



Lyle Herbert Hokanson

January 29, 1947 - July 7, 2021

Lyle Herbert Hokanson, 74, of Vermontville, a man who could fix anything and would help anybody, died Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at his home. Lyle was born January 29, 1947 in Hastings, MI, the son of Hale Duane and Arline Inez (Howe) Hokanson. He graduated from Maple Valley High School in 1966 before serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Upon his return home, he married his lifelong love, Mary Margaret Coppess on May 25, 1968. Lyle worked 35 years at General Motors, retiring as a Project Manager in 2001. Throughout his life, Lyle enjoyed woodworking, a skill he used in renovating several apartments in Grand Rapids. He loved time spent in the outdoors hunting, fishing and gardening. He was an avid gun collector. Many will remember his perfectionist nature, and his kindness to all who knew him.

Lyle is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Hokanson; son, Jay (Jennifer) Hokanson; daughter, Erin (Justin) Campbell; 10 grandchildren, Jack, Joe, Jacob, Jon, Josh, Jana and Julia Hokanson, and Elijah, Alexander, and Olive Campbell; 3 siblings, Gary (Pat) Hokanson, Paula (Gerald) Cole, and Loa (Ben) Kenyon; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Lyle's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation will be from 2:00 - 4:00 and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 12, 2021 at Sunfield

United Brethren Church. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at Sunfield United Brethren Church with Lyle's nephews, Matthew and Chad Coppess officiating. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Maple Valley Scholarship Fund. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Sunfield United Brethren Church
8436 W. Grand Ledge Hwy.
Sunfield, MI 48890

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Funeral Service

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Lyle Herbert Hokanson



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 13, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Lyle Herbert Hokanson



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 10, 2021 at 01:01 PM



Even though Uncle Lyle isn't related to me and my family by blood, he sure made it feel like we were. He always referred to himself as our "uncle" but we consider him more like a grandpa. My brothers and I have learned so much from him and he was always so wise and gave us life advice. When my daughter came around all the attention was on her and next thing we know she would be double fisting ice cream sandwiches that Lyle gave her. Although there are many more memories I will cut it short.

Lyle you will be missed dearly and you will always be my favorite neighbor.

Love the Morris & Kenyon family ❤️

Emily Kenyon - July 12, 2021 at 07:35 PM

GM

“ I've been living in Charlotte, Michigan for 20 years but never knew that Lyle lived so nearby. I met him as a teenager when we both attended Maple valley high School.

The first time we met, he was driving a Dodge pickup truck that had an open bed. One weekend evening we got in trouble in Nashville. I won't say what it was for but we paid the price.

He was a big guy and when I stood next to him he kind of towered over me. I remember him being one of the good guys. I'm sure in later life, he was as stated, a very kind and generous person. I'm very sorry we never got to rekindle our friendship. Your gone now but not forgotten. Rest in peace my old friend.

Gary McVey - July 17, 2021 at 08:22 AM

 Emily
Kenyon

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Emily Kenyon - July 12, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lyle Herbert Hokanson.*



July 12, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *Dennis & Kathleen Swan purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Lyle Herbert Hokanson.*



Dennis & Kathleen Swan - July 12, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Lyle Herbert Hokanson.*



July 11, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ *The Grant Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Lyle Herbert Hokanson.*



The Grant Family - July 11, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lyle Herbert Hokanson.*



July 11, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ *Mary and family,
It is with a heavy heart that I write these memories. To my children and grandchildren he was Uncle Lyle, to me he was a wonderful friend. Most men don't have close friends but he was one of those that I am thankful to have known. I will deeply miss our talks and time together. We came to know each other through deer camp. His wisdom and talent have given our family many treasures that we can reflect upon (Totem Pole, furniture and construction of our hunting cabin).*

Mary, you and the family continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Dick & Elen Fox

Dick & Elen Fox - July 11, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ *Dear Mon Jay, Erin and family. We are all very sad about this news. I would like to be present in this difficult moment but I am praying for all of you. Love you so much. Virginia*

Virginia Tambasco Freire - July 11, 2021 at 09:21 AM

MF

“ We are so heartbroken to hear of “Uncle Lyles”’s passing. He had such a big heart and my son Charlie was especially fond of him. He was so generous to our entire family and he will be missed so much!!!

