



David Harold Burney

November 25, 1936 - January 28, 2013

David Harold Burney went to his forever home January 28th, 2013 at the age of seventy-six and what a memory filled life he had! Born on November 25th, 1936 to proud parents Harold and Ann. He, being the oldest, was soon followed by Phillip and Ann. He was married for fifty-five years to his sweetheart Elaine, had three lively boys, David, Kevin and Brian, two daughters-in-love Lynnet and Cheryl and a small bushel of adoring grandchildren, Rachel, Job, Nathan, Kimberly, Andrew and Rebekah. Of course there are many more branches to his family tree, on which he kept meticulous records of, expanding it to an umbrella-like covering of many. He loved people and wanted all those even loosely associated to him to be a part of his big family. There are so many special facets to Dave that seems it would take a year to contemplate them all. So, on that theme, we will reminisce about him season by season. Starting with summer, you would be sure to catch Dave watching every Detroit Tigers game sitting in his classic and comfy recliner, remote at the ready. Another summer favorite was dragging out his reliable folding camping chair to observe those classic cars at the annual Woodward Dream Cruise. Maybe Woodward was extra special to him because he met the love of his life, Elaine, at the old Totem Pole Drive Inn that attracted many a Cruiser back in the day. Fall, the classic back-to-school month, reminds us of the teacher in Dave as he and his wife Elaine co-taught the GEMS Class, a Special Needs Sunday School at Auburn Hills Christian Center where they are long-time members. Dave loved food, and in his younger days might have been titled the Buffet King! One of the first things on his plate was sure to be shrimp if available. He also had the curious habit of cutting portions of food in half. If you were to spot a half slice of pizza, you were sure it was Dave that had that other half! In Winter Dave was involved in the many "lounging sports" that was available to him in the comfort of his home. One of those was "Intense Television Viewing" where, using his trusty cable remote, he would relish a good movie or a grueling wrestling match, a personal favorite. Another was "Computer Games Marathon" where he'd keep busy planning the rise and fall of nations or just relaxing with a quick game of miniature golf. There was many a night his poor wife tried to drag him to bed! Spring brought Dave back out into the sunshine to tend to his lovely flower and vegetable gardens. He truly had a green thumb having saved many a plant that others had thought were beyond hope. His secret technique was actually loving

attention, literally talking them back to good health. His vegetable specialties were snap peas and lettuce and were appreciated by many! Dave was brought up working with wood as his grandfather was a carpenter, so the fresh weather lead Dave to woodworking that was in his blood. He would actually dream of designs for projects he was working on. Oh, and Liquid Nails was one of his best friends! As you can see, Dave led a full, beautiful and loving life and was certainly a "man for all seasons". He will be sorely and dearly missed. Memorial visitation Saturday 12 noon until the time of the memorial service 4 p.m. at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 E 14 Mile Road, Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Auburn Hills Christian Center - GEMS Class, 2592 E Walton Blvd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326 are appreciated. Tears A shadow of grief

lingers close, too close

It's darkened fingers

choke my emotions, my heart

my soul

You have left me

And I cry tears My head swirling with

confetti images

of you

Pretty candy colored paintings

of happy moments

to come no more

And I cry blue tears My faith, my hope, my joy

these three we shared, my comfort now

On the other side is Home

The Ethereal Eternity

where we will meet again

together forever

And I cry beautiful blue tears Cheryl C. Burney

2013

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Today we celebrate your life. Through laughter and tears, shared stories and memories. Sorrow and joy will be there hand in hand as we honor your life. The family will all be together, Dad. You would LOVE that!! We will miss you. But one day soon, the family will all be together again. And on that Great Day, the party's gonna go on and on!

Lynnet Burney - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Brian and Family

Paul Goeddeke - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ My prayers are with you and your Family at this time...may God hold you all in his hands!

Terry Roos - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ We send our love and condolences to Brian and the entire Burney family on the tragic loss of Mr. Dave Burney. We didn't have the opportunity to know Mr. Burney well, but what we did know from our brief time together was he was a very kind, funny and spiritual man. We see his goodness passed down to his son Brian, whom we do know and love very much. May God bless you all, you are, and will continue to be in our prayers.

Gloria & Christine Koja - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ But I think that dad would rather learn about it and do it himself to save a buck or two...he pulled out his forced air furnace and put in a hot water heating system in our home with a neighbor who was doing his. Most people would have just added room to the kitchen but not my dad he dug with help from brother in laws Conrad and Greg an addition to be basement; this is known today as my MAN CAVE or workroom. I would tell my dad of what I wanted to do around the house and my dad would dream that night of how it should be done, then he would write down plans; we sometimes would plan parties around the project and feast afterwards. My dad was a proud owner of a built in pool and would like to lounge in it every day and showed me every aspect in pool repairs But if you were his son you were the best thing since sliced bread in his and my mom's eyes To this day I will not see a 2X4 or a pool and not think of my dad.

Brian Burney - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Many who knew my dad have stories to tell, most will make you chuckle ... If you do not know one ask someone who spent time with him. To understand my dad you must understand a Burney 1'st, a Burney in a relaxed state will talk 1'st then find the facts later, usually someone will point them out later. My dad would have a story about anything ... most were true or had a generalized truth to them. One focuses around a recurve bow in my bedroom as a decoration cabin atmosphere Story goes ... Dad said he was at the archery range and met Fred Bear who let him shoot with his bow; he said he shot so well with it that it should stay with him. Dad knew many people and always had a contact or two for almost anything that needed to be done, probably from his insurance salesman days.

Brian Burney - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I would like to send thoughts and prayers to you all. May you all find comfort in our heavenly Father and I pray that He give you the strength you need at this time.

Audrey Bonnell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Sherri and I would like to share our condolences for the family's loss of this great man again.

Pete and Sherri Realy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ my heart-felt condolences go out to a truly wonderful family on the passing of Mr. Burney. so many memories are flooding back of all the times I spent over the house and how he accepted me in as one of his own, even when I didn't deserve it.

Pete Realy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Burney Sr., Please know that you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Matt & Lori Morse - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ Even though we never met Dave Sr, we love Dave Jr. and Lynnet and the children. Our sympathies are with the whole family. May he rest in peace, and rise in Glory.

Wayne and Cher© Lowery - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We are sorry for the loss of Dave Sr., but he has transcended this life to a better one with Jesus Christ. We pray for the family that he left behind.

Dan & Ellen Boda - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Dear Elaine, We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved husband. Know that we are praying for you and your family during this sad time. The "God of all comfort" is with you. We send our love, Pastor Tony and Dianne Hall

Dianne - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM