



## David Allan Laverdiere

June 3, 1952 - September 16, 2021

David Allan Laverdiere, Major (Ret.), age 69, passed away September 16, 2021. He was born on June 3, 1952 in Detroit to David and Helen Laverdiere. David earned two Bachelor's degrees and three Master's degrees. He had completed all but his dissertation for his Ph.D. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army for over 25 years. His military career began as an enlisted man, NCO, Chief Warrant Officer, Commissioned Officer (Major). He served in the Signal Corps, Armor and Aviation and earned specialty designation as Master Army Aviator and Instructor.

Beloved husband of Grace Laverdiere. The couple was married on March 2, 1985 in Bloomfield Hills. Proud father of Zachary Laverdiere. Loving son of David and Helen (Bea) Laverdiere. Dear brother of Nancy (Mike) Levy, Judie Laverdiere, Karen (Derek) Laverdiere, and brother-in-law to Al (Marilyn) Levett. David is a cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 2:30 until the time of service at 4:30 on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak.

Interment with military honors rendered by the U.S. Army will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery (see below for directions) on Wednesday, September 22, at 10:30 am.

An informal Shiva will be held at the Laverdiere home on Wednesday and Thursday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Assoc., or a charity of your choice.

Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

### Service Details

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 from 2:30- 4:30 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. The service will immediately follow visitation. Plans for dinner following service will be provided at the service. An informal Shiva will be held at the Laverdiere home on Wednesday and Thursday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery  
4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

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Holly Township, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 21. 2:30 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/>

## Funeral Service

SEP 21. 4:30 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
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Royal Oak, MI 48067  
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## **Military Committal Service**

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SEP **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## **Shiva**

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SEP **22**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Laverdiere Residence

## **Shiva**

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SEP **23**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Laverdiere Residence

# Tribute Wall



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



**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - September 21, 2021 at 03:51 PM

SC

*Beautiful tribute*

**Sharon carter** - September 21, 2021 at 11:20 PM

CC

*What loving tributes from you and Zachary and the family, and the love you have for each other. Thank you for allowing everyone who cannot be there to share.....from far away in England, much love, Carole x*

**Carole Constad** - September 22, 2021 at 05:34 AM

TS

*Grace and Zachary - We just found out today of Dave's passing and are very sad. Dave was a great friend and he has been in our prayers all of these years. I will miss our lunches together. We became friends because as Dave put it, "I am always looking to expand my circle of friends." That says it all about Dave. We are glad we got to see Dave and you both up at the lake, where you were most gracious hosts, as always. Our sincere condolences.*

*LTC (Ret) Tom and Debbie Svisco*

**Thomas Svisco** - October 26, 2021 at 11:16 PM

MB

*Grace and Zak, I am so sorry to hear about Daves passing. He was a good friend, and he will be missed very much. He and Connie can visit in Heaven. She passed away on 6 October. Mel*

Melvin A Bauman - December 15, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of David Allan Laverdiere.*



October 01, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ *Grace Laverdiere lit a candle in memory of David Allan Laverdiere*



Grace Laverdiere - September 26, 2021 at 01:52 PM

CC

“ I met David and Grace on their honeymoon on a wonderful Hawaiian cruise.....My late husband also David, and I were there to celebrate our silver wedding.....25 years of marriage. They were a delightful young, in love couple. David was always a source of interesting and emotive conversation, which I loved..We have kept in touch all the years since then, and I treasured the friendship .....even though I live in England. Grace has been a strong and caring support for all the many years she has endured all that David has been through and she has been a tower of strength. My love to you dear Grace, and condolences for you and Zach for the loss of a very special person.....Carole in UK.

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**Carole Conrad** - September 21, 2021 at 01:22 PM

DW

“ I knew Dave from our time in the 70th Division. So very sad to hear of his passing.. He was a well regarded Army Aviator, a good officer, a knowledgeable and dedicated soldier.....and an all around good person who was a pleasure to know and to work with. My sincere condolences to his family.

*Dennis Wallace*

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**Dennis Wallace** - September 21, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ I was blessed to have met and worked with David at Allison Transmission. After I retired I was able to work with David an additional 6 years consulting at the Detroit Arsenal. David was committed to the end user of new technologies and always put the young men and women war fighters first. We had great breakfasts and lunches together in Warren, Mi. He will be missed for his professionalism and friend. One of America's best.

