle in memory of Kevin Duane DeFrates



Chuck Brandon - March 01, 2023 at 05:35 PM