



David "Dave" R. VanDreumel

July 3, 1937 - January 9, 2024

David Russell VanDreumel "Dave" passed away in his sleep peacefully on January 9, 2024. He was 86 years old. He was born July 3, 1937, in Wyoming, Michigan, where he was raised.

He joined the United States Coast Guard in 1956, shortly after graduating from Wyoming Park High school in 1955. He married Sharon Lee Taylor, of Wyoming, Michigan, on September 13, 1958. They had two children: Brian and Treasure.

Dave served his country in Vietnam and retired after 20 years of service, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander. The VanDreumel family lived all over the Great Lakes, plus a four-year stint in Washington D.C. during his career.

After retiring from the Coast Guard, Dave worked for the Schulz Enterprises (McDonald's) in upper management for 16 years.

After retirement, Dave and Sharon were snowbirds, living in Port Huron, Michigan, during the summer and fall and Fort Myers Beach, Florida, for the winter and spring. Dave and Sharon remained in close contact with many of the couples they met throughout their Coast Guard years and while snow-birding.

He loved outdoor activities. Some of his favorite memories were from the annual hiking and canoeing trip he took with his buddies for 20+ years. He enjoyed cooking, especially prime rib, baby back ribs, and various soups. He loved bowling and participated in several local leagues. He loved to watch all sports and was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers, Lions and Red Wings.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adrian and Virginia (Westgate) VanDreumel and brother-in-law, Jerry O'Neil.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Sharon, his son, Brian (Ashley) VanDreumel, daughter, Treasure VanDreumel, five grandchildren, Fallon McKey, Dr. Christopher VanDreumel, Amanda McKey, Stephanie (Reed) Sturgeon, Cailah McKey, two great-grandsons Ezra McKey and River Banayan, two sisters Nancy O'Neil and Karen "Susie" (Dan) Reagan, one brother, Tom (Jackie) VanDreumel, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He also loved electronics, gadgets, computers, Corvettes, old westerns, rhubarb pie, forensic crime shows, Klondike bars, Sharon's goulash and Ashley's gumbo. He will be remembered for his personal integrity, strong leadership, storytelling and his funny jokes.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Port Huron, Michigan, later this spring. His son Brian can be contacted at bvandreumel@cox.net for upcoming arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to his favorite charity, the Wounded Warrior Project. Feel free to add pictures or stories of favorite memories in his LifeTribute album located on the Jowett Funeral Home website, www.jowettfuneralhome.com

Special thanks to both Dr. Thammineni and the staff at the McLaren Macomb Hospital and the staff at MediLodge of Richmond. Very special thanks to Tomlinson Assisted Living and their incredible caregivers Samantha, Viviana,

Autumn, Maria, Viera, Josilyne and Cheryl. These tireless angels will be remembered forever, as well as his wonderful hospice nurse, Jamie, and his caring social worker, John from Residential Hospice. This team at Tomlinson made his last months more comfortable and showed the utmost dignity and respect.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home - Port Huron

Tribute Wall

RW

“ Sharon,
I've just now realized that Dave has passed since your Christmas card was returned to me. IF you read this, please get in touch with me. Blessings, ron ward

ron ward - February 26, 2025 at 04:44 PM

GN

“ *Dear Sharon, we just heard of Dave's passing today, and I am so sad to hear that. I always enjoyed his notes and occasional calls over the years, but it was our canoe trip to Georgia back in 1974 that will stay with me forever. Dave and I headed south to run the Chattooga River (the Deliverance River!) in an aluminum canoe. Over three adventurous days we ran all the navigable sections, on one of which 23 people drowned the year before! We camped for one or two nights then found a little motel in Clayton, Georgia, thankfully, with an all you can eat buffet! We laughed for four continuous days, despite doing an end-over-end in the canoe through a Class V rapid, and then getting the canoe stuck in a narrow channel with a current strong enough to tear the aluminum gunwale in a Grumman canoe!*

Dave and I worked together in a branch of the Vessel Inspection division for a few years and it was truly an adventure in every sense of the term, but Dave's patience, leadership and sense of humor made everything good. I will miss him even though we didn't keep in touch all that often, as he was a true friend and a good person in all respects. With love to Sharon, Brian and Treasure, George and Linda Naccara

George Naccara - April 26, 2024 at 04:41 PM

AO

“ Dave and I were lucky enough to work for the Schulz family for many years. He was like a big brother to me...both a friend and a mentor. His intelligence and sense of humor will be missed.
Sincerely, Art O'Leary

Art O'Leary - January 21, 2024 at 12:43 PM

LL

“ Sharon and family I am so sorry for your loss. He and Bob had wonderful times working together. You are in my prayers. Sincerely
Linda Lane.

Linda Lane - January 15, 2024 at 02:40 PM

RW

“ What a wonderful tribute to your dad and mother.
Thank you for your service. Rest In Peace, Sir
God bless your family.
Rose W

rose Washburn - January 13, 2024 at 04:44 PM

KS

Oh Sharon, I just now read about Dave's passing! My heart aches for you! Love and miss you! Karlene

Karlene Schulz - February 04, 2024 at 10:56 AM

MS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Please accept my deepest condolences. I'll never forget when the O'neil/VanDreumel family welcomed me to the family and I went to my first family gathering and Dave was laid out on the floor in the midst of the party. Me to Sharon: Is he OK? Sharon: He's fine, just step over him.

Mark Stewart - January 13, 2024 at 09:20 AM

JS

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Dave’s passing, my deepest condolences to his family , May Gods blessings be with you all. My Wife Sandy and I shared so many Great memories with your Mom and Dad over many years, Dance clubs, Fish fry’s, Dinner at their house, trips north Canoeing and visiting with them in Fort Meyers Beach , Florida. and at their Home in Ft. Gratiot, So many Life memories with them. They were both at Sandys 80th. Birthday at the Eagles on August 10th. 2017. May God Bless Dave and Sharon. 🙏🙏 . Jim Frazer Sr. Melbourne Beach, Florida.



Jim Frazer Sr - January 12, 2024 at 05:56 PM