



## Kevin Walters

October 9, 1954 - December 5, 2024

Walters, Kevin Edward, age 70 of Holly, MI, passed away peacefully at his home with his loving and devoted wife, Gwen, and their three cats, Minnie, Marnie and Binx, by his side. Kevin was born in Goodrich, MI on October 9, 1954 to William G. and Joyce M. (Mereness) Walters. He grew up in Davisburg, MI alongside his four siblings. He attended Davisburg schools during his early years. He would later go on to attend Holly High School where he was the President of the Class of 1972 and enjoyed playing golf and football. After high school, he headed off to college where he attended The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and graduated from Walsh College in Troy. This education helped Kevin secure a position as a paint technician at PPG. He worked there for 25 years. Later on, Kevin enjoyed organizing his high school reunions with help from his classmates. The last one he attended, he got up dressed as Alice Cooper and belted out the unofficial class song, "I'm Eighteen", much to the delight of his fellow classmates that had attended that 50th class reunion. A fellow classmate summed it up nicely, "I know most members of HHS Class of 1972 regarded him as the heart and soul of our group"!

Kevin lived on Fish Lake in Holly for 45 years. He was joined by his wife, Gwen, after their marriage on March 1, 1992; that was officiated by his brother, Bill, and his mother, Joyce, who served as his best woman. He often

threw, along with Gwen's help, some of the best parties on Fish Lake! Kevin would play host to many a euchre party, tiki party (down by the lake where he built their Tiki Hut), Christmas and graduation parties. Some of his fancier soirees were the wine tasting events; often featuring their personal wine representative, Brian Osuch, who gave Kevin's guests an opportunity to purchase wine for their personal collection. But what he really enjoyed and looked forward to were the countless super-bowl/poker parties he hosted for his brothers and close friends. Those were a hit and the most special to Kevin. A long-time friend of Kevin's said that he had a way about him to bring together so many people that just made his gatherings so memorable. He also touched the lives of so many people. One such person was a niece who said that Kevin gave her his own wedding advice of "Always remain friends first". Her and her now husband was so touched by that piece of advice, they chose to have that inscribed on their wedding rings. He also gave of himself and enjoyed writing articles for The Holly Kiwanis Club and hand delivering baskets to families at the holidays.

Kevin did not want a funeral service. He instead chose to throw one last hurrah, his own living wake, which was held at the Holly Moose Lodge #1168. He wanted to be able to enjoy the company of his wonderful family, good friends, neighbors, former work colleagues and fellow classmates one last time before he became too sick. He even handed out special bottles of wine from his own collection in hopes that they would pop the cork and raise a glass and toast him after he left this earth. Thank you, Commodore Kevin, for ringing that ship's bell one last time!

Gwen would like to thank some very special friends who were always there by Kevin's side: Dave and Linda O'Bryan, Kay Viney and Mike Langley, Pete Tianen, Norm and Lois Martin, John and Susan Fisher and Dan and Karen

Emmitt. She gives special thanks to the Trinity Health Hospice Staff and Mr. Gordie Dryer of Dryer Funeral Home in Holly for their utmost care and compassion during this most difficult time.

Cremation has taken place and there will be a graveside service at a later date. If you would like to make a donation in Kevin's memory, it can be made to Adopt-a-Pet in Fenton, MI; Holly Moose Lodge #1168 or The Holly Kiwanis Club.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Gwen Walters, sister, Julie Hughes, brothers Bill (Robin) Walters and Quent (Penny) Walters, a bunch of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and a host of cousins. Kevin was preceded in death by his parents, William and Joyce Walters and his brother, Dave Walters.

"Grief, I've learned, is really just love. It's all the love you want to give but cannot. All of that unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes, the lump in your throat, and in that hollow part of your chest." by Jamie Anderson.

# Cemetery Details

## **Davisburg Cemetery**

Davisburg, MI

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ I have had such good times with Kevin and Gwen. He was so generous to his friends and family. OMG, the birthday parties, holiday parties, 4th of July boat parade on the lake, sledding, and euchre parties were so much fun. He had lots of rules for euchre and I would break them all just to poke at him a bit!

Roger Welch and I were there the night Gwen and Kev met. It was a nice journey watching there love grow throughout their lives even in his passing. Gwen loved him with her special touch until his last breath. You both are "so beautiful" to me.

We will miss Kevdog's smile. Cheers.



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Tracy Huffman Schang - December 13, 2024 at 12:44 PM

RN

“ Kevin was an unwavering and unapologetic advocate for equality. I hope over the years that you had the opportunity to read some of his editorials or experience firsthand his intolerance for bigotry. The oppressed had their champion in Holly and we were proud to call him our friend.

As serious as he was about protecting others he also knew how to unwind. The parties at the lovely home that they built together were legendary and the magic in Kevin and Gwen's relationship was evident in the sincere love that they shared with their guests.

Kevin was charming and kind and fun and was dedicated to living his life to the fullest, and he did.

Wherever Kevin happened to be standing nothing was ever ordinary or dull for even one moment.

