



David Garden

December 6, 1942 - August 6, 2020

Garden, David Ernest

Age 77, August 6, 2020

Beloved husband of Cheryl for 55 years.

Loving dad of Laurel (Edward) Mervich, David Scott (Kathleen) and Douglas (Brandi). Proud grandfather of Charles Conrad, Brittany Olivia, Brendan Lee, Ian Zebadiah, David Sebastian, Emily Rose the late William Robert and Alice. Dear brother of Dennis (Kathleen) and the late Sandra Willoughby. Uncle of Tracie Strand, Jonathan Sanders, Kimberly Carney and Ashley Garden.

David was a proud Army Veteran who served during the Vietnam era. He was also very proud to be a Lakeview teacher and coach; youth director at Trinity Lutheran Church in Utica; and a Boy Scout Leader. He was always helping the youth of his community.

Visitation Tuesday 3-8 pm at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica. Instate Wednesday 9 am until time of the funeral service 10:30 am at Trinity Lutheran Church 45160 Van Dyke, Utica. Due to COVID-19, and in accordance with CDC recommendations and the Governor's Executive Orders, please be advised that the funeral home is limited to 10 people in the visitation room at any given time. Also, masks are required to enter the building. The funeral service at Trinity will be livestreamed and the link can be found here:

Interment 2 pm at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly Michigan.

Memorials appreciated to Trinity Lutheran Church, Utica.

Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 12. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Burial

AUG **12**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of David Garden*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - August 12, 2020 at 09:39 AM

KV

“ *Mr. Garden will be missed indeed. What an infectious smile he had that I will never forget. A kind and beautiful soul. He was my first Coach!*

He had a way of making me feel special and I will always treasure that memory!

My thoughts, and prayers are with you all, Garden Family and Friends.

Time heals all. Peace be with you.

Kristin Vaccaro - August 11, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of David Garden.*



August 11, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Garden.*



August 11, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ **FAITH-FAMILY-FRIENDS**

*These three things were very important to Dave.
His love for God was very evident. He had a personal relationship with God and his strong faith carried him through life.
His love for his family - how very proud he was of every one of you.
His love for his friends - Dave was a big man with an even bigger heart. He was always interested in what was going on at the farm.
He was very proud of his Canadian farm roots. We all looked forward to the summer visits from our American cousin. We enjoyed reminiscing with him about his youth spent here. We will miss his witty sense of humour, infectious laugh, and his even bigger BEAR HUGS!
We are proud of the way he fought the fight and he stayed as long as he could but now his suffering and pain are over.
You will never be forgotten by your Canadian cousins.
The Smith Family*

Smith Family - August 10, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of David Garden.*



August 10, 2020 at 02:22 PM

UP

“ *US Border Patrol purchased the Pretty Please for the family of David Garden.*



US Border Patrol - August 10, 2020 at 12:11 PM

HS

“ *Herb S. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Garden.*



Herb S. - August 10, 2020 at 09:07 AM



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



August 09, 2020 at 05:30 PM

JP

“ *Dave was one of the finest men I have ever had the honor to know. I am shaken by this loss to the world. John Petrel*

John Petrel - August 08, 2020 at 10:21 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David Garden.*



August 08, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *Marcella, Joan, Bernie, Karen, Rob, Natalie & Nate purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Garden.*



Marcella, Joan, Bernie, Karen, Rob, Natalie & Nate - August 08, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Garden.*



August 08, 2020 at 02:16 PM



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



August 08, 2020 at 12:27 PM

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“ I offer my sincere condolences to the Garden family. He was always very friendly and helpful. I coached at JMS/Lakeview for many years and my neices and newpews were some of his students. My prayers are extended to the family and friends of David, he will be missed.

Nancy O'Keefe - August 08, 2020 at 12:04 PM

CV

“ God bless u in peace

From Christine Vigneau

Christine Vigneau - August 08, 2020 at 09:58 AM

SS

“ Dave was a great neighbor while living on Pickett Ridge Rd. We had many good times with he and wife Cheryl. Condolences go out to the entire Garden Family.

Sharleen Schumacher - August 08, 2020 at 07:23 AM

JT

“ Dave was a wonderful teacher and coach at Lakeview. I have fond memories of him as he was always helpful to the students and his fellow teachers. He will be missed ❤️. RIP Dave.

Jodi Thompson - August 07, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David Garden.*



August 07, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ *Dave was a very nice and was always a happy man. He always great you with a smile even at the Wednesday night wow bible studys at Trinity Utica. My condolences and prayers goes out to the friends and family*

*From
Steve and Christine Vigneau*

Steve Vigneau - August 07, 2020 at 11:05 PM



“ *My condolences to Dave's family. He was a special man and a good co-worker. RIP. Shirley Swan*

Shirley Swan - August 07, 2020 at 10:37 PM



“ *Never in a bad mood, Dave and I had a great deal of fun playing very bad golf together for years. I will miss his great demeanor and approach to giving whatever he could, whenever he could. Hugs, Cheryl. Terry Mullen*

Terry Mullen - August 07, 2020 at 10:02 PM

KS

“ Coach Garden was a great coach. My dad played football with him at Denby High School in Detroit and they were on the same team that won the Good Fellow Game at Briggs Stadium (Tiger Stadium) in 1960. Wishing his wife and family peace during this difficult time.

Respectfully,
Ken Smylie (Lakeview Class of '83)

Ken Smylie - August 07, 2020 at 09:27 PM

PB

“ Patricia Babat lit a candle in memory of David Garden



patricia babat - August 07, 2020 at 09:03 PM

MB

“ Who will ever forget the rich and full-of-life voice of Dave encouraging others to: 'FIRE UP'. He was a good friend and will be missed by all who knew him. Margaret Backstrand

Margaret Backstrand - August 07, 2020 at 08:43 PM

RD

“ Great football coach. Coach Garden was my coach at Ottawa Junior High and then at Lakeview

Class act who taught us young guys. RIP.

rick dibartolomeo - August 07, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of David Garden.* ”



August 07, 2020 at 07:39 PM