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Randall Clinton Wightman, age 64, passed away unexpectedly in Norton Shores, MI, on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. Randy was born in Chillicothe, MO, to Vern and Lucille (Kamerer) Wightman on October 7, 1961. He graduated from Norborne High School and went on to enlist in the U.S. Air Force, serving for 20 years prior to retiring as a Technical Sergeant in 2001. On February 27, 1987, he married the former Jody Tooman, and the two of them spent 38 wonderful years together. Following his time in the military he worked as a freight conductor for Norfolk Southern Railway for 22 years, retiring in 2023. Shortly after retirement he moved to west Michigan, where he became a member at Central United Methodist Church in Muskegon. He was very involved at the church, serving as a building trustee on the leadership council, and also helped with the “mix-n-match” team and volunteered with the food pantry.

Growing up on a farm, Randy developed a love for animals that he was able to carry with him into his time as a kennel master with the Air Force Police. Over the years he oversaw the care of many patrol dogs, training them to detect explosives and narcotics. He was stationed in many locations during his service and appreciated the opportunity to see so much of the world and also enjoyed going on many trips with Jody over the years. He was an avid reader, collected sports cards, and also enjoyed “doodling” highly intricate geometric art pieces. He loved spending time outdoors, especially at the beach or riding his Harley. Randy was a calm, stable man of strong moral character who was happy to lend a helping hand wherever he could.

Randy will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Jody Wightman; two sisters, Vinita Wightman and Ann (Jess) Spurgin; mother-in-law, Nancy Tooman; father-in-law, Charles (Barbara) Tooman; two siblings-in-law: Steve (Lorraine) Tooman and Jennifer (Andrew) Dibley; six nieces and nephews: Michael Tooman, Stephanie Wallace, Brittany (Matthew) Hoak, Nicholas (Rachel) Dibley, Luke Dibley, and Christopher Dibley; and four great-nieces and great-nephews: Dax, Rylee, Tucker, and Elliana. He was preceded in death by both his parents.



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A FUNERAL SERVICE will be held for Randy at 10:00 AM on Monday, February 2, 2026, at Central United Methodist Church, 1011 2nd St, Muskegon, MI 49440. VISITATION will be held from 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM. Following the Funeral a GRAVESIDE SERVICE with MILITARY HONORS will be taking place at 2:30 PM at Fort Custer National Cemetery, 15501 Dickman Rd, Augusta, MI 49012. If you choose to attend the graveside service, please arrive at the cemetery at 2:15 PM and wait in the appropriate staging area. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the [National Police Dog Foundation](#). Arrangements have been entrusted to The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St, Norton Shores, MI, 49444.

Funeral Service Recording

<https://youtu.be/Mi5BhUbas8g>



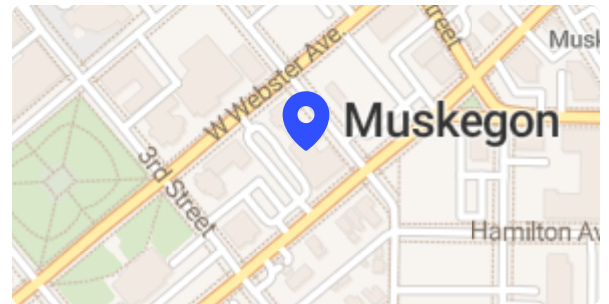
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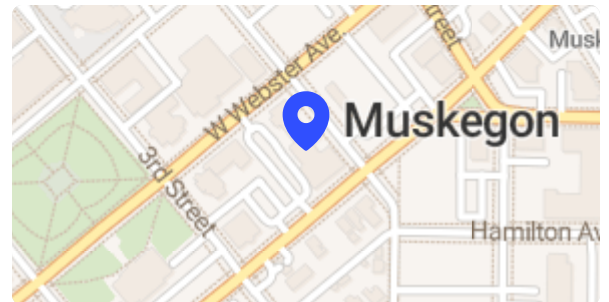
Visitation

