



## Dennis Randall Cross

March 27, 1949 - August 31, 2024

Dennis Randall Cross, 75, of Hazel Park, Michigan, passed away on August 31, 2024. Born in Detroit, Michigan, Dennis lived a life full of service, skill, and an unyielding sense of humor that brightened the lives of those around him. Dennis served his country proudly in the Vietnam War as a United States Army Airborne Navigation Repairman from 1968 to 1971. After his military service, he dedicated his talents to the Hazel Park School District, where he worked as a custodian. His expertise in carpentry and mechanical skills helped maintain multiple school buildings and grounds. He also contributed to his community by serving on the Code Enforcement Board for the city of Hazel Park in the mid-90s.

Dennis is survived by his siblings, Wayne Cross and Sharlene Cannon; his ex-wife, Eileen Dixon; his children, Jesse Cross (Alicia), Billie Hilliard (Jerry), and Heidi Carl (Jeff); his grandchildren, Amber Phibbs-Carl, Jaclyn DeAngelis-Carl, Deegan Hilliard, Jacob Cross, Scarlett Cross, and Flynn Cross; and four great-grandchildren.

In his spare time, Dennis could often be found working on carpentry projects, from building decks for neighbors and family to home expansion and kitchen upgrades. He also had a knack for auto repair and a deep interest in electrical engineering. Dennis found joy in the odd and unique aspects of life, and his passion for humor and silliness was a defining trait that brought smiles to all who knew him.

At Dennis's request, a celebration memorial is planned for Sunday, October

27 at the Shelby West Activity Center located at 12277 Conservation Trail, Shelby Twp, MI 48315. Doors open at 1pm, the memorial service will begin at 2pm with food & refreshments before and after the service. This will be a casual event. His family plans to scatter his ashes in Key West in the future, fulfilling his final wish.

Dennis will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

In lieu of flowers, his family appreciates memorials to: Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516,

Topeka, Kansas 6675-8516. [woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org) ~ OR ~ his family travel expenses

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life gathering

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shelby West Activity Center  
12277 Conservation Trail  
Shelby Township, MI 48315

## Celebration of Life Service

OCT **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *I love you papa and I miss you so much already. I'm going to miss your hugs. You're one of the greatest losses in my world, and one of heavens greatest angels...my only regret is not telling you more how much I love you...*

*Love,  
Scooter*

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**Amber Phibbs** - September 03, 2024 at 08:43 PM

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“ *So sorry he is gone - fond memories of how he used to make my mom laugh. Thinking of all of you Cross family.*

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**Wendy Lipka** - September 03, 2024 at 03:49 PM