



David Michael Hankins

April 6, 1948 - December 16, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of David Michael Hankins, who left us on December 16, 2025. Born on April 6, 1948, in Lansing, Michigan, to the late Jack and Ruby (White) Hankins, he was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. David is survived by his devoted wife of over fifty-four years, Kathy (Edmonds); cherished son, Nicholas Hankins; daughter-in-law, Janel Hankins; and his treasured grandchildren, Carter, Jocelyn, Lydia, and Luke Hankins. David was preceded in death by son, Chad Hankins; siblings, Jack Hankins, Tom Hankins, Dan Hankins, Marge Darnell, Joyce Cypher, Irene Plunkett.

David's life was marked by service and dedication. After graduating from high school, he began his journey in the workforce at the age of 18 with General Motors. His commitment to his country led him to serve in the Army, where he proudly served during the Vietnam War. For his bravery, he was awarded the Bronze Star. After returning home, David resumed his career at GM, ultimately retiring after an impressive thirty-eight years.

A man of many passions, David loved playing golf, enjoyed deer hunting, and was an ardent supporter of University of Michigan sports. Above all, he was a family man at heart. His greatest joy came from spending time with his grandchildren, who were the light of his life.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, December 20, 2025, 11:00 am at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge by Father Robert Irish. You may watch the funeral mass for David at 11:00 am Saturday on the St. Michael Church YouTube channel at this link:<https://www.youtube.com/live/49yBxteKarQ>. Rite of Committal with military honors will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, where David will be laid to rest in the company of his loved ones. Visitation will be at the church Saturday from 10-11:00 am.

In this time of remembrance, we invite all who knew and loved David to join us in honoring his remarkable life and the lasting impact he made on those around him. He will be deeply missed, yet his spirit will forever live on in our hearts. Memorial contributions may be given to Folds of Honor, 5971 N. Patriot Drive, Owasso, Oklahoma 74055 (<https://foldsofhonor.org/#donationForm>). Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837-1232
(517) 627-2149

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service with Military Honors

DEC 20. 12:15 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sending love and hugs to Kathy and the Hankins family. Dave had such a distinct laugh that I never forgot- I can only imagine the trouble him and my Dad got up to. Praying for you in the coming days.

Michelle Holzgen (Dunn) - December 20, 2025 at 12:07 PM

AD

“ Kathy im sorry for your loss and sorry i can't attend today, but my heart is with you and your family al durham

Al Durham - December 20, 2025 at 09:54 AM

DG

“ My heart goes out to you Kathy, and all Dave's family and friends. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

D'Anne Golub

D'Anne Golub - December 19, 2025 at 04:29 PM

DP

“ One of my earliest memories was hanging out at Uncle David and Aunt Kathy's house. Listening to Aunt Kathy playing a "Bridge over troubled water" and Uncle David pulled up. He popped his trunk and began unloading cases of RC Cola. I ran out eager to help. and Uncle David said "Dont you dare drop that" , lol. I was that kid that would always hang out and Aunt Kathy would always invite me in. I remember their wedding reception at the Country Club off Canal. Uncle David made me feel special by having me dance with Aunt Kathy in her beautiful white gown.I have lots of memories , these are my earliest. Now he's gone hometown be with Chad and reunite with all of his siblings. I could just imagine the look on my mothers face (Irene) when she saw her baby brother . Love you Uncle David
` ~ David Plunkett

david plunkett - December 19, 2025 at 02:28 PM

AT

“ Arctic Wolf Great Lakes Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Michael Hankins.



Arctic Wolf Great Lakes Team - December 19, 2025 at 06:36 AM

MS

“ One of my favorite memories of Dave is when he told me that when he met Kathy it was the best day of his life ❤️
My heart goes out to Kathy and all who loved him. A life well lived.....

Mary Lee Sanford-Potvin - December 18, 2025 at 10:10 PM

CS

Kathy, my Thoughts & Prayers to You & Family. He always had a kind word when talking & respected that. May fond memories help fill the void. God Bless 🙏

Craig Sherman - January 08 at 07:04 PM

JT

*“ Dave had a way of making everyone feel seen, even me as the littlest Irish. His award-winning smile and caring demeanor drew people in. Dave was one of the best. May eternal light and peace be his, and may Kathy, Nick, and the family find comfort in their faith as they grieve a tremendous loss. We're praying for you.
John and Mary Jo Thayer*

John and Mary Jo Thayer - December 18, 2025 at 02:31 PM

NC

“ Nancy C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Michael Hankins.

Nancy C. - December 18, 2025 at 01:53 PM

NC

“ A wonderful person, husband, father, son, brother and uncle, we will miss you Dave. Much love Kathy and family, you are in our thoughts and hearts. Nancy and Dave Coleman

Nancy Coleman - December 18, 2025 at 01:50 PM

ME

“ Merrie E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Michael Hankins.

Merrie E. - December 18, 2025 at 12:21 PM

MI

“ RIP to my classmate and my friend and great guy. Special thoughts and prayers to Kathy and the family. Love and hugs❤️🙏
Mike Irish

Michael Irish - December 18, 2025 at 10:27 AM

DP

“ Devere & Carla Price planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Michael Hankins.

Devere & Carla Price - December 17, 2025 at 08:32 PM

DP

“ Devere & Carla Price purchased the White Poinsettia for the family of David Michael Hankins.



Devere & Carla Price - December 17, 2025 at 08:32 PM

JH

“ Jeremy and Lisa Haller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Michael Hankins.

Jeremy and Lisa Haller - December 17, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Michael Hankins.*



December 17, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ *I'm going to miss my ole golf partner a lot of great memories for over 40 years of golfing together. Hank I know you are probably busy up there in heaven hugging Chad, but when you get to the first tee I hope you get that first hole in one!!! McGee*

Doug McDaniels - December 17, 2025 at 07:39 PM