



## Wesley Jay Colling

January 31, 2022

Wesley "Wes" "The Captain" Colling, 64, a man known for his need for speed, died Monday, January 31, 2022. Wes was born December 2, 1957, in Bay City, MI, the son of Elliott and Maxine (Powell) Colling. Following graduating from high school in 1976, Wes began his career at General Motors. He retired from the Delta plant following 31 years and working at several locations around the state. In 2017 after 11 years, Wes married his sweetheart Mary Horton, and together created many lasting memories. His need for speed drew his attention to INDYCAR Racing, Wes loved attending races around the country and would attend the INDY 500 race each year. His love for speed also led him to flying fighter jets and helicopters in The Florida Keys. Wes was also very passionate about U of M Football, camping, boating, and the outdoors. He loved sports and spent all of his life competing in baseball, football, skiing, golfing, swimming, and bowling. Patriotism was a must for Wes, he was one of the most patriotic people you could meet and loved The United States of America! He also could be referred to as the best cat dad ever for his love for his cats and other animals. Above all everyone who knew The Captain will remember his heart of gold and his willingness to help anyone in need.

Wes is survived by his wife, Mary; mother, Maxine Colling; many nieces, nephews, cousins; the entire Horton Family; and countless friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Elliott; brothers, Jamie Colling, and Reed

Colling; sisters, Paige Colling, and Jill Colling.

Friends are encouraged to support Wes's family by sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). The family is planning a celebration of The Captains Life on July 16, 2022 at Davison United Methodist Church with visitation from 1-2:00 PM and service at 2. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The Gary Sinise Foundation or flowers can be ordered through Vogts Flowers of Davison (810) 563-3700. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Davison United Methodist Church  
207 E. Third Street  
Davison, MI 48423

## Celebration of Life

JUL 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SR

“ *My Dearest Mary,*

*I cannot believe I am just finding this news today! I cannot tell you how terribly sorry I am for the loss of your sweet hubby, and the loss to he and your families and friends. I know he was the "love of your life" and I truly send my sincere condolences. I have not seen either of you for a very long time but trust me, I have been thinking of you. I have a special memory of Wes helping me at the Storage, and I so appreciated his kind heart. May all the wonderful memories comfort your heart during this difficult time and carry you through. Wes will be missed by many, may he R.I.H and fly with the angels.*

*Sharon Risko*

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**Sharon Risko** - April 02, 2022 at 11:30 AM

DS

“ *There was many hours working at Fisher Body with you, I will always remember the staunch support you were of the University of Michigan, especially when they played Football. Condolences to your family you will be missed.*

*Daryl Stadel*

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**Daryl Stadel** - March 09, 2022 at 08:29 AM

ML

“ *I knew Wes through Mary. Just a loving and sweet couple. May God lead Mary to blessings and peace. Mary is a wonderful friend. God bless Wes.*

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**Mary Leifheit** - February 07, 2022 at 07:58 PM

KG

“ Wes was such an amazing and wonderful man! The abundance of love between Wes and Mary was absolutely amazing! Wes will be missed by all!



May God look over Mary, Maxine and family during this difficult time!

Kris and Dave Goodman

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Kris Goodman - February 04, 2022 at 09:23 AM

RK

“ Roseann Kremer lit a candle in memory of Wesley Jay Colling



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Roseann Kremer - February 03, 2022 at 06:51 PM

RK

Mary, I am so sorry for your loss of the love of your life. May God comfort you now and in the days ahead. Love lasts forever.

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Roseann Kremer - February 03, 2022 at 06:58 PM



“ Treasured Memory - 8" x 7" Frame (Holds 4x6 Photo) was purchased for the family of Wesley Jay Colling.



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February 03, 2022 at 02:50 PM

SD

“ Mary I am so sorry for your loss! 🙏❤️🙏



Sandra Destremes - February 03, 2022 at 02:12 PM

LK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Longboat Key - February 02, 2022 at 08:45 PM

LK

May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.  
Longboat Key

Longboat Key - February 02, 2022 at 08:46 PM

NA

My deepest sympathies go out to his loving wife Mary, and Family.

Nicole Alderman - February 03, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ Susan Kendall lit a candle in memory of Wesley Jay Colling



Susan Kendall - February 02, 2022 at 07:26 PM

SU

“ Wes provided a balance between him and others. He was a quiet, reserved man. His personality type appeared to let others shine! This humble man practiced active listening. Humility is an attractive quality! When you demonstrate humility, others feel value. We will miss Wes! Sail on “Captain”! Sending love to Mary & all the family!  
“Mom” Urmanic

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**Sue Urmanic** - February 02, 2022 at 04:04 PM

AM

“ As a younger cousin, I admired Wes from afar, was in awe of him, and thought he was both cute and nice! My prayers go to the Lord for Mary and Aunt Max, and all who suffer with his passing. Amy

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**Amy** - February 02, 2022 at 03:52 PM