



## Dick Messer

January 15, 1943 - May 1, 2024

Dick Messer, a beloved resident of Sterling Heights, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, in Clinton Township, Michigan, at the age of 81. He was born in London, Kentucky, to the late Sanford Messer and Mattie Shepherd.

Dick was a proud US Navy Veteran who served his country with honor and dedication. His commitment to service extended beyond his military years, as he devoted 36 years of his life to Ford Motor Company at the Sterling Heights Axle Plant before retiring. His work ethic was matched only by his loyalty to his family and his passions in life.

Among those passions, fishing held a special place in Dick's heart. There was nothing he enjoyed more than casting a line and spending peaceful hours on the water, surrounded by nature's beauty. His love for the outdoors was rivaled only by his affection for his canine companions, who were constant sources of joy and companionship.

However, perhaps Dick's greatest joy came from spending time with his grandchildren. He cherished every moment with them, watching them grow, laugh, and thrive. His love and guidance will forever remain a cherished part of their lives.

Dick is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Arlean (nee Canada) Messer, his devoted daughter Lucy (Bill) McLaughlin, and his adoring grandchildren Brett (Emily Trojanowski) McLaughlin, Devin (Bailey Sandri) McLaughlin, and Logan McLaughlin. He is also remembered fondly by his sister, Wanda Callely, and the memories of his late siblings Janice Messer and Billie Cofer.

Family and Friends will gather to celebrate Dick's life with a gathering and memorial service on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Rd. (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica from 3 pm until time of the service at 5 pm.

In memory of Dick Messer family request donations to Michigan Humane Society 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org) or Any Veteran's Organization.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Gathering

MAY 11. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
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### Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Kim, Chase, Zack, Evan & Jerry too purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dick Messer.



Kim, Chase, Zack, Evan & Jerry too - May 10, 2024 at 01:27 PM

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“ From the Archie Canada family. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Dick Messer.



From the Archie Canada family. - May 10, 2024 at 12:20 PM

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“ From Brett and Emily purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dick Messer.



From Brett and Emily - May 06, 2024 at 08:08 PM

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“ From Brett and Emily planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dick Messer.

From Brett and Emily - May 06, 2024 at 08:08 PM



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



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May 06, 2024 at 07:32 PM



“ *Wanda & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dick Messer.*



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**Wanda & Family** - May 03, 2024 at 05:40 PM