



## Carl David Giles

July 26, 1936 - August 23, 2024

Carl David Giles, of Rogers City, Michigan, was last heard commenting on what a beautiful landscape God paints while looking out the window. Dave, as he was known by his friends and family, passed away while admiring that same landscape from his chair near the window.

Dave was born in 1936 in Petoskey, Michigan to Mary Jane Upton and Carl William Giles. They later moved to Detroit, Michigan where he was raised. After high school he enlisted in the United States Army during the Korean War and after he was honorably discharged went on to work at Western Electric and attended college at the University of Detroit where he studied education. While working at Western Electric he met his wife of 64 years, Margaret. After falling in love with Margaret from across the room they were later introduced, they courted and eventually married and proceeded to have 9 children. Dave loved God and his wife above all else. In service to his love of God he used his career in education to be a steward for the Faith as both a teacher and principal in the Catholic School for over 4 decades. His tenure included Our Lady Gate of Heaven, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, St. Mary's of Port Huron, St. Gemma's, and he retired from St. Ignatius of Loyola in Rogers City. Mr. Giles was a caring and inspiring educator. He won awards and even won a trip to Hawaii from his students voting for him as the best teacher! He made an impact that we all still hear about almost 30 years after he retired.

Dave was an artist. He loved to write and paint. He wrapped the most beautiful presents. He was a true Detroit sports fan but especially enjoyed watching the Detroit Red Wings. He was never one to turn down a game of penny-ante poker at a holiday gathering or a kiss from his wife. Dave lived a full life blessed with love and family. He will be missed deeply by those he leaves behind, including his wife Margaret and their children: Phillip Giles (Lisa), Margaret (Mimi) Giles Przybyla and her husband Kevin, David Giles and his wife Lashawnda, Mary Giles Kuzner and her husband David, Michael Giles and his wife Michelle, Norah Giles Domzalski and her husband Robert, Peter Giles, Carl Giles and his wife Shannon, and Jane Giles Longstaff and her husband Brian. His grandchildren: Adam Giles, Michael Delia (Becky Gertz), Em Giles (Gabby), Cailin (Mark) Brown, Erin (Mike) Moorehead, Natalie Jo Przybyla, Faith Giles, Harmony Giles, Hope Giles, Matthew Kuzner, Sarah (Devon) Amesse, Cassie Giles (Kurt Killiwald), Daniel Giles, Brian (Sofia) Domzalski, Kyle Domzalski, Ian Domzalski, Jake Domzalski, Lucas Giles, Delaney Giles, Carley Longstaff, and Finnegan Longstaff. His great-grandchildren: Maya Deliah, Abel Meloche, Elliott Brown, Amelia Brown, Riley Jane Amesse, Keanu Killiwald, Lana Killiwald, Drake Domzalski and baby Domzalski on the way.

Dave leaves behind his sisters: Mary McGowan, Susan (Larry) Hull, Rebecca (Ralph) Adams, Amy (Curt) Haggerty, and Barbara Giles-Lemon and many nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by his brother, Stephen Giles and his wife Joanne, brothers-in-law Ken Lemon, and Bud McGowan.

Please join us in celebrating his rich life on Friday, August 30, 2024. He will lie in state beginning at 9:30 am, until time of funeral Mass, 10:00 am at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak, Michigan. A visitation for friends and family will be held at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home also in Royal Oak on Thursday, August 29, 2024 from 2:00-8:00 pm with a Rosary Service at 7:00 pm. Memorial contributions to St. Paul of the Cross

Passionists, 23333 Schoolcraft Rd., Detroit 48223, Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, 1471 E. 12 Mile, Madison Heights 48071 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly Township, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 29.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Rosary

**AUG 29.** 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
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## Funeral Mass

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AUG 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica  
2100 W. 12 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

## Burial

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AUG 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery  
4200 Belford Road  
Holly Township, MI 48442