- Monday**, February 2, 2026
- 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM ET
- Central United Methodist Church**
1011 Second Street, Muskegon MI 49440



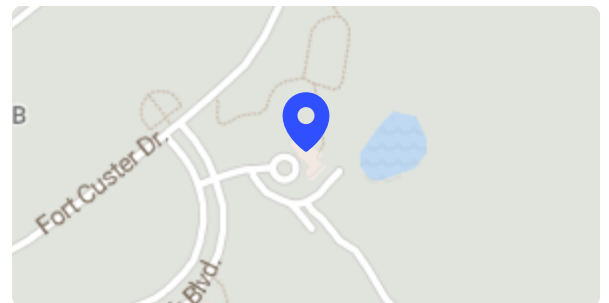
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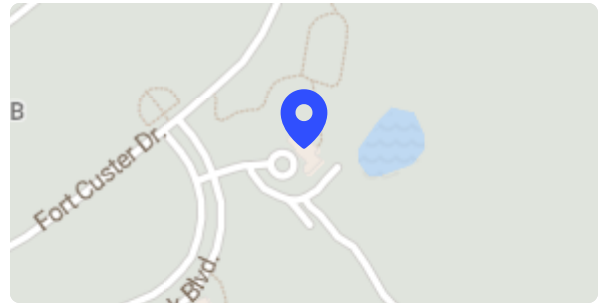
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Cemetery Details

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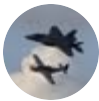


Gregg Myers lit a candle in honor of Randall.



Randall Whiteman was someone who truly understood the value of hard work. Throughout his career, he showed up, did his job with dedication, and carried himself in a way that earned the respect of the people around him. He wasn't the kind of person looking for recognition — he just believed in doing things the right way. It feels especially heavy knowing he didn't get to enjoy much time in retirement. After years of putting in the effort, showing commitment, and being dependable, you hope someone gets a long stretch to slow down and enjoy life. His passing is a reminder to all of us how short and unpredictable life can be. Randall leaves behind more than just a work history — he leaves memories of steady effort, quiet reliability, and the kind of presence coworkers could count on. He will be missed, remembered, and respected by those who had the chance to work alongside him. Our thoughts are with his family, friends, and everyone who knew him during this difficult time.

January 30 at 8:19 PM



Paul Metrovich posted:

Many years ago while stationed at KI Sawyer in Michigan we worked together for a few years. After work we would all jump in our 4x4 vehicles and hit a new trail and explore the wonderful woods of the Upper Peninsula. Maybe a good time with friends that I will always enjoy. Rest easy my friend, you will be missed!

January 30 at 5:09 AM



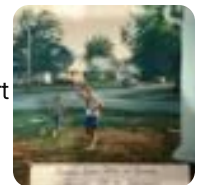
Anthony Osborne posted:

Randy was a good friend and mentor, not only to me but many others. He will be dearly missed. Rest easy defender!!

January 29 at 11:03 PM



Jason Spurgin Sr. shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



A great man is gone too soon. Uncle Randall always treated me as if I had been part of the family from the beginning. He was great at lawn darts among a lot of other things. He was a gentle giant and patriot to this nation. He will be sorely missed by all that had the chance to know and love him. Our condolences to Aunt Jody, our prayers are with you in this difficult time.

January 29 at 7:06 PM



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Joanie Sciba posted:

Randy and Jody have been my neighbors since they moved to Muskegon. I was always impressed by Randy's willingness to help me if there was something I needed. One day he helped me get to my car which was snowed in and then he stayed to shovel me out so I could get to my doctors appointment. I will miss his kind and gentle persona.

January 29 at 6:52 PM



Mark Hagen posted:

I just can't believe this. We were great friends at Scott AFB IL. He and Tommy Hutfles humbled me being at my retirement in 2012. 🤝🤝🤝🤝😭😭😭

January 29 at 5:50 PM



Tom Fairchild posted:

Randy and I were K9 handlers together at Osan AB, Korea 1981-1982. Rest in Peace, brother.

January 29 at 5:42 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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