



## Dennis Champine

September 22, 1949 - July 5, 2020

Dennis P. Champine, of Macomb, passed away on July 5, 2020 at the age of 70. Dennis is the cherished husband of 48 years of Karen (nee Bedwell); the loving father of Christy (Kenneth) Hintz, Kevin (Apryl) Champine, and Cynthia (John) Williams; the beloved grandfather of Allyson (Diego), Kaylie, Kayla (Ashley), Dylan, and Morgan; and dear great-grandfather of Jaxon, with two more on the way; the loving brother of Donald Champine, Peggy Sanders, the late Raymond Champine, the late Leon Champine, the late Carole Albrecht, and the late Frank Champine. Dennis had a strong faith and loved the Lord. He also was a family man and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Dennis proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He spent time making birdhouses and tending to his flowers. Dennis enjoyed eating Michigan Strawberries. Any free time Dennis enjoyed spending time on the water when he was able.

Dennis' family will receive friends on Wednesday from 2-8 pm at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. Due to the current gathering restrictions in place, the funeral home is currently allowing 10 guests to pay their respects at a time with his family. The family asks for your patience if you have to wait. As you visit, please be mindful that others may be waiting to pay their respects. The funeral home is encouraging all guests to wear a mask in their facility. A funeral service will be held on Thursday 11 am at Utica United Methodist Church, 8650 Canal Road,

Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Memorials are appreciated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; [www.stjude.org/tribute](http://www.stjude.org/tribute)

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUL 8. 2:00 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

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Utica United Methodist Church  
8650 Canal Rd.  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Dave B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dennis Champine.*



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**Dave B.** - July 10, 2020 at 01:20 PM

JA

“ *What a loss of such an amazing person that brought so much happiness to everyone he came into contact with. My wife Alyssa and I send our thoughts and prayers to Aunt Karen, Cindy, Kevin, Christie and everyone suffering from this loss. I am so thankful that Uncle Dennis is out of his pain and suffering and has his new body in heaven. He is now reunited with all of the family and friends that have gone before him in the faith.*

*I will forever look up to him as a person that led a faith-based life and was a truly devout believer. He set the example for all of us on what it means to be a Christian despite going through some really bad things in life. On the contrary, those things just made his faith stronger. I'll never forget all the jokes from him and Uncle Fran, two of the funniest people I've ever met, especially when they were together. They were each other's best friends and now they are reunited again. I am looking forward to the day when I see you both and their sister, my grandma Carole again. Love you guys always.*

*Jordon & Alyssa Albrecht*

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**Jordon Albrecht** - July 08, 2020 at 03:52 PM

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“ *Andrea purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dennis Champine.*



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**Andrea** - July 08, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Champine.*



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July 08, 2020 at 11:31 AM

LG

“ *What a great husband, father, grandpa, Dennis was an amazing man, he will be missed, he is in such a better place now, no more pain and suffering. My heart hurts that he is gone for all of you, another Champine Angel watching over all of you!!*



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**Lori Groppi** - July 07, 2020 at 07:42 PM

RT

“ I’ve known Dennis for forty three years. We worked together for thirty four of those years. He had such a wonderful dry sense of humor. Him and I would tell the same old corny jokes over and over again to anyone who would listen Dennis had a very strong faith and we would have some very deep conversations about our beliefs sitting out on the dock at work.

When times were slow we would sneak into the wood shop and work on his latest version of what he called “the worlds best birdhouse. Dennis actually worked with my father and my son, as we are a three generation family of workers at General Dynamics. Our family will truly miss Dennis, he was definitely one of the best people I ever worked with. He was a good friend.

Rest In Peace my Friend,  
Ray Thompson

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Ray Thompson - July 07, 2020 at 05:39 PM

PS

“ As kids, Den was 5 yrs. older than me, so him and Fran was always with each other, they seldom had me around, cuz I was spoiled, they use to say. Some fond memories of him are when we use to live on the farm. Seems like we were always outside, playing in the barn, or grainery. we had a dogs, rabbits and chickens, they didn’t like all the chores that went with all those! Of course, I was not helping them, cuz I was spoiled! I really don’t remember fighting or arguing with him, he had a big heart even then. I guess my best memories would be as an adult, maybe cuz I remember more. The best description is we we’re ALL TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL! A huge whole has been made, but will be filled up agin when I get there!  
Love and prayers to all!

Peg

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peggy sanders - July 07, 2020 at 03:45 PM

DB

*Hi Peg, I am so sorry that I couldn't make the funeral service, but I just wanted to let you know that I have been thinking about you and your family ever since I heard about the loss of your brother. I know what you mean about a huge whole. I lost my brother, Jim when he was only 57 years old and I still miss him. He was nine years older than me, but we were really close. I know that we will get to see both them again in God's kingdom, along with our parents and other loved ones we have lost through the years. I always remember Dennis as being nothing but a very kind and welcoming person. I'm sure he will be missed by everyone.*

*God bless you and your family through these trying days.*

*Wow...It has been a long time!*

*Love and miss you, Dave*

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**Dave Brandtner** - July 10, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Champine.



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July 07, 2020 at 12:57 PM

KA

“ Some of my great memories of Dennis were at family gatherings with Dennis and Fran playing and joking around. As we all got older I did not see a lot of Dennis but I do remember him as a good man with love for his family.

*My heart goes out to his wife, Karen and family.*

*You will be missed cousin.*

*With love from your cousin, Karen*

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**Karen Aleman** - July 07, 2020 at 11:32 AM

TD

“ Uncle Dennis was a kind gentle man with a heart of gold. He loved with all of his heart & will truly be missed by all. -Sending love & support to my dear cousins, his children that he held so close to his heart & instilled the same sweet & caring nature, Christy, Kevin & Cyndi. To all of his beautiful grandchildren he was so very proud of & loved to his core. To my Aunt Peg & Uncle Don, his siblings that meant the world to him, I love you all! He was the perfect example of a family man & nothing brought more joy to him than his family. No words can define what he meant to those fortunate & blessed to call him Dad, Grandpa, Brother, Uncle, Cousin & Friend. We love you Dennis & will always remember your love and the positive impact you have made in us all.

Tina Duvall

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Tina Duvall - July 07, 2020 at 11:06 AM



*And last but not least my aunt karen!! Oh my goodness..they had such a bond & beautiful relationship. It goes without saying how much love was shared & why they have such great kids:) I love u guys*

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Tina Duvall - August 01, 2020 at 10:03 AM



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Tina Duvall - August 01, 2020 at 10:04 AM