



Duane Roy Mersino

April 26, 1945 - November 14, 2021

Duane Roy Mersino, age 76, a longtime resident of Clinton Township, passed away at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital on November 14, 2021. Duane was born in Pontiac, Michigan to Egbert and Lila Mersino. Duane married the love of his life, Diana DeLuca on October 23rd, 1976 in Frankenmuth, Michigan. He is the cherished husband of Diana; the loving father of Dawn (Bill) Fritz, Brian Marvin, and Jeff (Lisa Samerdyke) Marvin; the treasured grandfather of Heather, Danielle, Austin, Ryan, Alec, Anthony, Jena, Kyle, Tyler, and Tommy; the adored great-grandfather of Chase, Nolan, Aiden, and Bennett; and the beloved brother of the late Wally (the late Corky) Mersino, Sherri Smith, Vicki Mersino, Susie (Frank) Hayes, Dean (Bev) Mersino, and the late Gary Mersino. Duane proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as a chaplain from 1962-1968. He also a man of faith, proudly representing his church, Trinity Lutheran in Utica as an Elder, and also volunteering his time as much as he could at the church. Duane worked as an insurance adjuster for Farm Bureau Insurance.

Duane's family will receive friends for visitation on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021, 10:00 instate until the time of his funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke, Utica. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. In lieu of flowers memorials appreciated to the Trinity Community Care Clinic, checks payable

to Trinity Lutheran Church. For the safety of the Mersino family and all of their guests, all attendees are encouraged to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, at both the funeral home and the church.** The church will also be web casting his services and can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/tY72C4Yz4L0>. Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 4:00 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/>

Visitation

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Service

NOV **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane Roy Mersino*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - November 17, 2021 at 10:27 AM

AL

“ *Daune, you are a wonderful man. I will miss you dearly. I will miss our conversations, emails, prayers, movie reviews, your witt and happiness. My condolences to the family. be well my friend.*
Andy Lekosiotis

Andrew Lekosiotis - November 21, 2021 at 09:53 AM

PM

Very sorry to hear of Duane Passing, but know he is with our heavenly Father.

Patricia Meyer - November 21, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ There truly is not enough room for all the wonderful things Duane was a part of and the help he gave others. I met Duane roughly 10 years ago in the body shop. He saw my bible, we began to talk and from then on he always watched over me in my many jobs in the collision industry. 8 years ago he recognized my current struggles and took me as his guest to Camp Barakel's Men's Retreat. We have gone together every year since. Even when I wasn't going to be able to he always made it so that I could go. Every morning he sent me scripture which I always needed. I will truly miss you my brother. But God's Word tells us a thousand years is but one day to the Lord so brother, I won't say goodbye... I will say I will see you soon. I love you my dear brother, my brother in Christ.

*In Him always,
Jimmy Bickford*

Jimmy Bickford - November 18, 2021 at 08:12 AM



“ Duane was an awesome man of God. But of course. If you knew Duane I'm only telling you what you already knew. Duane was always ready to serve however, whenever and whenever God called. He was an example to me to boldly preach the gospel of Christ wherever I am. You will be dearly missed, my brother. See you in heaven.

Ray Pratt - November 17, 2021 at 05:11 PM

SV

“ Well Duane was a good man he wood always made shure that everyone was updated on prayer updates and requests it's been hard sent he gone he will be missed.

*Steve Vigneau
Heritage Church*

Steve Vigneau - November 17, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Duane Roy Mersino.*



November 16, 2021 at 04:09 PM



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November 16, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ *He was a great man to my fiance Christine and to me if you where ever down he wood be there to make you feel happy it hard to see him gone but our thoughts and prayers for the family and friends*

Steve vigneau - November 16, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ *So many great memories of working with Duane with our guests on Sundays for our community dinner. Duane was such a compassionate and dedicated servant. He will be sorely missed.*

Janet Hastings - November 16, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Duane Roy Mersino.*



November 16, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ *I did not know him as well as most but the stories of a Godly man and his love of Christ gives comfort at this time as his family and friends will be feeling the loss. This is how I will remember him; Luke 14:27 whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple He did carry his cross and he is in glory now!!*

kim wiseman - November 16, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ *Dean & Bev, Frank & Sue, Vicki, Sherry purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Duane Roy Mersino.*



Dean & Bev, Frank & Sue, Vicki, Sherry - November 16, 2021 at 10:29 AM

PO

“ Duane has been my friend and spiritual father for many years. He was a unique man who loved our Lord greatly and did what others would not do. He prayed endlessly for so many daily, collecting prayer needs and requests and sending out regular emails and text messages with these prayers. Every day for years he sent me scriptures daily in the very early morning hours. He carried a large wooden cross on his back at his church and at other events praying and demonstrating his active love for Jesus. He engaged countless people boldly with the love of Jesus and the Gospel of Christ.

What a void his larger than life Godly presence will leave for so many. I had the distinct privilege of his care and kindness for many years. He deposited into me so much Godly wisdom and insight over the years. I can't imagine life without him.

Duane, You will now enjoy the eternal reward our Savior has prepared for you. God's love is the treasure you now enjoy for all eternity.

To Diana and the entire Mersino family I extend my most heartfelt condolences at the loss of your patriarch. May our Lord grant you peace and comfort at your great loss.

God Speed, my dearest friend and brother, looking forward to seeing you again.

Pastor Curtiss Ostosh
Harvest Time Christian Fellowship

Pastor Curtiss Ostosh - November 15, 2021 at 07:16 PM

LS

I'm so sorry for your loss, my deepest condolences goes out to you all, God wrap your loving arms around them, give them comfort, peace and strength at this time of sorrow in Jesus name amen and amen 🙏🙏🙏

Lori Smith - November 16, 2021 at 01:08 AM

VM

Our deepest condolences to Diana and her family on their loss. Duane was an awesome, caring, Godly man of faith. He touched so many lives both in the Trinity Lutheran Church community and in the other ministries he was a part of. He will be missed immensely by all of us who were blessed to have him as a friend. We will see you again!
Vince and Gail Minauro

Vince & Gail Minauro - November 17, 2021 at 08:21 PM