



## Gerard "Butch" Murphy

July 14, 1954 - April 8, 2024

On April 8, 2024 the world suddenly lost a little of its sense of humor, and the heavens received another star. Butch, as he was affectionately known to everyone, was a loyal and generous husband, father, and friend. As a young man he served in the United States Air-Force, which inspired a lasting pride in service to his country and support of various Veterans' causes. Butch loved the great outdoors, music, cooking, eating adventures, and reading. He had a life-long passion for Michigan sports, particularly Tiger Baseball (it's a family affair) and could quote any stat you could imagine. Stemming from his fondness for nature, he also had a proclivity for hunting and fishing. Butch was the first one to crack a joke and had a natural penchant for making people laugh, even through tears, a talent that is going to be especially missed by his wife Charlotte "Punk" Murphy and only daughter Margaret Murphy ("Two against one, so that's the way it's going to be"). He will be deeply missed by those he leaves behind, Chris Blanchard, Margaret's partner, a brother, Dr. Timothy, (Jenny) Murphy, and two sisters, Maureen (Michael) Boyd, and Suzanne (Tad) Taggart; and least we forget his four-legged buddy, Deuce. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sally Meitz, and father, Gerard J Murphy and also by his sister, Cynthia (Mark) Welch, and brother, Kevin Murphy. Remember to kiss the ones you love. A graveside service with military honors will be held on July 18, 2024 at 1:30PM at Great Lakes National Cemetery. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Military Honors

JUL 18. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

GA

“ *Very sorry to hear of Butch’s passing, he was a great guy and one of the funniest people I ever met. My thoughts and prayers are with Punk and all the family.*

Gaye (Crandall) Amick - July 19, 2024 at 12:23 PM



“ *25 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - July 16, 2024 at 03:02 PM

RF

“ *Rosemary Murphy Fox purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gerard "Butch" Murphy.*



Rosemary Murphy Fox - July 15, 2024 at 09:12 AM

GH

“ I worked with Murphy for about 30 years. He retired working for me. We used to sit every morning together before the shift and talk about the "old times" at work and people we lost along the way. He was one of the funniest people I've ever met, and it breaks my heart that he is gone this soon. He will be sorely missed. Please accept my condolences, he was a great man!

Gerald Helsper - May 08, 2024 at 08:23 AM

RM

“ Its a long dusty drive home Murph! We had a lot of great times on the road for work and I am so sorry for your family's loss.

Ryan Dunn Martin - May 08, 2024 at 05:50 AM

JB

“ At Armstead's we didn't know him as Butch, it was Murph! What a great guy! Always good to talk to! Murph, we are a month late, but man you will be Missed!!

Jon Brock - May 03, 2024 at 11:41 AM

KW

“ Karin Winchester lit a candle in memory of Gerard Murphy



Karin Winchester - April 15, 2024 at 03:56 PM

EN

“ *Eva Newman lit a candle in memory of Gerard Murphy*



Eva Newman - April 13, 2024 at 08:57 PM

MU

“ *I remember when butch had a six point buck rule on his property until he spot a four point lol*

mugsy - April 11, 2024 at 01:18 PM

AU

“ *I remember when Butch, Punk, and myself went out to have a beer. Punk and I got up to karaoke the Bye Bye Miss American Pie. Butch laughed his butt off and maybe died a little right there... it's the last time I remember the three of going anywhere together..... hmmm Love you Miss Charlotte*

Audrey - April 10, 2024 at 05:07 PM

JW

*You will be missed 🥹💔*

Janice Waugh - April 13, 2024 at 08:21 AM

DF

*Everytime I went by he was always by or in the pole usually with a friend and a wave. ❤️🥹 so very sorry for your loss and pain!*

Debra J Fischer - April 14, 2024 at 12:17 PM

BB

“ *Bernie Brooks purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gerard "Butch" Murphy.*



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**Bernie Brooks** - April 10, 2024 at 03:04 PM

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“ *Bernie Brooks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerard P. Murphy.*

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