



## Waldermar R. Van Gorp

August 17, 1938 - April 6, 2021

Waldermar Van Gorp, age 82, of Holly, died Tues. April 6, 2021. He was born in Detroit on Aug. 17, 1938 to Waldermar and Mildred (Ulrich) Van Gorp. He served in the US Army while stationed in Korea and was retired from General Motors. He was a member of the Holly American Legion and the Oakland County Amateur Radio Association through which he worked with FEMA, Sky Warn, and the Holly Fire Dept. His radio license number was WD8RCH. Walt was a former Holly Police Reserve, a First Responder with GM, and formerly a Crossing Guard for Holly Schools where he was known to the children as Mr. Walt or Grandpa. He is survived by his wife Martha; 6 children, John (Rhonda) Van Gorp, Paul (Rebecca) Van Gorp, Robin (Carl) Garner, Karyl (Shannon) Sanders, Mary (Chris) Anderson, and Mark (Nicole) Van Gorp; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren with 2 more expected; brother Ronald Van Gorp; and sister Sharon Van Gorp. He was preceded in death by his parents and his granddaughter Aubrey. A visitation will be held from 2-7PM with a time of remembrance and sharing at 6:00 PM on Sun. June 27, 2021 at the Dryer Funeral Home. Committal service and military honors will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery at 1:30 PM on Monday June 28, 2021. Memorial donations may be made to the cancer organization of your choice or the Holly Fire Department. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

JUN 27. 6:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St.  
Holly, MI 48442  
<http://dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

## Military Honors

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JUN **28**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery  
4200 Belford Rd  
Holly, MI 48442-9444  
(248) 328-0386

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Waldermar R. Van Gorp*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - June 25, 2021 at 12:19 PM



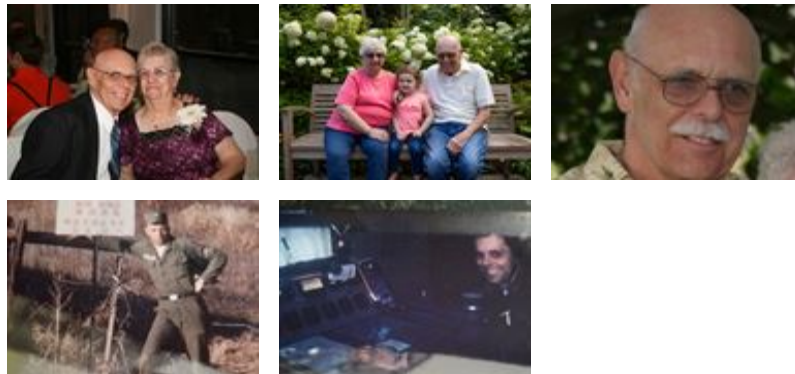
“ *Shirley St John lit a candle in memory of Waldermar R. Van Gorp*



Shirley St John - June 27, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ *25 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - June 25, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Waldermar R. Van Gorp.*



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June 23, 2021 at 11:46 PM



“ *Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Waldermar R. Van Gorp.*



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June 21, 2021 at 02:30 AM



“ *Marty and family, I believe you know how much Walt meant to me, I am so sad to have to write this and it has been very difficult for me to even accept but he definitely made his mark on me and the rest of the Holly community. Walt will forever be remembered as a kind but stern man that would do anything for you and expect nothing in return, he was a great protector of all of the children and he even took the time to watch over me and my business just because he cared, I will always remember the good times we had and all of the times he would just check in to make sure that I was doing ok, words can not explain how much he truly meant to me, he is and will always be MY BIG BALD HAired BUDDY*

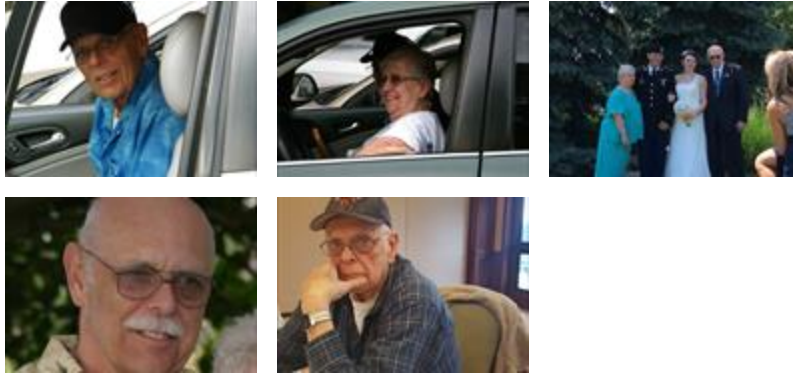


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**Chris Wilkinson** - April 15, 2021 at 04:01 PM

CW

“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Chris Wilkinson** - April 15, 2021 at 02:37 PM

SP

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Walts passing. I very much enjoyed chatting with him in the morning on my walks.. My thoughts and prayers are with his family*

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**Sara Phillips** - April 13, 2021 at 06:25 PM

TL

“ *Martha and Family,  
Walt was a great man.I always enjoyed our talks when he would stop by.Anytime I was in the yard there was a friendly wave and a car horn honk.He had a dry sense of humor I will always miss.God bless him.*

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**Timothy Lake** - April 11, 2021 at 07:53 AM

LM

“ Thank you Walt for keeping all the kids safe  
❤️ may you rest in peace.



Laina mobley - April 09, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the  
family of Waldermar R. Van Gorp.



April 09, 2021 at 07:25 AM

SS

“ Prayers to family hugs being sent 🙏 He will be  
missed by many he was a great man kids will  
miss him Prayers 🙏🙏🙏



Sally stotler - April 08, 2021 at 09:29 PM

DB

“ U were the best neighbor and friend your smile and our talks i will  
cherish forever...and best crossing guard ever....

David Barney - April 08, 2021 at 07:02 PM

KJ

“ *Sorry to hear of Walt's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



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**Katy and JB** - April 08, 2021 at 04:50 PM

FR

“ *Walt brightened my day whenever I saw him. He will be greatly missed!! So sorry for his loss!!*

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**Freda** - April 08, 2021 at 10:30 AM

MW

“ *My he rest in peace I have so many memories of all the years from the pet store him being a crossing guard the kids will sure miss him my condolences to the family this world will definitely not be the same without him love Mel*

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**Melissa wiering** - April 08, 2021 at 10:18 AM

TF

“ *The Winglemire Family lit a candle in memory of Waldemar R. Van Gorp*



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**The Winglemire Family** - April 08, 2021 at 09:54 AM

RB

“ So sorry to hear of walt's passing he was a great guy he loved all the kids whom crossed paths with him daily may he rest in the warmth of Jesus Prayers to Martha and all his family



Rusty Bailey - April 08, 2021 at 07:27 AM

CR

Martha I am so sorry to hear of Walt's passing. I have thought of him a lot and should have called. He was a terrific friend and will be missed by many

Carla Rigsby - April 08, 2021 at 11:57 AM

KP

Martha so sorry to hear of this. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Ken and Tibby Plants

Ken Plants - April 09, 2021 at 01:46 PM

WP

I'm so very sorry to hear of Walt's passing. I was looking forward to catching up during my next Michigan visit. We had lots of ham radio fun, and he'll be greatly missed. 73 WD8RCH de W8WC ...-.-

William L. Coale Ph.D. - April 10, 2021 at 03:22 PM

PS

So sorry to here of His passing. He was always a great help at the fire hall. He helped me finish many projects and programs. My prayers to his family.

Paul Schimmeyer

Paul Schimmeyer - June 26, 2021 at 01:22 PM