



John Francis Duffie

August 23, 1939 - July 3, 2022

John Francis Duffie of Holly, Michigan passed away peacefully at 7:10 a.m. on Sunday, July 3, 2022 at Ascension Genesys Hospital, Grand Blanc, Michigan at the age of 82. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 23, 1939. His parents were Dolores and James Duffie.

John was a 1958 graduate of Holly High School in Holly, Michigan. In the mid-1950's, his family moved to Holly, Michigan and opened the Dairee Dyne Restaurant, which he and his family then owned and operated for nearly twenty years, which became a fixture in the community. John began working in the restaurant at the age of 15, and worked every job in the diner, from the short order cook to head pizza maker to owner; many Holly residents tried their first pizza thanks to John's insistence that his parents buy a pizza oven for the restaurant in 1957.

A veteran of the Army during the Vietnam War, John was a member of the American Legion Post #149, Holly Moose Lodge #1168 and Treasurer of the Masonic Temple #134, in Holly, where he was a regular member. John retired from General Motors after thirty years of service in 1999.

On December 20, 1980, he was married to Charlene S. Williams and began a busy life with a blended family of three daughters. John and Charlene were blessed to have shared 41 years of marriage together before he passed away.

John loved his home in the country, where he raised countless dogs, cared for a number of horses over the years, and could be found riding his tractor or finding something to fix in the barn. In the winter months, he loved to escape the Michigan winters for Florida, with his wife, sister, Ginny and brother-in-law, David. John was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and will forever be remembered for his love of his family and will be dearly missed.

He leaves behind his wife: Charlene (Holly, Michigan); three daughters: Teri (Mark) Skibowski (Warsaw, Indiana); Angie (Kevin) Broegman-Stinde (Holly, Michigan); and Amy (William Joseph IV "B.J.") Wilhelme (Holly, Michigan). Also surviving are his six beloved grandchildren: Amanda, Brittany, Mikayla, Harley, William Joseph V "Will", and Emmy; two great-grandchildren: Samuel and Dominic; sister: Virginia (David) Foss, brother: Gerald Duffie, sister-in-law: Cheryl (Bob) Cox, brother-in-law: Craig Williams, aunt: Juanita McCallie. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends and family may visit from 2:00-9:00 p.m. on Monday, July 11th at Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, Michigan. A Masonic Ceremony will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, July 11th during the visitation hours.

John's life will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 officiated by Richard Kinnamon at Dryer Funeral Home, 101 First St. Holly, Michigan. A graveside service will follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road Holly, Michigan.

Memorial donations may be directed to Holly Mason Lodge #134, and would be appreciated by the family.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8291

Funeral Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Francis Duffie*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - July 11, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *John and I became friends when we went through military boot camp at Fort . Knox, KY in 1963. We shared many a good laugh together. .He was a good man. Great "Tribute Video". Robert T. "Bob" Harvey*

*Oh we never know where life will take us
I know it's just a ride on the wheel.
And we never know when death will shake us
And we wonder how it will feel.
So goodbye my friend
I know i'll never see you again
But the time together through all the years
Will take away these tears
It's ok now...
Goodbye my friend*

Bob Harvey - March 21, 2023 at 02:04 PM



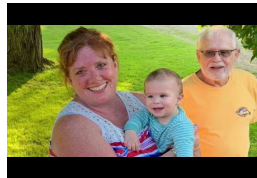
“ Golden Vineyard Gourmet Wine Gift Basket was purchased for the family of John Francis Duffie.



July 17, 2022 at 05:55 PM



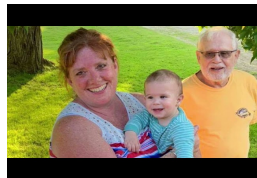
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MARK - July 14, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Pops



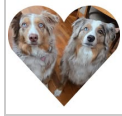
Mark Skibowski - July 14, 2022 at 10:25 AM



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Bruce Dryer - July 12, 2022 at 01:57 PM



Cant thank you enough for the beautiful service. The Duffie Family appreciates everyone. Thanks to Dryer Funeral Home, Richard Kinnamon and all our friends and family. <3

