



## Gerald L. Byrd

January 12, 1950 - March 31, 2016

Gerald L. Byrd, age 66, a 35 year resident of Sterling Heights, passed away suddenly March 31, 2016 at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, Clinton Twp. Gerald retired in 2006 after working as an Electronic Technician with Selfridge A.N.G.B. He was also a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy. Beloved husband of Laura. Dear father of Gerald R. Byrd and Jeffrey (Missie) Byrd. Loving grandfather of Joseph. Dear brother of Gloria Byrd, Judy (Jim) Adams, Lila Byrd and Shirley (Bill) Steele. Memorial visitation Sunday, April 3rd from 2:00 p.m. until of his Memorial Service at 6:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3 blks. E. of Van Dyke) Utica. Inurnment with full military honors will be held Wednesday, April 6th at 1:00 p.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials suggested to The Wounded Warriors or The Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly Township, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

APR 3. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
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# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Jerry,

*Will miss you. I'm glad to have deployed, laughed, complained, drank, and worked with you.*

*- Doug Hill  
douglasthill@gmail.com*

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**Doug Hill** - April 18, 2016 at 07:45 AM

CS

“ Laura, Jerry, Jeff and Missy,

*You are all in my thought's and prayer's. Jerry could light up the room with his laughter and he always had a smile to give away. I loved to listen to his stories. We have had some great memories together and I will cherish them always. He was a loving, caring and respectful man. He cherished his family and was the best brother to his sister's. I loved you brother-in-law and you will always have a place in my heart.*

*Carol Mann Slowik*

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**Carol Slowik** - April 06, 2016 at 08:38 AM

AT

“ *We only met once but I found Jerry vary friendly and caring person. God be with all the family and his friends , especially you Laura.. Love Arlene*

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**Arlene Thatcher** - April 05, 2016 at 06:43 AM

 Diane  
Mueller

“ *My. Byrd was and is a great man. So loving and careing. Growing up just down the street I will miss waving and saying hi everytime I saw him. My condolences to the whole Byrd family. May he R.I.P.*



*-the Mueller family-*

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**Diane Mueller** - April 03, 2016 at 02:19 PM

ML

“ *When I was younger, Mr. Byrd would sign the cards he gave me for graduation with a simple "you did good." After introducing him to my girlfriend this past December, he leaned over and whispered the same. His stories, witticisms, and hugs will be missed, but the fruits of his love are still all around us. Not everyone leaves like that. You did good, Mr. Byrd. You did good. The world already feels different without you in it.*

*Matt*

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**Matthew Larson** - April 03, 2016 at 10:43 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerald L. Byrd .*



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April 02, 2016 at 10:41 PM

TH

“ *Laura....I was so very sorry to hear this news....I will be keeping you and your family in my prayers!!! ~Teresa Harrison*



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**teresa harrison** - April 02, 2016 at 04:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald L. Byrd .*



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April 02, 2016 at 11:12 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gerald L. Byrd .*



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April 02, 2016 at 09:41 AM

LN

“ *I am deeply saddened by the news of your loss. I pray that God will grant you the strength. My most sincere condolences. Remember Mr. Byrd fondly from the years of his patronage at the Selfridge Library. He always had a smile and good word for everyone when he came into the library.*

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**Lori Nye** - April 02, 2016 at 09:39 AM



“ *It saddened me so to learn of Jim's passing. I have only known him the past couple years but he has been a friend of the family for a long time. I had been hoping to meet him in person and share stories of his time working with my father in the Navy. They were shipmates on the USA Kitty Hawk. God Bless you Jim. My sympathy to your family.*

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**Brenda Bumgardner** - April 01, 2016 at 11:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald L. Byrd .*



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April 01, 2016 at 09:56 PM



“ *I think I can speak for all of Jerry and Jeff's friends in saying that we will miss you dearly Mr. Byrd. You've always been a pleasure to be around and hearing your stories was one of the best parts of visiting the house. You have been a great role model and always had wonderful advice for me, even as early as 5th grade. You are leaving a behind a void in many hearts and I'll miss you very much.*

*Until we meet again. With love and a big hug,  
David*

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**David Stella** - April 01, 2016 at 08:25 PM

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K-13 - April 01, 2016 at 01:36 PM

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*Jerry you always have had a very kind heart and an excellent sense of humor. It was always a pleasure to work and hangout with you. You have impacted my life greatly.*

K-13 - April 01, 2016 at 01:58 PM

LB

“ Love, Michael Cutshaw and Shannon (Mark) Bell purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gerald L. Byrd .



Love, Michael Cutshaw and Shannon (Mark) Bell - April 01, 2016 at 10:02 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald L. Byrd .



April 01, 2016 at 08:49 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album 191st



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**K-13** - April 01, 2016 at 07:43 AM

JS

*Gerry, You were a dear friend and coworker. We worked many long hours together in the NDI Lab. I was so glad to hear you were so happy in retirement. You were a great friend and loving father and husband. You will greatly missed.*

*Love Jerri Stuart*

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**Jerri Stuart** - April 02, 2016 at 02:58 PM