



## Duane A. Waldrop

November 18, 1962 - August 21, 2012

Duane A. Waldrop age 49, lifelong area resident passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer on August 21, 2012. Duane was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School Class of 1980 and worked at Michigan State University. He was very active and loved the outdoors, whether it was riding his bike, motorcycle or going to the lake to do some boating. He was also an avid MSU fan. Duane is survived by his father Duane L. and mom number two Barb Waldrop; mother, Vienna and Don Phelps; sisters, Annette (Chris) Stephens and Kaye (Jeff) Umbarger; step-brothers, Gary (Wanda) Graham, Mark (Cheryl Tonkin) Graham, Dale (Debbie) Phelps; step-sisters, Kerry Thelen and Darlene Foreback; nieces and nephews, Brooke, Aaron, Megan, Gary, Evan, Ashley and Brandon; special friends, Nate Franklin and Rod Timmins. A funeral service will be held Saturday, August 25, 2012, 11:00 AM at The Liberty Church, Grand Ledge with The Reverend Jess Lancaster, officiating. The family will receive friends Friday from 2-4:00 PM and 6-8:00 pm at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions may be given to Sparrow Hospice, 1110 East Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 30480, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Online condolences and memories at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
406 N. Bridge Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
(517) 627-2531  
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## Visitation

AUG **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

AUG **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Liberty Church  
12745 Georgia Avenue  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane A. Waldrop*



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**Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home** - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KU

“ *Duane is my brother. I miss him terribly. He was very brave in fighting his battle with cancer. He never lost his sense of humor and wanted to make sure everyone who loved him knew that he was ready to leave this world. Love you Duane.*

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**Kaye Umbarger** - August 28, 2012 at 07:45 PM

AA

“ *To Duane's Family,  
I am so sad and shocked to hear of Duane's passing. I knew him growing up in Mulliken, I was friends with his sister Annette. Duane was always doing something funny, and always made me laugh. I read the comments others have said about him, it sounds like he was one of a kind, really special. My heart goes out to all of you, he was taken way too soon. I hope you can find comfort in wonderful memories and your faith carries you through this difficult time. Maybe it will help to know how much he was loved by so many.  
April (Vernal) Agler  
Cincinnati, OH*

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**april c agler** - August 27, 2012 at 08:35 AM

RO

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Robin - August 25, 2012 at 05:37 PM

 Teresa Green

“ Don an Jane. I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know Duane for very long. But it did not take long to see what a special gift from God he was. I love you both so much. Jane if you need a shoulder to cry on mine is always here for you. God bless and hold you both. Love Teresa

Teresa Green - August 25, 2012 at 12:38 PM

 Teresa Green

“ Teresa Green lit a candle in memory of Duane A. Waldrop



Teresa Green - August 25, 2012 at 12:34 PM

LS

“ Hello Waldrop Family,  
I was so sorry to hear of Duane's passing. Age 49 not enough years  
to be with Family and Friends. My memories of Duane are as kids  
playing in Mulliken.

Lisa Stevens  
2824 Sunnyknoll  
Berkley Mi 48072

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**Lisa Stevens** - August 25, 2012 at 07:51 AM

RR

“ Duane was the most thoughtful, kind-hearted guy anyone could have for a friend. Since 6th grade, he and I have been great friends and followed each other through the years. He was the only boyfriend I had in school and we hung-out all the time riding motor-cycles, delivering papers, swimming, and shared many memories together. I lived with Duane for a short time in the early 90's while attending MSU and came home to home cooked meals every night...and he was the most generous person in the world. He gave my two kids a Christmas they would have never had, took us boating, and fishing over the years, and never missed their graduation parties.

Duane was a care-giver to all of us. That's what pleased him the most...was to take care of the people he loved and because of this...Duane had a lot of friends in and out of his life. He use to tease me that his back problems were from moving me in and out of various apartments over the past 30 years, and indeed he did. He was always there for me and would drop everything to help and make my life easier.

Duane had few regrets, would tell you exactly the way it happened, wasn't afraid to die, and knew he lived his life to the fullest. Boy do have a few secrets too! Although, he didn't keep too many private, haha. And when he was on a roll...his tongue didn't stop. We called them "Duanisms" the jokes that only he could come up with.

I will always cherish each adventure we had and I hope he knows how much I will miss him in my life. He lived the crazy life, sometimes we lived it together, but he loved it...and most of all, he loved his family and friends. He would do anything for each of us, and I will always love him for that.

Robin, xxoo

Give Tina a hug for me...and I'll see you again one day!

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Robin Reed - August 24, 2012 at 02:59 PM

JB

“ *My love and prayers go out to you Janie and Don and also to all those touched by Duane's life. Grieving is a road. But you do not walk it alone.*

*In Christ, Jamie Bone*

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**Jamie Bone** - August 24, 2012 at 06:14 AM

MT

“ *Dear Jane and Duane I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. God Bless.*

*Monica Baker Thorn*

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**Monica Baker Thorn** - August 23, 2012 at 10:47 PM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Duane A. Waldrop*



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August 23, 2012 at 02:01 PM

SM

“ *Sandra McCarrick lit a candle in memory of Duane A. Waldrop*



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**Sandra McCarrick** - August 23, 2012 at 01:14 PM

MC

*Don, Jane and Family I'm so sorry for your loss, and we will keep you in our prayers. Mike and Connie Cairl Barryton, Michigan*

**Michael and Connie Cairl, Barryton, Mi.** - August 23, 2012 at 05:11 PM

JG

*Hi Jane and Don. Tom and I are very sorry for the loss of your son. May you know that family and friends are there to comfort you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Tom and Judy Godden. Mecosta, Michigan*

**Judy Godden** - August 24, 2012 at 12:35 PM



*“ I knew Duane in school and had since lost touch with him. I remember him as an always smiling gentle human being without a bad thing to say about anyone.  
God has taken one of the good ones from this place that's for sure.*

**Mike Morgan** - August 23, 2012 at 12:03 PM

JP

*“ Kaye:  
You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts during this difficult time. May your brother rest in peace and may his memories be eternal with all of you.*

**Jeff Pakutz** - August 23, 2012 at 11:26 AM

LM

“ Duane was one of the most amazing people I have ever met. He was like my other Dad and was so thoughtful and amazing towards me and my little Sis Shelby. Thank you for always being so sweet and always making me laugh and putting a smile on my face. I know you will be looking down on us and in our hearts. I am sad our time got shortened but i know I will see you again in heaven. I am so blessed that you were apart of my life and you will be forever missed, I love you so much Sweet Dreams Duane.  
Love, Lindsay

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Lindsay Murray - August 22, 2012 at 09:09 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



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Robin Reed - August 22, 2012 at 01:40 PM