



## David Richard Lawrence

March 9, 1956 - December 23, 2024

David Richard Lawrence, born in 1956, in Pontiac, Michigan, passed away peacefully in December 2024, at the age of 68. He was the beloved son of the late Richard D. ("RD") and Bernice Lawrence.

Dave is lovingly remembered by his son Nathan (Katie) Lawrence; Kathy Lawrence, mother of their children; his treasured grandchildren Phoenix, Andrew and Benjamin, and Nicholas; his sister Linda (Rick) Spencer; sisters-in-law Marsha (Mike) McReynolds and Debbie (Terry) Tompkins; brother-in-law Rob (Gay) Kluwe; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by daughter Melissa, his brother Leo Ahonen, and his parents.

A hardworking and dedicated provider for his family, Dave retired from General Motors after an impressive 30-year career but remained active through continued work and hobbies. He was a man of strong opinions who enjoyed lively discussions and bantering back and forth with his family and friends but always respected differing views.

Dave had a zest for life that shone through in his passions and pastimes. He was a skilled unicyclist who performed his tricks in the awe of a surrounding crowd. Summers spent at the trailer park brought him joy, where he could often be found driving his golf cart while visiting with his friends or attending

late-night bonfires at the park. An avid motorcyclist and proud member of the Gold Wing Motorcycle Club, he delighted in journeys on two wheels. His love for old cars often drew him to classic car shows, while bottling wine for family celebrations became a cherished tradition.

In quieter moments, he enjoyed watching shows like \*Survivor\*, \*Storage Wars\*, and \*Pickers\*.

Above all else, Papa Dave adored his grandchildren and treasured every moment spent with them. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

A celebration of life will be held this summer with a journey north to the Mackinac Bridge. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate staff at Genesys Henry Ford Grand Blanc. Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com).

May Dave's memory bring comfort to all who knew him.

# Tribute Wall

LP

“ David was my best friend. We met in kindergarten at Belle anne elementary. David had more cars than anybody else I ever knew. He loved his cars and he always took care of them. We graduated together from Brandon high school. He was in my wedding. We kept in touch over the years. I will miss our phone conversations. RIP david.

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**Larry Pacer** - January 01, 2025 at 05:56 PM

TA

“ Maybe we heard your stories more than one time, but they always made us laugh and smile. You left us all too soon. May you see the face of God.

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**terry andrews** - December 30, 2024 at 08:37 PM

KL

“ As your one and only daughter in law... the last 16 1/2 years have brought me great laughter! I loved every story you told me, no matter if I heard it already once or 3 times before. You made sure I always tried new things, like bloody marys or golf cart rides in a campground park at dusk!  
You will always be an amazing PaPa Dave to the boys and their memories will live forever in their hearts!  
Thank you for raising a phenomenal son and the love of my life! He is who he is because of you! I will miss you and shed alot of tears but with always cherish the moments I had with you  
-Katie

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**Katie Lawrence** - December 30, 2024 at 07:33 PM

DH

“ We were sorry to hear of Dave’s passing. Dave was a great neighbor to us for more than thirty years. We will miss our chats with him.

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**Debbie Harrison** - December 26, 2024 at 08:34 PM

LS

“ Dave, There were times we had fights, shared difference, growing up together. But always powered through them. You had the most sweet curly hair as a Baby. I use to fed you your Bottle, before I went to Kindergarten. Watching you with the Big aTeddy Bear that Aunt Louise got you. You riding on your horse and falling asleep on it many times. Celebrating many Birthdays with you. Your Graduation! How proud I was of you. Your first car, a BrighYour Loving Sister t Yellow Ford Pinto.Everyone in Ortonville knew who's car it was. Many Christmas's together. You sure could ride that unacycle, just like a circus performer!!! Many water fights we all had. Playing in the snow. Your first house. And when you had your house built, how excited you where. Eating Mom's delious cinnamon rolls! Sharing a room with Leo. You painting the American flag on your bedroom wall. So many wonderful memories in my Heart forever. I will miss you so much! But always have you in my Heart forever!!!  
❤️ Your Loving Sister, Linda

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**Linda , Your Sister** - December 26, 2024 at 04:27 PM