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**Roger Welsh & Eva Newman** - December 13, 2024 at 11:40 AM

GW

A heart full of thanks! That was Kev, 100%. He touched the lives of many and will be missed so much. Thank you for your kind words❤️

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**Gwen Walters** - December 13, 2024 at 11:52 PM

DO

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**David O'Bryan** - December 12, 2024 at 09:24 PM

GW

What a handsome group of dudes ❤️

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**Gwen Walters** - December 13, 2024 at 11:55 PM

DO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



David O'Bryan - December 10, 2024 at 09:17 PM

KK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We will stop by soon with cookies and hugs.



kelly krettlin - December 10, 2024 at 08:15 PM

PT

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Peter Tianen - December 10, 2024 at 12:18 PM

KW

“ Karin S Winchester lit a candle in memory of Kevin Walters



Karin S Winchester - December 10, 2024 at 12:15 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



David O'Bryan - December 10, 2024 at 12:06 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



David O'Bryan - December 10, 2024 at 12:05 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



David O'Bryan - December 10, 2024 at 11:56 AM

RD

“ Gwen,  
Sorry for your loss wished we had known about his living wake. Kevin was always a helpful person to us at the lake. I hope he was able to enjoy the little beaver garden. We have both retired and have moved to the south. We will keep you and him in our prayers.  
Love Rick and Jeanne David

Rick david - December 10, 2024 at 11:20 AM

GW

Thank you both! We sure had some good memories with you guys, including the beaver garden! Sincere thanks❤️

Gwen Walters - December 13, 2024 at 11:58 PM

SN

“ Gwen, our hearts break for you. Thank you for bringing Kevin into our family. His laughter and insightful comments made him a true joy to be around. Here's a toast (of Shiners Bock) to our "cousin-in-law"!

Stephanie and Lindsey Neal - December 10, 2024 at 10:29 AM

GW

Thank you, Steff & Lindsey! He truly was a joy to be around and loved being a part of our family! I miss him so much 😭

Gwen Walters - December 14, 2024 at 12:01 AM

NM

“ There's one regret that I'll have in life is that I didn't keep in closer contact with Kev all those years and not attend his many get togethers. He was the glue that held our class and our wide range of friends together. They'll never be another one. I'm also speaking for my brother, Gary, when I say this, but Kev, we loved you like a brother and it was an absolute honor to call you our friend.

Norm Martin - December 10, 2024 at 09:55 AM

GW

*Have no regrets. Kev's feelings about you both were mutual. He was so glad to have you back in his life and there for him ❤️*

**Gwen Walters** - December 14, 2024 at 12:04 AM

PT

“*Kevin, I hope that you are now looking after all of us - out there in the Wild Blue ( with a touch of Maize) Yonder. You were a fantastic Friend- I have many pictures and lots of Memories, You will not be forgotten. I will miss You- Rest Easy*

**Peter Tianen** - December 09, 2024 at 11:29 PM

VZ

*Pete-be sure to post some pics here, if you can. I'm sure Gwen (and others, too) would love to see some 🤔*

**Vickie Zerona** - December 10, 2024 at 09:51 AM

GW

*Thank you Pete. I appreciate your kind words ❤️*

**Gwen Walters** - December 14, 2024 at 12:07 AM

JP

“*Kevin thank you for all you have done to keep our class of 72 reunions going. I will miss you my friend.*

**Julie Parker** - December 09, 2024 at 06:27 PM

GW

*Thank you, Julie💜*

**Gwen Walters** - December 14, 2024 at 12:09 AM

DD

“ My condolences to the family. Have a lot of memories going way back to attending a birthday party of his when we were kids. Playing with him on an all star little league game. Many class reunions. Finding out that his grandmother Mereness lived in the house where I grew up and my sister lives there still. Miss you buddy. Having a brewski in your honor right now.

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**Dave Dziuba** - December 09, 2024 at 05:54 PM

GW

Thank you, Dave 💜

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**Gwen Walters** - December 14, 2024 at 12:08 AM

DO

“ What a guy he was! I never laughed so hard or had so much fun as I did when he was around. He saw life as an adventure to experience to its fullest. He was one of the smartest, funniest guys I knew. He will be sorely missed. It's been a hell of a ride! Time to rest my friend.

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**David O'Bryan** - December 09, 2024 at 05:40 PM

GW

Thank you, Dave 💜 Kev sure put up a good fight! He had so many great memories and took them all with him💜

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**Gwen Walters** - December 14, 2024 at 12:10 AM

JF

“ We had some good times. Lots of memories I will cherish forever. RIP my friend.

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**John W Fisher** - December 09, 2024 at 02:54 PM

PT

*Kevin, I hope that you are now looking after us out there in the Wild Blue ( with touch of Maize ) Yonder. You were a Fantastic Friend - I have lots of pictures and memories - You will not be Forgotten - I will miss You, my Friend. Rest Easy.*

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**Peter Tienen** - December 09, 2024 at 07:08 PM