



Warren Neil Durecka

February 23, 1954 - May 2, 2025

Warren Neil Durecka of Charlotte, MI, a very positive man that never complained and took setbacks in stride, passed away on May 2, 2025 at the age of 71. Warren was born February 23, 1954 in Croswell, MI to Harry and Anna Mae (Proctor) Durecka, one of ten children in the family. With a heart of gold, Warren was always willing to help, even when he wasn't able to because of his health and then he would volunteer his sons to help find a way to get the job done. A low-key, humble gentleman, he was friendly and outgoing, the kind of person others enjoyed being around. He loved his place on the lake in Bancroft and the community of friends he had there.

Warren was a graduate of Ferris State University with a degree in Printing Management and Technology. He worked in the printing industry as a print scheduler for a series of companies, with the last company he worked for being John Henry in Lansing.

A big "Do-It-Yourselfer," Warren earned the nickname "Da Wrecka," as he was always taking something apart to fix it or improve it. His favorite tools for any job were the sawzall, and the angle grinder, however he was always coming up with creative and unusual ways to use any tool on his projects. Over the years he developed an interest in cars and drove a number of interesting vehicles including a series of Roadrunners, an El Camino, and a Chevy Nova as some of his favorite rides over the years. His mechanical interests also

included a love of old tractors.

Many will remember Warren as a University of Michigan fan, evidenced by his huge collection of U of M clothing he would often be wearing. He was also a Detroit Lions fan, and was very pleased with their most recent season, saying "I've waited for fifty years to see the Lions go this far!"

Warren was very proud of his family and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Debra; sons, Daniel, Michael and Gordon (Laura) Durecka; grandbabies, Jaxon and Theodora; step-son, Zachary Story; sisters, Kathy Galbraith, Tammy Durecka, and Laurie Durecka; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Duane, Gordon, Harry and Orville Durecka; sisters, Juanita Kandler and Linda Detary; and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Warren's family at visitation and funeral services or by sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. Funeral services are Wednesday, May 7, 11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Laura Cooper officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 6-8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, May 7, 10-11:00 AM at the funeral home. The funeral service will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Warren's tribute, then click on Photos & Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Just prior to the beginning of the service, a link will appear on this page to watch the webcast. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Burial

MAY 7 (ET)

Maple Hill Cemetery
801 Tully Brown Rd.
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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Warren Neil Durecka



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 06, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Warren Neil Durecka



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 05, 2025 at 08:44 PM



“ Warren and I were fraternity brothers (Theta Alpha Sigma) at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. I talked to Warren, a couple of times in the last couple of years. Earlier this year, I traveled to Charlotte in hopes of seeing Warren. I left a note at his home, but nobody replied. I feared that he had passed. My name is James Poore, if anybody knows where he was laid to rest, I would greatly appreciate it. My phone number is (313) 770-1207. Thank you.

James Poore - October 01, 2025 at 05:33 PM

BF

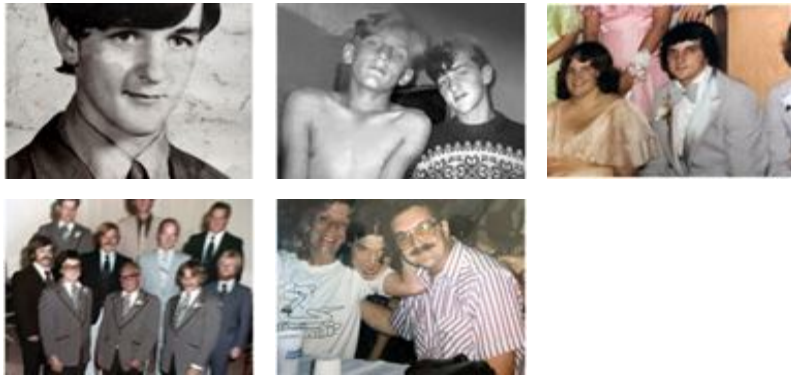
“ Ben & Kim & family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Warren Neil Durecka.



Ben & Kim & family - May 06, 2025 at 08:24 AM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 05, 2025 at 08:43 PM

BH

“ Bre Howard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Warren Neil Durecka.

Bre Howard - May 04, 2025 at 09:00 PM

BH

“ Bre Howard purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Warren Neil Durecka.



Bre Howard - May 04, 2025 at 09:00 PM

AH

“ Amy Hert purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Warren Neil Durecka.



Amy Hert - May 04, 2025 at 06:42 PM

MC

“ Mickey, I'm sorry to hear of the loss of your father. He appears to have lived a beautiful life... may you find comfort in carrying on his legacy. Ms. Colizzi

Monique Colizzi - May 03, 2025 at 09:16 PM

LS

“ Luanne Siewertsen lit a candle in memory of Warren Neil Durecka



Luanne Siewertsen - May 03, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ *Brenda Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Warren Neil Durecka*



Brenda Hoffman - May 03, 2025 at 03:09 PM

FF

“ *From Ron and Wanda Srebinski and sons & families purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Warren Neil Durecka.*



From Ron and Wanda Srebinski and sons & families - May 02, 2025 at 06:50 PM