



Michael Ernest Culpert

January 3, 1935 - May 21, 2024

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Michael “Mike” Culpert, also known as Big Daddy, aged 89, passed away peacefully on May 21, 2024, in Holly, Michigan. He was born on January 3, 1935, in Detroit, Michigan to Marvin and Carolyn Culpert.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Sawyer-Culpert, his children, Susan Nelson, Michael Culpert, Paul Culpert, Kevin Culpert, Kathleen Kirchner, Tammy Ward, Scott Wesley, and his many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sons, Chris Culpert, Sean Sawyer, and his son-in-law, Craig Kirchner.

Michael was a Korean War veteran, a retiree of Ford Motor Company and plumbing, and a proud Holly resident for many years, frequently visiting The Moose Lodge and Mike’s Coney.

In his younger years, Michael was an avid businessman who owned multiple local donut shops and was the founder of MC Drywall.

He enjoyed many years of life on the lake at his home in Holly, as well as many late nights of cards with friends and family. He took great pride in being

a father, a grandfather, and a great-grandfather, attending many of their extracurricular activities. You could usually find him at his favorite restaurants making friends with his waitresses and the local community.

Michael was a determined man of integrity, a big family man, and quickly became a father figure to many of his children's friends, earning him his famous nickname: Big Daddy. He will be loved and missed dearly by many.

Family will greet visitors on Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 10 AM until time of memorial service at 12 noon, officiated by Gary Wissmueller. Following immediately with Military Honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd. Holly, MI.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8291
bgdryer@hotmail.com
<https://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

Memorial Service

MAY 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Military Honors

MAY **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



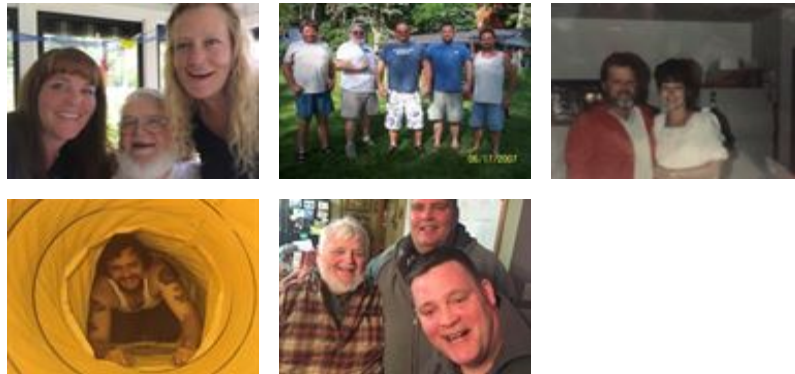
“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Ernest Culpert*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - May 30, 2024 at 05:26 PM



“ *26 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - May 29, 2024 at 11:49 AM

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“ *Culpert Proud purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Ernest Culpert.*



Culpert Proud - May 28, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michael Ernest Culpert.*



May 28, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ *Big D you will be so missed. To think I met you in the coney getting breakfast and taking some to Kathleen and Pammy. You became like a father to me and always had the best advice. You loved all of us misfits never passing judgement. I will forever cherish everything you were to me and so many others. The strength you showed your family can't be matched. Culpert strong they will forever be!*



Tammy Brotherton - May 23, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ *Condolences to the Family of Mr. Culpert. I didn't really know you but what I do know is you were loved by your Family and it was so obvious everytime I heard your name mentioned....Fly High ❤️ in your Spiritual Life.*

candy - May 22, 2024 at 06:08 PM



“ *I have many memories with Big Daddy, he was the best father figure a girl could ask for. He will be missed by so many. Sending much love and hugs to Mike, Paul, Kevin, Kathleen and all their kids and grandchildren. Fly high sweet Angel*



Kelly Babin - May 21, 2024 at 06:41 PM