



David E. Dumler

December 12, 1934 - January 4, 2021

David E. Dumler, age 86 of Harrison, passed away at his home on Monday, January 4, 2021. David was born the son of the late Carl and Gwendolyn (Hall) Dumler on December 12, 1934 in Flint. He served his Country in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1958. David was united in marriage to his beloved Gay E. Smith on May 30, 1959. They lived in Flushing, and David worked as a Beverage Salesman for Tom Ryan Distributing in Flint. After David retired they split their time between Harrison, Michigan and Estero, Florida. An avid sportsman, David was passionate about hunting and fishing. He turned that passion into part-time work across several fishing tackle shops, sharing his knowledge and inspiring other sports-minded patrons. Most of all, David loved spending time with family and friends, arriving at many gatherings with libations that would delight all. The common descriptors that emerge from all who had the honor of knowing "Big D" are: witty, funny, like-a-father to me, dependable, strong, proper, polite, an inspiration, great guy, wonderful man, best husband/father/grandfather ever, lived life to the fullest, had a great retirement, and will always be a part of us. It has been said that people die, relationships do not. David's legacy will live forever in all of our hearts.

David is survived by his wife Gay; children Kim (Joe) Enos-Osterwyk of Higgins Lake and Jeff (Kelly) Dumler of Wolverine Lake; three grandchildren, Jarred (Alison) Enos, Joshua Enos and Allison Dumler; a great grandchild Blair Enos. David had two sisters with one predeceasing him.

In keeping with David's wishes cremation has taken place with a Celebration

of His Life to be held at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to MidMichigan Homecare and Hospice (<https://www.midmichigan.org/conditions-treatments/HomeCare/hospice-michigan/>). Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Tribute Wall

JP

“ We had the joy of meeting Dave on Neebish Island, thru Jeff and Kelly. Whenever Dave was on the Island, it was a reason for celebration!

When I think of Big D, I think of laughter, great stories, the twinkle in his eyes, and an appreciation for the simple joys in life. He always made a point to softly mention “you kids are so lucky for the friends and memories you have here”. He’s so right!

Kindness, mischief, respect, giving, joy, laughter and appreciation are all words that come to mind when I think of Bid D, and Jeff and Kim have all those amazing qualities too, his most wonderful attributes shine so brightly thru his kids!

Cheers to Big D, until next time!

Love and healing,

Jess Pearson

Jess Pearson - January 12, 2021 at 10:40 AM

KD

“ I was fortunate to meet Dave on Neebish Island in July of 1990. Little did I know that the reservation I made for the small cabin in that Island fishing resort would become a life-changing event. It so happened an annual fishing trip with Dave, son Jeff, and a crew of friends was also planned for that week. Dave introduced me to Jeff, and prompted us to go fishing in their boat. Three years later Dave became my father-in-law. “Dad” was indeed a father to me for 30 years. Dad encouraged me to be a better person, just by loving me quietly, and always making me laugh. He and Mom celebrated life with us on so many levels, but perhaps none more than the birth of their granddaughter, whom he called “precious.” We now own a cottage on Neebish, a place that Dad cherished (and helped us maintain!). Jeff and I have taken countless boat rides with Dad, fishing the “strike zone” and “Buoy 12” to catch a pike or sip a Budweiser. That is the legacy that will live forever, Dad, especially as I cast off the dock with the fishing rod and reel that you gave me for Mother’s Day, all those years ago. And you’ll be in the boat with us, steering us into those prized walleye. Thank-you, Dad, and to Jeff, Mom, and Kim, for embracing me as part of the Dumler Family. I have been blessed with a remarkable life so far. More fish to catch, and memories to be made, Big D!

Kelly Dumler - January 11, 2021 at 10:06 AM

TK

“ So sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of working with Dave for many years. He was well respected and a all around great guy. Loved listening to his hunting and fishing stories.

Tim Kennedy - January 10, 2021 at 09:33 AM

JT

“ Hi Gay and family, it is me, Janet (Parky) Thomas. I was so shocked to see David's obit on channel 12 news last night. Please know that we send our deepest sympathy to you all. There are no words of comfort only to say, We have the promise of the resurrection.
We love you,
Dallas and Janet Thomas

Janet Thomas - January 09, 2021 at 02:08 PM

MR

“ Gaye, So sorry to hear about Dave. Remember all the good times.
Love to all.
Mike and Kay Reed

Mike Reed - January 08, 2021 at 08:52 AM

JD

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Jeff Dumler - January 08, 2021 at 07:29 AM

JD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeff Dumler - January 08, 2021 at 07:25 AM



“ **Mark Schallip**

I enjoyed snowmobiling with Dave on Neebish Island. He was an inspiration to all of us, the way he could ride a snowmobile, into his 80's. In the evenings on these trips, I always enjoyed his stories and the wealth of knowledge that he shared with us. He will be missed by all. My condolences to the entire Dumler family.

Jackie Boyer Schallip - January 07, 2021 at 10:08 PM

MD

“ *It was a always a great pleasure to be around Dave whether you were sitting on a frozen lake ice fishing or on a Canada fishing trip you knew that it was going to be a good day even if the fishing wasn't the friendship was worth it. We know that you are looking down on all of us hopefully enjoying a cold beer with your Old buddies .*

Matt Dupuis - January 07, 2021 at 06:51 PM

ME


“ *My Dad, Daughter and I have enjoyed many Father-Son-Grand Daughter snowmobile weekends with Dave on Neebish. Dave was always a pleasure to be around and had the best stories to tell. We always have and will continue to cherish those good memories of time spent with him.*

Mike Ellwanger - January 07, 2021 at 09:30 AM

JB

“ *Dave was one of my best friend Kims father. He was always super cool, easy going and made the best snake bite I have ever had. A great man. God bless Gay, Kim, Jeff and the rest of the family. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time.*

Jackie binelli - January 06, 2021 at 06:37 PM

 Bob Schallip

“ Always enjoyed my time with Dave. I am not a hunter or fisherman but still could talk with Dave for hours. Always happy and upbeat and could ride a snowmobile with the best of them. We will drink many a toast to him and share memories of him.

Bob Schallip - January 06, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David E. Dumler.



January 06, 2021 at 05:39 PM

KR

“ Dave was my sisters father in law, I had the pleasure of learning how to be a much better deer hunter due to his mentoring. Fishing as well. Very kind, generous, wise. Traits we loved about him. I for certain will Miss coffee before hunting. I've been blessed to keep his deer blind warm the last two years. Next year will be a tough one. But I know he would want us to persevere. RIP BIG D. Say howdy to the rest that have gone on before. Will join you on the big hunt someday. Kevin Rhoades

Kevin Rhoades - January 06, 2021 at 03:34 PM

DD

Dave was my first cousant his dad carl and my dad Jakob were brothers,, I had not seen Dave in many years, he still lived on the farm in Clio when I knew him. Don Dumler

Don Dumler - January 08, 2021 at 01:52 PM