



## Dale L. Hankey

April 24, 1950 - November 2, 2025

Dale L. Hankey, of Armada, passed away on November 2, 2025, at the age of 75.

Dale is the cherished husband for 41 years of Carol (nee Schmidt); the loving father of Ryan Hankey; the dear brother-in-law of George Schmidt; and the beloved brother of Pam Stellman and Kathy Sandlin. Dale is preceded in death by his mother Dorothy (nee Kemmerling) Naglik, and his brother, Ronnie Hankey.

Dale graduated from Roseville High School in 1968. Soon after, he proudly served his country in the United States Marines during the Vietnam War, through 1971. After coming home, he was a Police Officer in Detroit for 26 years. Once retiring from law enforcement, he found work as General Motors security supervisor and continued that work until the time of his passing. Dale had deep faith. He loved the Lord, and he loved his church family, Grace Lutheran Fellowship in Romeo. Dale loved sports, especially his Detroit teams: the Red Wings, Tigers, and Lions, U of M football, Go Blue! the Texas Rangers and Texas Longhorns football. He envied those who lived in Texas. He enjoyed baseball, hotdogs, apple pie, and Chevrolet. A quote from Dale "I thank God for every day that I can wake up and still smell the coffee." Dale will be greatly missed, and we will keep smelling the coffee for you.

Dale's family will receive friends for visitation on Thursday, November 6, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 7, from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. A funeral service will be held Grace Lutheran Fellowship, 7525 32 Mile Road, Romeo, on Saturday, November 8, instate from 10:30 a.m. until the time of his service at 11:00 a.m. Interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery, Clinton Township. Memorials are appreciated to Grace Lutheran Fellowship, or the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306 <https://t2t.org/donate/>. Please share a story of Dale or leave a tribute at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery

38425 Garfield Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317

## Visitation

NOV 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317

## Instate At Church

NOV 8. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Lutheran Fellowship  
7525 32 Mile Rd.  
Romeo, MI 48065

## Funeral Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Lutheran Fellowship  
7525 32 Mile Rd.  
Romeo, MI 48065

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Jennifer Thomas & Joe purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dale L. Hankey.



Jennifer Thomas & Joe - November 07, 2025 at 04:01 PM

Profile icon

“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dale L. Hankey.



November 07, 2025 at 12:21 PM

BR

“ BRANDON & LEW @ INDEPENDENCE AUTO REPAIR planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dale L. Hankey.

BRANDON & LEW @ INDEPENDENCE AUTO REPAIR - November 07, 2025 at 12:21 PM

MK

“ Dale an I worked together at the Renaissance Center in Detroit as Security Officers. We sat next to each other at roll call, often talking about his long drive in from Armada where he lived. His love for deer hunting, his dogs, and often spoke of his family and "The Job" we often jabbed at each other as he was a big Michigan fan, and I was for Michigan State. We had mutual respect for each other as we both retired from a Police Department. We had a lot of fun times working together. Dale, please rest in eternal peace with God's love and mercy upon you..... you will be missed.... 🥹🥲🙏🏻✝️❤️💙💔🚓👮🚒🚑

Mark Kaltz - November 07, 2025 at 08:15 AM

Profile icon

“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale L. Hankey.



November 06, 2025 at 10:11 AM

PN

“ Pam & Kathy, nieces & nephews purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Dale L. Hankey.



Pam & Kathy, nieces & nephews - November 06, 2025 at 09:33 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Dale L. Hankey.



November 05, 2025 at 08:22 PM

FM

“ Frank and Paula Moon purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dale L. Hankey.



Frank and Paula Moon - November 05, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Dale L. Hankey.



November 05, 2025 at 06:28 AM

NT

“ Norm and Tracy purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Dale L. Hankey.



Norm and Tracy - November 05, 2025 at 04:08 AM

SF

“ Sincerely, Sean & The Walker Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dale L. Hankey.



Sincerely, Sean & The Walker Family - November 04, 2025 at 05:29 PM

MM

“ M.A & M.S purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Dale L. Hankey.



M.A & M.S - November 04, 2025 at 04:02 PM

TF

“ The Trouba Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dale L. Hankey.



The Trouba Family - November 04, 2025 at 01:20 PM

MG

“ I can honestly say Dale was my favorite Supervisor we talked pretty much every day while I was training for supervisor and afterwards. As an officer whenever he needed me to do something he would call me to the office and he would say my favorite officer and I would say what do you want Dale and he would just laugh and say you're my favorite for real. Dale was extremely dedicated I only known him to be late only about 2 times due to extreme weather conditions. He will be greatly missed. officer Mary Gatlin

Mary Gatlin - November 04, 2025 at 01:04 PM

DF

“ Deepest Sympathies, The Rains Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dale L. Hankey.



Deepest Sympathies, The Rains Family - November 03, 2025 at 05:29 PM