



# Mr. Lynn Charles DeSplinter

FEB 6, 1951 - OCT 27, 2014



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**M**r. Lynn Charles DeSplinter, age 63, known to his trucking friends as 'Smokey Joe', passed away unexpectedly Monday, October 27, 2014 in Indiana. Lynn was born February 6, 1951 to Henry and Fern (Lindell) in Geneseo, IL. Lynn served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War as part of the underwater demolition team. On May 24, 1997 he married the love of his life, Jennifer Sue VanTil in Holland, MI and she survives him. Lynn was joyfully employed as a truck driver for Griffin Transportation and had just been named driver of the month. Earlier on in his 40 year career, he had driven for Yellow Transportation, and he and Jennifer owned and operated American Motor Freight. Lynn loved spending time with his family and enjoyed following politics and the direction of our country. In addition to his wife, Jennifer, he is survived by his daughter, Raeann; sons from a previous marriage, Travis (Meagan) DeSplinter and Keith DeSplinter; grandson, Fisher; sister, Doreen (Keith) Brennan; brother, Dennis (Carolyn) DeSplinter; twin brother, Lyle 'Butch' DeSplinter; brothers-in-law, Jeff (Irina) VanTil and Kevin (Heather) VanTil; sister-in-law, Heather (Rodney) King; and 9 nieces and 3 nephews. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held 11 AM Saturday, November 1, 2014 at The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc., 6291 S. Harvey St. with Pastor John H. Brown officiating and Full Military Rites afforded under the auspice of V.F.W. Muskegon County Council. VISITATION with the family will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be made to the family.



## Events

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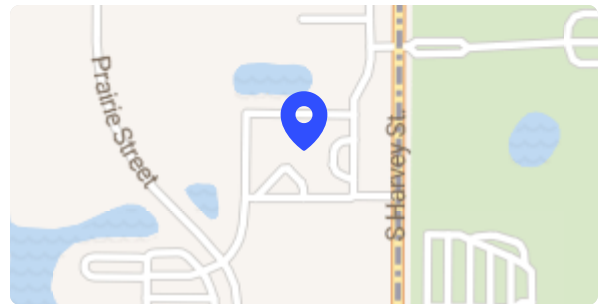
### Visitation

 **Friday**, October 31, 2014

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



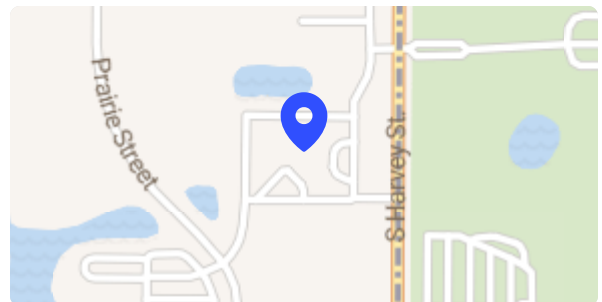
### Visitation

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 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


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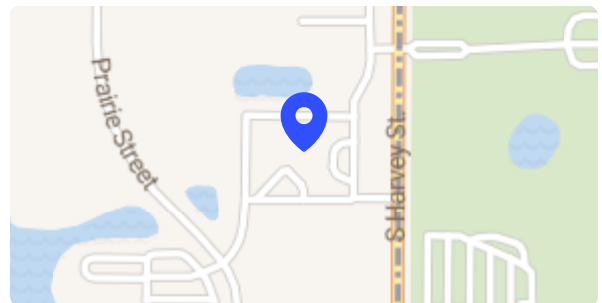
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JF

**Jessica Farmer (Bright Eyes) Farmer** posted:

He drove at Circle C trucking with my parents. I considered him my uncle. And every time we passed he'd always as if i was in the truck. He gave me my handle for the cb. And when we had to go separate ways he'd always sing "happy trails" RIP UNCLE LYNN! 😭

