



# David "Kirby" Swords

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**D**avid K. "Kirby" Swords, age 83, passed away Sunday, August 11, 2024 in Muskegon. He was born on May 1, 1941 in Muskegon to Earl and Lyla (Simonson) Swords and was a life resident of the area. Kirby was a City of Muskegon Fire Fighter for 16 years before retiring in 1982. He then went to work for the American Red Cross for many years. Kirby was a member of Calvin Church. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. On May 26, 1962 he married the former Karen Schwartz and they celebrated 62 years of marriage. SURVIVORS include his wife, Karen; two children: son, David Swords and daughter, Amy (Chris) Morency; five grandchildren, Thomas, Kirby, Kaleigh, Andrew and Jared; eight great grandchildren; sister, Kay (Chuck) George; and many nieces and nephews. Kirby was preceded in death by his grandson, Samuel Swords; brothers, Richard Swords, Donald Swords; and sister, Barbara Rasmussen. MEMORIAL SERVICES for Kirby will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday August 14, 2024 at Calvin Church (973 W. Norton Ave. Muskegon, MI 49441) with Pastor Mark Milkamp and Pastor Kirby Swords Shepard officiating. VISITATION with the family will be one hour prior to the service at church. Memorial Contributions in Kirby's name to Calvin Church or LOVE, INC. will be appreciated. Share memories with the family online at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com). Arrangements by The Walburn Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 1547 W. Sherman Blvd. Muskegon, MI 49441 (231) 759-8565.

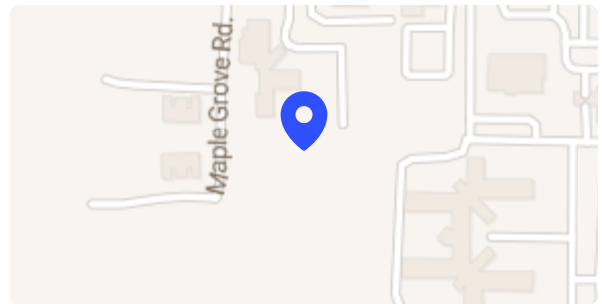


### Visitation


 **Wednesday**, August 14, 2024

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Calvin Christian Reformed Church**  
973 W. Norton Ave., Norton Shores MI 49441

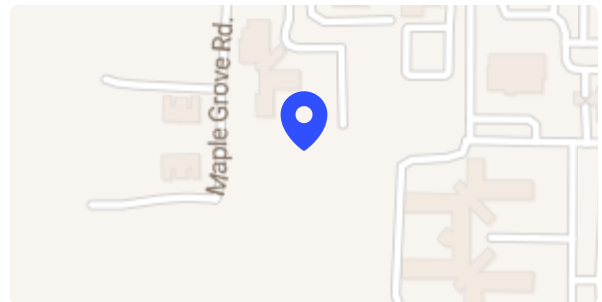


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## Tribute Wall

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JM

**John M.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David "Kirby".



August 15 at 1:55 PM

BC

**Barbara Cabble** posted:

Karen, I can't believe how long I have known you and Kirby. I have a difficult time facing the fact that he has passed. My fondest memory of him was probably the last summer we were at Torch Lake and we were sitting by the lake chatting. It was the last time we talked and it was a joy. I wish we would have spent more time with the two of you. I will remember his smiling face always. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

August 13 at 10:08 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Swords family.



August 13 at 1:48 PM

KC

**Ken And Cindy** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David "Kirby".



August 13 at 1:48 PM

BW

**Barb Wenk** posted:

Bob V L and I and Karen visited Kirby recently. We laughed, shared memories, and Kirby even told a joke! We shared hugs and left Kirby with a smile on his face! It is a great memory!

August 13 at 6:19 AM

DB

**Donna Buko** posted:

Kirby will be missed. I consider it a privilege to know Kirby. He was a wonderful man full of encouragement and love. Love you Kirbs. Rest in peace. I'll keep an eye on the neighborhood!

August 13 at 6:05 AM



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**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Swords family.

August 13 at 3:16 AM



**Simply Church, Gulfport, Ms** sent a Large Basket Garden to the Swords family.

August 12 at 4:24 PM



**Simply Church, Gulfport, Ms** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David "Kirby".

August 12 at 4:24 PM



**Dick Way** posted:

When I think of Kirby I always think of all the laughs we had. he had great sence of humor.

August 12 at 2:47 PM



**Ingrid Eby** August 23 at 2:07 PM

Dear Karen. So sorry to hear this news. Even though we never met him he must have been a wonderful guy to marry you. You wouldn't settle for anything less. Keeping you and your family in our prayers. 🙏🙏



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring David "Kirby" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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