



Ellis E. Dilts

May 12, 1952 - August 2, 2020

Ellis Eugene Dilts, age 68, passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2020. He was born on May 12, 1952 to Walton and Ann (Tapp) Dilts in Benton Harbor, MI. Ellis served his country in the United States Army. He worked for almost 30 years at L3 Communications (Continental Motors) before retiring due to illness. Ellis graduated in the Orchard View High School Class of 1970 with additional education through Muskegon Community College in fields of study related to Cutter Grinding and Metrology (Gage Control). He had many hobbies and was an avid sportsman. Just about anything outdoors he loved doing – hunting, fishing, boating, golfing. He even enjoyed gardening, cooking, and writing poetry. Ellis was involved in the Wildlife Association and was the past President of the local chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation (NWTF). He and his wife attended First Presbyterian Church on Sherman and had many friends through there. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and special nephew, Kevin Dilts. Ellis is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Kathleen Dilts; daughter, Brie (Emil) Fossler; grandchildren, Elleanna and Emilia; brother Wayne (Patricia) Dilts; sister, Sharon Goodwin; brother-in-law Thomas, (Darlene) Ralya; sister-in-law, Judy (Malcolm) Jackson and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of Ellis' life will be taking place from 1-4PM on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at Elks Park (5447 Lake Harbor Road). The family thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers at this time. Arrangements entrusted to The Lee Chapel of the Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100. Feel free to share a memory with the family at www.sytsemafah.com.

Comments



“ Kathy, Brie, & family, so sorry I couldn't be there today to celebrate the life of such a fantastic friend. Ellis fought so hard and always remained so cheerful & optimistic, no matter what the circumstances. He was truly a model for us all! (2 Tim 4:7) We love and will miss him greatly (for now, until we see him again)! We are praying for you all as you continue to move forward. Here's a thought, especially for you today:

Right now I'm in a different place,
And though we seem apart,
I'm closer than I ever was,
I'm there inside your heart.

I'm with you when you greet each day,
And while the sun shines bright,
I'm there to share the sunsets too,
I'm with you every night.

I'm with you when the times are good,
To share a laugh or two.
And if a tear should start to fall,
I'll still be there for you.

And when that day arrives,
That we are no longer apart,
I'll smile and hold you close to me,
Forever in my heart."

Love,
Bryan & Kim

Bryan & Kim Harris - August 29, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ Tubby Was my big brother some stories the statue of limitations have not worn out.

We had great times together laughing caring sharing with A plethora network of friends.

if you were a friend of tubs you have many close friends immediately

love you Tub.

My condolences Kathy and Bree

james (AKA whitey) gebolys - August 29, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ellis E. Dilts.



August 26, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ Ellis and I met around the age of 8 when he moved into the neighborhood. We nicknamed him “Tubby”. Besides baseball cards in the spokes of our bicycle tires we had nicknames.

Ellis was a friend of my family enjoying hunting and sharing our stories. Ellis was a smart caring man with a good sense of humor. He will be missed but not forgotten. My condolences to Kathy and Brie.



Dennis Harris - August 13, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ Chris and I had close to 50 years of friendship with Ellis and Kathy. Many good times were had. Now Ellis is with my Chris looking down on us from heaven above. Ellis was a great guy and a good friend. God Bless. Jon

jon Stewart - August 11, 2020 at 08:17 AM



“ My condolences to the family. Ellis was a great guy and one of my best friends. We worked together for years at L3 Communications. We golfed together too. He had a great sense of humor which was the glue that held us together for such a strong friendship. He will be greatly missed by everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Some day we'll all be together again. Russ&Chris Marsh

Russ & Chris Marsh - August 09, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ Dear Kathy and Brie,
For many years, we have loved you and consider you our family. It's been painful to watch Ellis's health decline. He continued to fight, maintain his humor, and take every opportunity to enjoy his life and live it to the fullest! I don't think we'll ever run out of fun stories to tell! We are so blessed to be able to call him our friend.
Love, Nancy and Rick

Nancy Schneider - August 09, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ I worked with Ellis for many years. We shared lunches together laughed and had many a joyous moment . You won't have to suffer no more the Lord has taken all that away and brought you to the land of happiness. I will miss you greatly and say hi to my wife for me.
You are now an angel. See you in the future.
Ron Funderburg

Ronald D. Funderburg - August 07, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ Ellis it was an honor to be your friend all these years... so happy that you and your wife came to our Church that one Sunday when you thanked everyone for their prayers... the two of us had a pack that we were both going to beat our heart issues... now I guess it is up to me... your encouragement and ideas were helpful, you are now walking the streets of Gold !!! and you got to look into the eyes of Jesus... and I know he said Well done my faithful servant.. you were a special guy... and I for one will miss you a lot... till we meet again.... Ron & Judy Carlisle



Judy Carlisle - August 07, 2020 at 12:58 PM



“ My heart goes out to you all.

Patti Plunkett - August 06, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ So sorry for Ellis's family loss. I knew him from my childhood, he lived next door to my cousins. He was always a fun person to be around. Great Dad and proud Grandpa also, a friend to many.

Rest In Peace,
Rose PERRI

Rose Perri - August 06, 2020 at 07:01 AM



“ Rest in peace my friend. Virgil just told me about your passing. I loved the old days and reminiscing whenever I seen you. You will be missed. Dave Gomez

Dave Gomez - August 05, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ Rest in your garden of peace and tranquility Ellis. Your everlasting journey has now begin. Condolences to the family.

Lydia Amaya - August 05, 2020 at 02:32 PM