April 27 at 4:38 PM

JE

**Jessica Farmer (Bright Eyes)** lit a candle in honor of Lynn.

April 27 at 4:32 PM



**Barbara Nulty** lit a candle in honor of Lynn.

November 12 at 1:39 AM



EL

**Elaine** posted:

Jen and Rae I know I haven't known you long but have been praying for you and your family. I am so sorry for the loss of your husband and father. I hope you can feel God's love amongst the pain. I pray that he wraps his strong arms around you and let's you rest in his love as you grieve. God bless you both. Elaine White

November 11 at 3:57 PM



**Jen Desplinter** lit a candle in honor of Lynn.

November 11 at 2:54 PM





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DS

**Daryl Schillaci** posted:

I just want to say I'm sorry for your loss I know what it's like losing a loved one and I know how much Lynn loved you guys and would have done anything for you guys and I want you to know he will always be looking after you guys he is your guardian angel just like my dad is mine love you guys again I'm sorry keep your heads up Sincerely, Daryl Schillaci

October 30 at 5:41 PM

NH

**Nanette Hillard Eyk** posted:

Jenny and Raeann...so very sorry for the loss of Lynn. We know how much he was loved by both of you. We will pray for you to have the strength to honor him by living your lives to the fullest. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both. Ed and Nanette Eyk

October 30 at 3:36 PM

GI

**Griffin Transportation, Inc.** lit a candle in honor of Lynn.

My deepest sympathy and prayers for you Jen and all of your family and friends during this very difficult time. Lynn was not only a valued Professional Truck Driver but a greater man and friend to many. Lynn's dedication and love for his family, country and trucking was to be admired and respected. Rest In Peace Lynn, thank you for your service to Griffin Transportation and our country. With God's help, may your strength and love comfort and hug all who love and miss you. Prayers, Griffin Family of Friends



October 30 at 12:09 PM

JR

**Julie[Railey]Rubitsky** posted:

Keith and Travis, I am so sorry for your loss. I had not seen your dad for years. But I have a lot of good memories from years ago. My mom loved him very much. God bless my thoughts are with you

October 30 at 10:16 AM



**Mary Walters** posted:

Trav, Keith, Jen. Our love and thoughts are with you. If Chris were home he would be with you. Love you .

October 30 at 8:45 AM



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KE

**Kelli** posted:

My deepest sympathies Jen and Rae. May you be comforted by your memories, and the kindness of loved ones and friends. Keeping you in my prayers!Kelli (Zalewski) Biesbrock

October 29 at 5:50 PM

KE

**Kelly** posted:

Jenny and Rae, our thoughts and prayers are with you both in this difficult time. Lynn was one heck of a guy and will be missed my many! Even though he is not here in the physical form remember he is always with you every single minute of every single day!Love you guys!Kelly, Bob, Tyler & Nicole Gagnon

October 29 at 5:06 PM

BD

**Barbara Davis** posted:

Jen and Rae our thoughts are with you..Lynn was a very nice guy and I am sure a wonderful husband and daddy..We had the pleasure of having him and you all to our house..Great fun and great conversation..He will be missed and he is loving you from above and will watch over you always..He was and is very proud of both of you..

October 29 at 3:09 PM

RS

**Ronda Schillaci** lit a candle in honor of Lynn.



October 29 at 3:08 PM

RS

**Ronda Schillaci** October 29 at 3:13 PM

Jenny and Rae my deepest sympathies and prayers go out to you both. He was a great husband, father and friend he will be truly missed by all. I will pray for you and Rae for you both to have the strength to get through this difficult time. Love You Both.Ronda & Darle (R.I.P.) Schillaci



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**Lisa Williams** posted:

Jenny and Rae, we are sorry for your loss. Lynn's smile, sense of humor and kind heart will be missed but never forgotten. We send our love and prayers. Lisa, Deb, Mark, Aunt Diane, Anthony and Christopher

October 29 at 12:43 PM



**Heather Vantil** posted:

Lynn, you will be greatly missed by many, Jen and Rae stay strong. We love you! Kevin, Heather, Jordan and kenzie

October 29 at 12:24 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lynn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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