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**Dave Sagers** - September 21, 2021 at 09:48 AM

JG

“ I am so sad to hear of David's passing. Even though my family left Michigan a long time ago, we visited Michigan many times over the years. I remember Dave's stories and sense of humor and was glad we had a lunch with Grace, Judie and Dave this last June. With deepest condolences to all my cousins,

*Janet Garzia*

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**Janet Garzia** - September 20, 2021 at 07:38 PM

HM

“ Grace, Zachary and Dave's entire family:  
Diane and I are so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Please accept our sincere condolences.  
Dave was a good friend!! From our professional days at Radian to our post-Radian days of lunches, conversations at AUSA and NDIA events, and other encounters in the community, he always took the time to ask about me and my family and send his greetings to Diane. Simply put, in addition to being a consummate professional, Dave was a very caring person. We will miss him!  
COL (Ret) Sandy & Diane McLeod

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**Hugh "Sandy" McLeod** - September 20, 2021 at 03:13 PM

RT

“ I worked with Dave at Allison Transmission. He was always very friendly and willing to share his knowledge, always trying to do what he thought was best for the company - A true Team Player! While he apparently struggled with his health for years, he never complained. He will be missed by many! RIP!  
- Rich Thies

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**Richard Thies** - September 20, 2021 at 09:43 AM

BH

“ Dave was one of my first friends. Our mothers had met as WWII Navy Anchorettes. Bea and Effie and eight other Anchorettes continued their relationship after the war and got together on a regular basis . Their friendship had blossomed by the time Dave and I were born. The group was so tight that we eventually referred to each other's parents as our Aunt and Uncle. So it was my Aunt Bea and Uncle Dave, and David by extension was my cousin.

When we were small our mothers, I am told, wanted us to go on a horseback ride for kids. I refused. Dave didn't hesitate. When we were older, I'll always remember him as the leader of the many kid excursions we took at our annual Bloomer State Park picnic. Down the long flight of stairs to the river, and then on to the waterfall and eventually all the way to the railroad tracks. The challenge was to see how far we could get away from the adults. Dave the daredevil, always wanted to press on to test our limits.

At our last high school reunion, he was the first in the room to approach me and put me at ease. He was that kind of guy. Always upbeat. Genuine. A class act. This world is lonelier without him. I am so sad he is gone. My heartfelt condolences to all the Laverdieres. Thank you for your friendship for so many years.

*Bob Hartrick Class of 70*

*Bob@Hartrick.com*

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**Bob Hartrick** - September 20, 2021 at 02:13 AM

JG

“ We are so saddened to hear of David's passing. Even though he battled cancer for many years he was always so positive in his outlook! We always looked forward to his Christmas letter updates and he will be truly missed. Many good memories are coming to light when our families grew up in the Detroit area. Our condolences to Grace, Zach, Nancy, Judie, Karen and all extended family.

Love,

*John and Janet Garzia*

*276 Sugar Hollow Road  
Hendersonville, NC 28739  
jbgarzia@gmail.com*

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**John Garzia** - September 18, 2021 at 08:36 AM

JL

“ September 17, 2021  
c.c to family  
Good Day Everyone,

*I learned of David Allan Laverdiere's passing this morning, another member of the Laverdieres that I didn't know existed. I am Joseph Johnson eldest son of Judith (Judy) Laverdiere Johnson, Judy was the eldest daughter of Vincent Victor Laverdiere aka Gonzalez of the Barrie Area of Ontario Canada.*

*I would like to offer my sincere condolences, I surely understand the feeling of despair the immediate and extended family must be experiencing at this time because my Mother Judy passed away in her sleep in 1985 in VanKleek Hill Ontario.*

*Joseph C. for Collier Johnson  
Brockville Ontario Canada  
Joeon29@gmail.com*



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**Joseph Johnson son of Judith Laverdiere** - September 17, 2021 at 06:38 PM

TD

“ *I only knew David for a few years. We shared stories from his military days over coffee and breakfast on Sunday morning with close friends. His brave battle with cancer is over. He will be missed. Rest in peace David.*

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**Thomas DeMan** - September 17, 2021 at 10:15 AM

BO

“ *Dave was a great neighbor here in Gladwin, always seem to have a positive outlook. Our condolences to Grace & Zack and the rest of his family.*

*Sincerely Bones, Karen, & Bobby*

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**Bones** - September 16, 2021 at 09:55 PM



*Thank you. I hope that Bones is feeling better. I'm not sure when we will be back upnorth. Probably not for a while. It will be quite an adjustment. You are great neighbors, too.*

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**Grace Laverdiere** - September 17, 2021 at 09:09 PM

MF

“ *Dave and I served at the 70th Division. We both liked to play jokes on unsuspecting soldiers. One time he put a plastic cock roach and taped it to the phone to Sergeant Majors phone then he called that phone (old fashion land line old days) and watched him pick up. Sergeant Major screamed like a little girl and ran out of the room lol! We almost pee ourselves laughing. He was such a hard working, fun person! He will be missed! R.I.P. Dave and fly high forever with your permanent wings!!!!*

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**Michele Fletcher** - September 16, 2021 at 04:27 PM

JL

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**judie Laverdiere** - September 16, 2021 at 04:16 PM