Angie Broegman-Stinde - July 14, 2022 at 01:15 PM

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“ *My Uncle John one time took my daughter Tiffany because I had to work. He bought her a Papa Smurf. When ever I would see him in later years he would remind me, remember when I bought your daughter that blue thing- yes Uncle John- it was a papa Smurf. Uncle John was Papa to Teri an Angie and Amy, and I sure many other grandchildren etc... for a brief moment he was Papa Smurf to my daughter- she still has this, and she is 41 yrs old. We will miss you, Papa - Love your niece Pamela Duffie Mordue.*

Pamela Mordue - July 11, 2022 at 09:34 PM



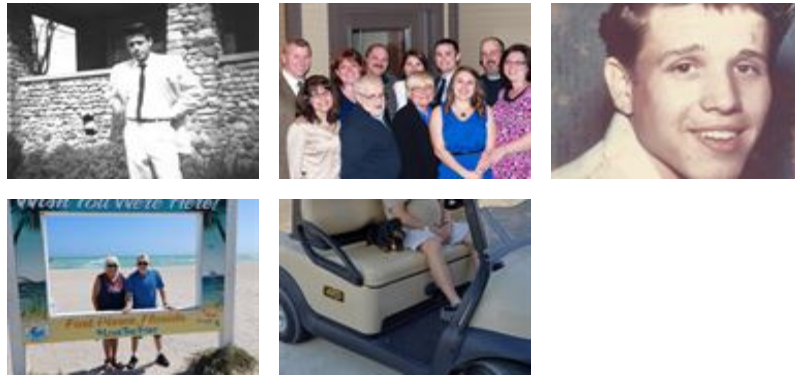
“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Francis Duffie.*



July 09, 2022 at 10:02 PM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - July 08, 2022 at 10:10 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John Francis Duffie.



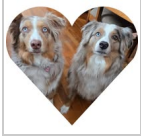
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“ Such a wonderful man, he will be missed! I was so thankful to have had him step in for my Dad, walking me down the aisle at my Wedding. Love to Aunt Char and family! ❤️



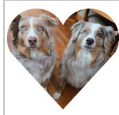
tammy summers - July 07, 2022 at 06:01 PM



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Angie Broegman-Stinde - July 07, 2022 at 03:53 PM



Love and Miss you so much Pops. <3

Angie Broegman-Stinde - July 07, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Francis Duffie.



July 07, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ Bettie Flowers lit a candle in memory of John Francis Duffie



Bettie Flowers - July 06, 2022 at 11:16 PM



“ *Angie Broegman-Stinde lit a candle in memory of John Francis Duffie*



Angie Broegman-Stinde - July 06, 2022 at 06:33 PM



“ *John and I go way back when I worked at the Dairy Dyne we remained friends all these years and would always laugh about the things that happened there. We were a very close group known as the Dairy Dyne Dolls when his Mom passed he gave me a 5by7 Senior picture I had given them He will be missed*

Sharon Franklin - July 06, 2022 at 03:02 PM



“ *James & Paula Hansen lit a candle in memory of John Francis Duffie*



James & Paula Hansen - July 06, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ *Chris & Ethel Settler purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Francis Duffie.*



Chris & Ethel Settler - July 06, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Francis Duffie.*



July 06, 2022 at 09:48 AM



“ *Growing up you were always the kindest neighbor. John you'll be missed. Prays for Charlene and the family.*



Kaitlyn Scott - July 06, 2022 at 07:20 AM



“ *Greg And Debra Smith lit a candle in memory of John Francis Duffie*



Greg and Debra Smith - July 06, 2022 at 07:19 AM



“ *Our thoughts are with you and your family Ginny. God bless. Kim (keener) and John Phillips*



Kimberly Phillips - July 05, 2022 at 04:27 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Cunningham lit a candle in memory of John Francis Duffie*



Lisa Cunningham - July 05, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Francis Duffie.*



July 05, 2022 at 03:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Francis Duffie.*



July 05, 2022 at 01:11 PM

LG

“ *Char, & family, I so sorry to hear of your loss. John was a very kind man to my kids & myself many years ago. Many prayers for you at this time.*

Linda Gray - July 05, 2022 at 12:50 PM