



Billy Earl Davis

July 7, 1946 - March 26, 2024

Billy Davis passed away on March 26th, 2024 surrounded by family. Billy grew up in Lansing. His parents had a home away from home in Mecosta, where Billy moved after he retired from General Motors. Billy was a proud Vietnam Veteran, he served three tours in the United States Army. He received many awards and was a three-time bronze medal recipient. Billy loved everything outdoors. His love for fishing was a huge part of him, he enjoyed all types of fishing but he especially loved his bluegills. Billy once caught a small bluegill, took it home, named it George, and raised it for years. Another passion of Billy's was cooking. He could cook anything and loved to have all the kitchen gadgets to do so. After a day of fishing, he would bring the fish home, clean and scale them, and cook them for dinner. Billy canned a lot of food and would can almost anything: beef, chicken, potatoes, vegetables, but he was most famous for his canned pickles and canned beets. He enjoyed going to the restaurant, planting flowers at the beginning of the summer, going to the ice cream shop (Kings), and going for pontoon rides.

Billy leaves behind a legacy that will be cherished by his son William AKA Little Billy (Heather Compton) Davis, daughter Kimberly (Mark) Wallace, and his beloved grandchildren Leanne, Mindy, Amanda, and Julia. He will always hold a special place in the hearts of his surviving sisters: Dorothy (Greg) Walsh, Linda Davis, and Jody Stephens, along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Betty (Fillingham) Davis; grandson, Stephen Wallace; brothers and sisters-in-law,

Norm and Julie Davis and Curtis and Carolyn May, and twin sister, Bonny Moore.

Billy Davis (Grandpa) loved to share his knowledge and life experiences with his family and those he loved. Principles and life skills such as saving for the future, cooking, fishing, hunting, boating, mushroom hunting, and sharing stories from his days in the war. His memory and knowledge will live on in all of us. We will try our best to follow his advice and remember the many things he taught us throughout the years.

The memory of Billy's warm smile and strong work ethic will forever echo in the hearts of those who knew him. His life will be celebrated in a military graveside service to be held at Deepdale Memorial Park in Lansing, MI on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 11:00 AM. May his soul rest in peace as we come together to honor his life and legacy. Memorial contributions in Billy's name may be given to the Ki Ki's Playland Sanctuary & Rescue please follow the link to give: <https://www.kikisparrotrescue.com/how-you-could-help> . Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Cemetery Details

Deepdale Memorial Gardens

4110 Old Lansing Road
Lansing, MI 48917

Previous Events

Military Graveside Service

APR **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TL

“ I knew Billy from dialysis 3 days a weeks . He was very kind gentleman. I was a rookie with dialysis and he told me most of what was happening with my kidneys. I appreciate his information very much . I so sorry bout your loss. The nurses there at dialysis love him too.

Terry lambrich - April 13, 2024 at 01:19 PM

MB

“ I worked with Bill for many years, he always kept us going at work. Great worker and friend. Until we meet again, Rest in Peace, my friend. Marni Beutler

Marni Beutler - April 08, 2024 at 11:06 AM

KC

“ I remember when my Uncle Billy came back from the army. He'd had some gifts for us. Kids my sister and my brother and he looked at me and he said Kim I got a special gift for you. She got to close your eyes and you got to hold out your hands so I did eagerly waiting cuz I knew what he had gotten me was going to be so special so there I stand in front of him. Him in a sitting position hands holding out. I'm a little girl and all of a sudden he places something in my hand. He said now open your eyes and as I did so they're sad. His false teeth I screamed and I dropped the teeth and I ran over to my mom. I couldn't believe it . I knew that they were someone's teeth out of their mouth and I didn't know that could even happen . He ended up giving me a gift that he brought back from the army.

My Uncle Billy was a really special guy. I know he loved my mom dearly and my dad. I also know that from My young years to the last time I seen him my nickname was airhead. He would always greet me as hey airhead.

I remember one winter. He came over and brags kids all snowmobiles boots and snowmobile suits for the snow. He was nothing short of being generous. He would give his heart. Oh yes he did have. However, a problem if you disagreed with him and he never would give away a fishing spot. Never that was his secret. He once took my brother and my husband at the time out fishing. My husband got a little impatient and we know that Uncle Billy was definitely patient. When it came to fishing he wanted to go back. He said we're not catching fish. Let's just go back. Let's change spots. It's raining. Uncle Billy called him out for being a Sissy when he insisted I've had enough. Take me back. Uncle Billy's reply was jump off the boat and swim boat staying right here. I'm catching me some fish.

These are only a few stories of many that I remember about him and he will be missed. I pray for his family.

Kimberly Cupples - April 06, 2024 at 04:52 PM

CC

“ Always a good neighbor and loved to talk about anything and everything. I will miss surprising him with homemade cookies every now and then, You will be missed Bill.
Carrie Cain lot 17

Carrie Cain - April 04, 2024 at 10:11 PM

GF

“ Greg & Dotty, Linda, Jody & families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Billy Earl Davis.



Greg & Dotty, Linda, Jody & families - April 04, 2024 at 06:37 PM

GF

“ Greg & Dotty, Linda, Jody & families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Earl Davis.

Greg & Dotty, Linda, Jody & families - April 04, 2024 at 06:37 PM

CW

“ When we started to camp at Round Lake(Holiday Terrace) we were introduced to Santa Claus AKA Bill. He sure loved to fish and one year attached an air conditioner to his pontoon to keep cool while on the lake. Our prayers are for peace for the families. Rest In Peace Bill. I just know there's a lake nearby.

Carrol & Bonnie Ward - April 04, 2024 at 06:10 PM

PM

“ *Billy was my first love back in 1966. He will always be in my heart.
Love you, Bill.*

Pat Morris - April 04, 2024 at 05:39 PM