



Randel W. Dillow

December 14, 1967 - May 8, 2026

It is with heavy hearts and profound love that we announce the passing of Randel William Dillow, who departed this life on May 8, 2026, at the age of 58. Born on December 14, 1967, in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, Randel was a beacon of strength and kindness, whose life was dedicated to service, love, and family. He passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his cherished family, following a courageous battle with ALS.

Randel's life was a testament to devotion and commitment, not only to his family but also to his country and community. He was a proud graduate of Clintondale High School, where he laid the foundation for a life of learning and service.

His sense of duty led him to a distinguished military career, where he served six honorable years in the Navy before dedicating 31 years to the Air Force. Randel's expertise as a jet engine mechanic at Selfridge Air Force Base from 2001 to 2017, and later at Patrick Space Force Base until 2026, earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and superiors alike.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Randel was deeply rooted in his

community. He served with dedication as a member of the New Haven Fire Department for 16 years, always ready to lend a helping hand and protect those in need. His patriotism was not just a part of his career but was woven into the fabric of his daily life, reflecting in his hobbies and interests, which included a love for music, concerts, cars, and the serenity of the beach.

Randel's personal life was enriched by the love and support of his devoted wife, Karena Ann Dillow, whom he married on February 25, 1989. Their partnership of 37 years was a testament to enduring love and mutual respect. Together, they raised three wonderful children: Melissa (Justin) Strassburg, Kayla (Craig Simmon), and Jacob (Heather) Dillow. Randel's legacy continues through his cherished grandchildren: Noah, Caleb, Vayda, Chevy, Kinsley, Piper, Adyson, and Lyndie, who were the light of his life. He is also survived by his brother, Ryan Wurful, whom he shared countless memories with. Randel was preceded in death by his mother, Nancy Wurful, and father, Harold Dillow.

The family invites those who knew and loved Randel to celebrate his life and legacy. Visitation will be held on May 13, 2026 from 3:00pm - 7:00pm. A service will be held on May 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. with visitation from 10:00am until time of service at Jowett Funeral Home-57737 Gratiot, New Haven, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made directly to the family, or to the ALS Foundation in Randel's memory, a cause close to his heart. Donations can be made at the ALS Foundation Website Here (https://www.als.org/?form=general&s_src=donatebutton).

Randel William Dillow lived a life of service, love, and unwavering dedication to his family and country. His memory will forever be cherished, and his legacy

of kindness and courage will continue to inspire all who were fortunate to know him. He will be deeply missed, but his spirit will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - New Haven
57737 Gratiot Avenue
New Haven, MI 48048
(586) 749-9585
jowettfamily@comcast.net
<https://www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com>

Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Randel W. Dillow.*



May 13 at 03:28 PM



“ *Tracy L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randel W. Dillow.*

Tracy L. - May 13 at 09:38 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Randel W. Dillow.*

May 13 at 09:27 AM



“ *Tyler, Victoria, Jennie, Jay purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Randel W. Dillow.*



Tyler, Victoria, Jennie, Jay - May 12 at 04:38 PM



“ *Tyler, Victoria, Jennie, Jay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randel W. Dillow.*

Tyler, Victoria, Jennie, Jay - May 12 at 04:38 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randel W. Dillow.



May 12 at 03:28 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randel W. Dillow.



May 12 at 09:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Randel W. Dillow.

May 12 at 09:29 AM



“ Abraham's, Huber's, & Stier Families purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Randel W. Dillow.



Abraham's, Huber's, & Stier Families - May 11 at 06:34 PM

GM

“ Grandpa Vanderlip, Amanda, and Michael purchased the *In Heaven's Arms Bouquet* for the family of Randel W. Dillow.



Grandpa Vanderlip, Amanda, and Michael - May 11 at 05:44 PM

GM

“ Grandpa Vanderlip, Amanda, and Michael planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randel W. Dillow.

Grandpa Vanderlip, Amanda, and Michael - May 11 at 05:44 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Randel W. Dillow.



May 11 at 03:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Randel W. Dillow.

May 11 at 03:09 PM

LF

“ Love, The Walendzik Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Randel W. Dillow.



Love, The Walendzik Family - May 11 at 08:31 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randel W. Dillow.



May 11 at 08:22 AM

SC

“ Randy was always so sweet with Liam. Liam loved visiting with him, playing and talking about solar systems together. While we wish we could have had more time and more visits before his passing, we will forever cherish the memories we were blessed to share with him. □



Samantha Cox - May 09 at 01:20 PM

TH

“ The Hardens lit a candle in memory of Randel W. Dillow



The Hardens - May 09 at 08:07 AM