



George William Holland

August 5, 1928 - January 11, 2023

George William Holland, of Wolverine Lake, Michigan, passed away on January 11, 2023 at the age of 94. George is the cherished husband of the late Jeannine, who preceded him in death in 2008; the loving father of Jacquelyn (Gene) Rife and Christopher (Julie) Holland; the adored grandfather of David (Holly) Rife, Justin (Kelly) Rife, Benjamin (Jacqueline) Holland, and Kirsten (Richie) Dunphy; the dear great-grandfather of Eisley, Eden, Amelia, Kegan, Tristan (Ivy), Avery, Harris, and baby Dunphy; the beloved brother of the late Donald and the late Brent Holland; and is also survived by his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Allen (Carol) Firestone, Kay (Paul) Kiekbusch; as well as many nieces and nephews.

George was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He left high school and joined the United States Navy at the age of 16, and proudly served his country until he was discharged from the Navy after breaking both legs. George met his future wife, Jeannie, while working for her father, Albert Firestone, at a local dealership. He had a passion for classic cars and was a member of the Ford Restorers Club. George worked many years at the Ford Proving Grounds in Romeo. George and Jeannie moved to Florida in 1989, after which he never put on a suit again, and he started wearing a cowboy hat and boots as his daily attire. George would always enjoy being out and about, especially hearing children say to their parents "look mommy, there goes a real cowboy" as he walked by. He moved to Texas in 2005, and then back to

Michigan in 2022, but he always called Michigan his home. George enjoyed spending time with his family. He especially loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

George's family will receive friends for visitation on Friday, January 13, 2023 from 2:00 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 continue on Saturday, January 14, at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment at Van Hoosen Jones/Stoney Creek Cemetery, Rochester Hills. Memorials are appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or www.stjude.org/tribute; or C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, 1540 E Hospital Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48109 or <https://leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#!/mimed/mott>; or to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor, 1600 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 or <https://rmhcannarbor.org/donate/>. Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Van Hoosen Jones Stoney Creek

Tienken Road (east of Rochester Road)
Rochester, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **13**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

JAN **14**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have had the privilege to be welcomed into this family 25 years ago, and was thrilled to meet such a fun loving, wonderful man. The first thing I would always ask before a family gathering was "will Uncle George be there?" Everyone wanted to sit by Uncle George in order to have an opportunity to chat with him and hear his wonderful, sometimes wild, stories. He was a snappy dresser, looking very handsome in his cowboy boots and hat. He was kind to everyone, he could talk about any and all subjects, whatever you wanted to talk about. Uncle George, you will be missed more than words can say.

Kathleen Firestone - January 13, 2023 at 12:40 PM

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“ Don and Patti Ruegsegger purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of George William Holland.



Don and Patti Ruegsegger - January 13, 2023 at 09:15 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of George William Holland.



January 12, 2023 at 06:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George William Holland.*



January 12, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Boy did I love this sweet, sweet man! A true conversationalist, and a story for all occasions- I will miss his stories immensely. And his sweet, sweet chuckle until he was coughing from laughter! My life was better for him entering it, and I feel so lucky to have been loved by him! I know he will watch over us all! Xo*

Jacqueline D - January 11, 2023 at 08:38 PM