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With hearts full of love, we celebrate the beautiful life of James Dirk Stone II, age 55, who passed away unexpectedly on December 16, 2024. Born in Biloxi, MS, on February 8, 1969, Dirk's zest for life and generous spirit resonated with everyone he met. A proud graduate of Grand Haven High School class of 1987 and Muskegon Community College, Dirk found value in life experiences and the relationships he built along the way.

On July 20, 1996, he married the love of his life, Denise Draft. Together they shared 28 years of laughter, love and adventure together. Being a Dad and role model to his son, Cameron, was his proudest accomplishment and of most importance.

Dirk was known for enjoying the simple pleasures, sipping his daily iced tea from Starbucks, whistling to his favorite tunes, and bringing joy and laughter to those around him. His passion for real estate led him to a successful career spanning over 20 years as a real estate agent and owner of Dirk Stone & Co. Dirk made a significant impact on his community through his work with Five Star Real Estate, HomeRealty, and numerous other organizations, helping countless people find their dream homes. His success was purely measured in the happiness he was able to help others achieve.

He left a legacy not only through his career, but with his family, friends and many lives he crossed paths with throughout his lifetime that will be cherished forever. His empathy and compassion were evident, and he made it a point to unconditionally care for others and build lasting relationships.

He cherished spending time with his family in the southern sunshine, enjoying the warmth of the beach. Dirk was a devoted Lions fan who never faltered, during the good and not so good years!

As we remember Dirk, let's celebrate the joy he brought into our lives, the laughter he shared, and the enthusiasm for life he spread so freely. His vibrant look at life and kind heart will continue to



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inspire all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Denise Stone; son, Cameron Stone; sister-in-law, Darcy Draft; brother-in-law, Tim (Nicole) Draft; aunt, Joanne (Tom) Skipper; cousin, LynnMarie (Ron) Leyder and her son, Ethan Leyder; mother-in-law, Joyce Cavalucci; father-in-law, Roger (Marcia) Draft; nieces, Amelia Walsh and Olivia Fisher; nephews, Austin and Tyler Draft; beloved pup, Daisy; parents and extended family; and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his grandma, Mildred Broton, and pup, Roxy.

A Visitation with the family will be held from 4-7:00 PM on Friday, January 3, 2025, at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. A Celebration of Dirk's life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at The Lee Chapel with visitation from 10-11:00 AM. Memorial contributions in his honor can be directed to the Grand Haven Schools Foundation. Share memories with the family at www.sytsemafh.com.



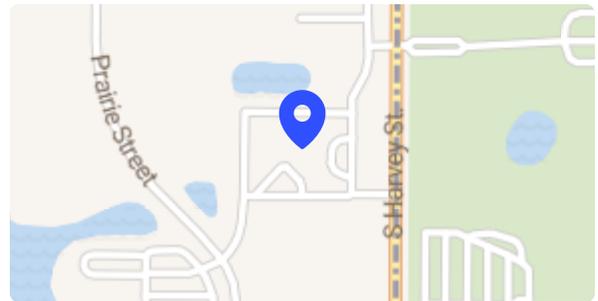
Visitation

 **Friday**, January 3, 2025

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

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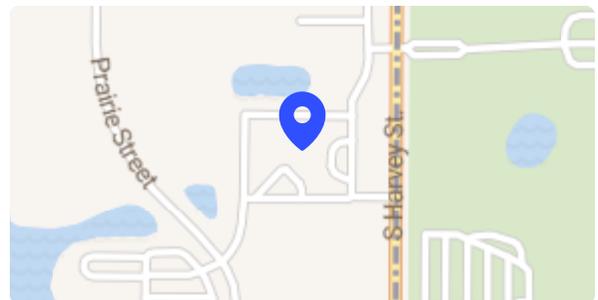
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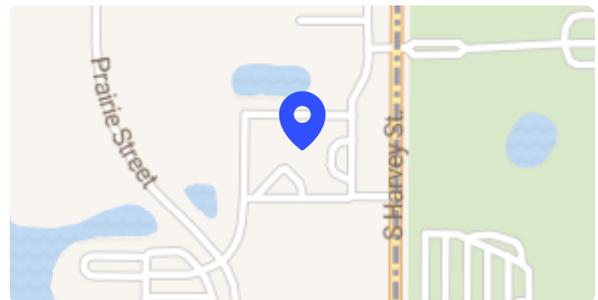
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Derek Draft lit a candle in honor of Dirk.

Our condolences to Denise, Cameron, and everyone whose lives were touched by Dirk. So often people are called to Heaven and we are left grieving for the loss however we are better for having had Dirk in our lives and take comfort in knowing he is at peace. We are sorry we could not attend his memorial service in person but know we are there in spirit and prayers. Derek



January 4 at 4:18 PM



Jene' Convertini lit a candle in honor of Dirk.

The best memories as little kids were riding bikes to the candy store in grand haven to get lots of different things kids would get back in the days! We always laughed so much and had such great times always! Never a dull moment! The best cousin ever! Love you Dirk ☐



January 3 at 11:22 PM



BD

Bekah, Steve, Boys & Dogs sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Stone family.



January 3 at 5:16 AM



BD

Bekah, Steve, Boys & Dogs planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dirk.



January 3 at 5:16 AM



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Stone family.



January 2 at 6:39 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Stone family.



January 1 at 11:55 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dirk.



January 1 at 11:55 AM



Gail Ringelberg posted:

I met Dirk when he was at Ski and Sport, where he fitted our family with numerous skis and attire. I knew him to be a fair, honest, and helpful real estate agent. His passing comes as a shock to me, but then life sometime throws us curve balls. My sympathies to his family as they navigate this difficult time.

December 31 at 3:25 PM



Emily Scheffler lit a candle in honor of Dirk.

With heartfelt sympathy, we remember Dirk's incredible kindness, his love for life, and the wonderful memories he created with all of us. He will be deeply missed. Sending our love and condolences from our family to yours. From John, Emily, & Hailey Scheffler and family



December 30 at 11:17 PM



John, Emily, Hailey Scheffler & Family sent a Fall Fantasia to the Stone family.



December 30 at 6:14 PM



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Patti Eddington posted:

When you don't know someone well and the news that he has passed STILL makes you very sad -- you know you've had the honor of meeting a very nice person.I met Dirk several years ago while interviewing him for a blog post for a local hospital. He and his family were so friendly and welcoming to me.A couple years after that I contacted him in a panic trying to find a source for an article for Michigan Home & Lifestyle Magazine. He said: "I'll be glad to help you."I wrote a lot of articles for that magazine over the years and he was one of only a few people who ever reached out to thank me and say "nice job."My sincere condolences to those who knew him well and loved him. This is obviously a tremendous loss.

December 30 at 4:28 PM



Maris Myers posted:

We worked together on bringing ski shows to the Frauenthal and later in years, he was a very involved dad, seeing him with his son for lessons at Meyer music store. He was always very sweet and a great business man. He will be missed.

December 30 at 7:40 AM



Lori A Craig lit a candle in honor of Dirk.

A kind hearted man, made time in his busy schedule, at a last minute request to stop over and talk with us about our home. With heavy hearts, we are so very sorry for your loss.Patrick and Lori Craig, GH



December 28 at 12:00 PM



Bridgett Clemons lit a candle in honor of Dirk.



December 27 at 7:22 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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