# Tribute Wall

CG

“ *Mr Giles was the absolute best teacher ever! We worked hard to get him recognized as Teacher of the Year of which he truly deserved. He was respected by the OLGH students and made a big difference in our lives. I'm fortunate to have been one of his students.*

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**Carol Grogg** - September 09, 2024 at 12:31 PM

KM

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I had Mr. Giles for science at Our Lady Gate of Heaven and he was the best teacher I ever had there. He kept his students engaged and I actually liked science because of him! My prayers go out to you 🙏*

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**Kathleen McCarthy** - September 05, 2024 at 10:02 AM

CS

“ *He was the best teacher ever! I remember him vividly and am so sorry to hear of his passing. Mr. Giles was what a teacher should be and he made a lasting impression on my life as well as many other OLGH students. My prayers for his family. Rest in the arms of Jesus.*

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**Carol Szalega** - September 04, 2024 at 09:54 PM

DL

“ *Mr. Giles made a lasting impact on a lot of us at Gate of Heaven. He was my favorite teacher. Prayers to his family and thank you for sharing him with us.*

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**Debbie Kostoff Louiselle** - September 03, 2024 at 09:19 PM

PK

“ *Such great memories of you at OLGH. Thank you for sharing your wisdom and patience. Rest in Peace, Mr Giles*

Paul Kuhn - September 03, 2024 at 08:44 PM

TC

“ *The Oehmke Cousins purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Carl David Giles.*



The Oehmke Cousins - August 29, 2024 at 05:30 PM

EL

“ *Elliott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl David Giles.*

Elliott - August 29, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carl David Giles.*



August 29, 2024 at 05:09 PM

CH

“ *Capuchin Soup Kitchen/J House purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Carl David Giles.*



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**Capuchin Soup Kitchen/J House** - August 29, 2024 at 09:43 AM

TF

“ *The Lantagne Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carl David Giles.*



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**The Lantagne Family** - August 29, 2024 at 05:52 AM

LL

“ *Love, Lisa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl David Giles.*

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**Love, Lisa** - August 28, 2024 at 07:22 PM

LL

“ *Love, Lisa purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Carl David Giles.*



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**Love, Lisa** - August 28, 2024 at 07:22 PM

PG

“ Peter Giles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl David Giles.

Peter Giles - August 28, 2024 at 05:17 AM

PG

“ Peter Giles purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Carl David Giles.



Peter Giles - August 28, 2024 at 05:17 AM

WO

“ Wolcotts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl David Giles.

Wolcotts - August 28, 2024 at 04:52 AM

WO

“ Wolcotts purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carl David Giles.



Wolcotts - August 28, 2024 at 04:52 AM

GA

“ Gina A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl David Giles.

Gina A. - August 27, 2024 at 06:49 PM

LF

“ Love Mary Jo & family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Carl David Giles.



Love Mary Jo & family - August 27, 2024 at 02:22 PM

PT

“ Proforward team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl David Giles.

Proforward team - August 27, 2024 at 12:28 PM

PT

“ Proforward team purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Carl David Giles.



Proforward team - August 27, 2024 at 12:28 PM

TM

“ Tim & Wendy Meloche purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Carl David Giles.



Tim & Wendy Meloche - August 27, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carl David Giles.



August 27, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ Beth C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl David Giles.

Beth C. - August 26, 2024 at 06:36 PM



“ Kevin & Dawn Hoppe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl David Giles.

Kevin & Dawn Hoppe - August 26, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ Kevin & Dawn Hoppe purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Carl David Giles.



Kevin & Dawn Hoppe - August 26, 2024 at 04:51 PM

JS

“ *Jon, Becca, Elijah, Evan, and Emma Stevens purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Carl David Giles.*



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**Jon, Becca, Elijah, Evan, and Emma Stevens** - August 26, 2024  
at 01:49 PM

LJ

“ *Love, Amber and Jason planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl David Giles.*

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**Love, Amber and Jason** - August 26, 2024 at 08:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl David Giles.*



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August 26, 2024 at 08:19 AM