With tears and love, Marie, Krage, Charlie and Lauren Fox

Marie Fox - July 10, 2021 at 10:56 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Lyle Herbert Hokanson.



July 10, 2021 at 09:31 PM

DH

“ We are sorry to of Lyles passing. I had the pleasure of knowing Lyle in school, and later we worked together at the shop where I really enjoyed his wit, knowledge, friendship. Sincerely, Dave and Brinda Hawkins

Dave Hawkins - July 10, 2021 at 08:55 PM

JD

“ Though I didn't know Lyle I worked with Mary several years ago. I'm so sorry for your loss Mary and family. I know you talked highly of your husband and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Jean DeWalt - July 10, 2021 at 01:04 PM



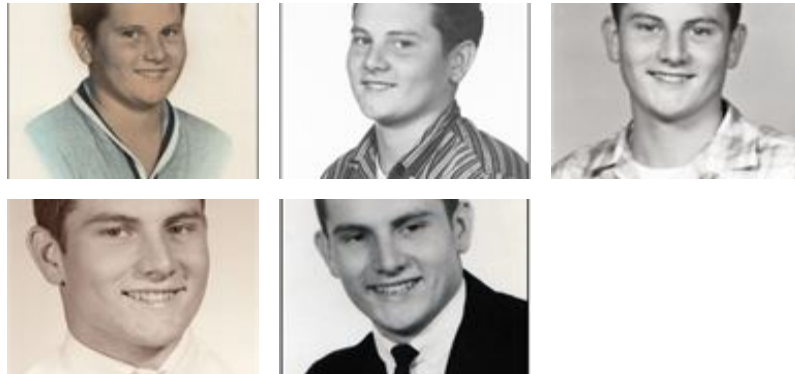
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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 10, 2021 at 12:53 PM



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 10, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of *Lyle Herbert Hokanson*.



July 09, 2021 at 08:30 PM

JW

“ Sweet, Mary, there are no words that can adequately convey the sadness I feel for the loss of the love of your life and for the loss the whole family is experiencing. May God's grace comfort each of you and bring you His perfect peace.

In my humble opinion, Lyle's love of family, friends, and country place him in the "One of the Good Ones" category!

*With much Love and big hugs,
Judy Waterman*

Judy Waterman - July 09, 2021 at 08:13 PM

TS

“ Mary, we are so sorry for your loss. Even though we only knew Lyle briefly we both thought he was a very nice man. I'm sure you feel blessed to have had so many years with him. Hugs and prayers.
Terri and Bill Slade

Terri Slade - July 09, 2021 at 07:02 PM

TF

“ Our family came to know and love him as Uncle Lyle. His generosity and care for others was a hallmark of his character. Always willing to help, he could solve almost any problem, and listen to any need. Gifted as all get out in the wood shop, a great outdoorsman, and a teller of tales that always made you smile. His knowledge and expertise was to be admired and respected. His love of his country, family, and friends, was paramount. We will miss and always love him. Todd, Julie, Olivia, Emily Fox

Todd Fox - July 09, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Lyle Herbert Hokanson.*

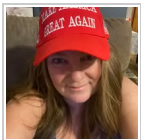


July 09, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ *Goodbye, My Old Friend, I'll see you down the trail, in the happy hunting ground!*

Norm Steward - July 09, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Amy Dukes Morris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lyle Herbert Hokanson.*



Amy Dukes Morris - July 09, 2021 at 07:44 AM



“ *Mary, I'm so sorry for your loss. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Pam Alsbury, former Courthouse coworker*

Pam Alsbury - July 09, 2021 at 07:43 AM

CB

“ *Chuck Brandon lit a candle in memory of Lyle Herbert Hokanson*



Chuck Brandon - July 08, 2021 at 11:12 PM



“ *Lyle was a great neighbor treated my kids like grandkids. Let them swim in the pool and eat ice cream. He will be truly missed by all that loved him. Prayers for the family.*

Amy Dukes Morris - July 08, 2021 at 06:29 PM