



David E. Taughinbaugh

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David E. Taughinbaugh, age 90, of Fort Gratiot passed away at home on April 8, 2019. He was born November 18, 1928 in Highland Park, MI. David served his country in the U.S. Navy (USS Steinaker) through the end of WWII being honorably discharged in 1948. He married his beloved wife, Sallie (Arlesa) Waters in 1950 in Highland Park, MI. A career firefighter, David retired as Assistant Chief for the Highland Park Fire Department in 1979. Devoted father of three; Debbie Ziegler (Joe), Duane Taughinbaugh (Michelle), and Arlesa Szafranski (Michael) he provided summertime retreat for the family at their cottage in Lexington, MI where lifelong friends shaped memories. He moved his family to St. Clair, MI in 1979 where he worked and retired a second time as Fire Marshall for Harper Hospital in Detroit (DMC). During his last stint of employment of 20 years, David enjoyed watching the freighters and beauty of the St. Clair River as he worked part-time as bridge tender providing clearance for Pine River and St. Clair River Boat traffic.

He is survived by his wife, Sallie, children and grandchildren; Jo Jo and Jimmy Ziegler, Demerie Taughinbaugh, Cameron and Reanne Szafranski. Also, cherished by loving nieces and nephews. David was preceded in death by his parents, Doris and David M. Taughinbaugh, also his two sisters; Edyth Rosenberger (Lanny) and Edna Marone (Frank).

Through the later years, David was wonderfully cared for by his wife of nearly 69 years, and many dedicated caregivers who provided hearts of gold, compassion and empathy for the family. He passed peacefully in his home of three years, Blue Water Lodge, Independent Living, Ft. Gratiot MI.

A funeral service will be Thursday April 11 at 8:00 p.m. at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. Interment will be Friday in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Visiting hours are Thursday 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



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Memorials may be made to The Alzheimer's Association. To leave a message of comfort visit www.youngcolonial.com



Events

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Visitation

Thursday, April 11, 2019

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI

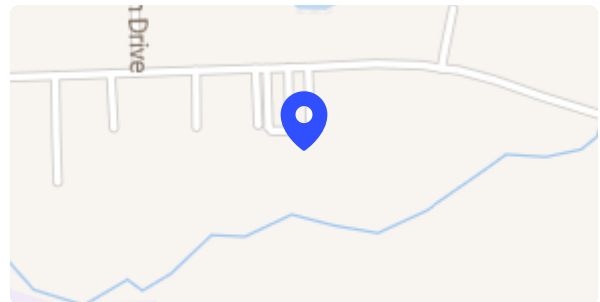


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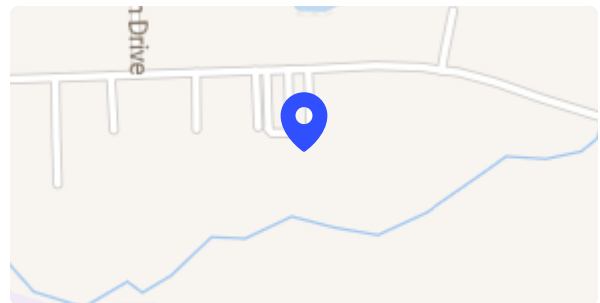


Service

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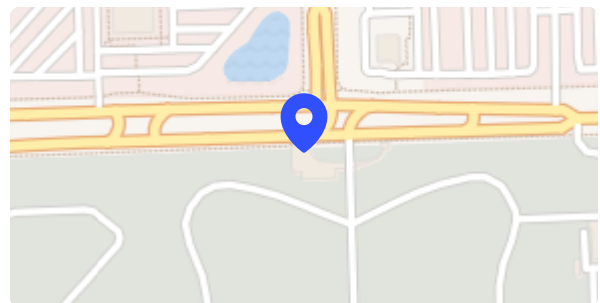
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Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery
621 W. Long Lake Rd., Troy MI 48098





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Taughinbaugh family.

April 10 at 6:06 AM



Scotty Waters lit a candle in honor of David.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. We were blessed with Uncle Dave and he will be forever in our hearts.Scotty Waters

April 10 at 4:19 AM



Karen & Scotty Waters Family sent a Love's Tapestry to the Taughinbaugh family.

April 10 at 4:05 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Taughinbaugh family.

April 9 at 3:53 PM



Renie Tee posted:

We are holding all of you close in our hearts and wishing you moments of peace. Our prayers are with you during this sad time. With our heartfelt sympathy, Renie Kopera Tee

April 9 at 12:42 PM



Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Taughinbaugh family.

April 9 at 6:06 AM





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Anonymous sent a Vivid Recollections to the Taughinbaugh family.



April 9 at 5:44 AM



Marcia Minard posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Marcia (May) Minard-Massad

April 8 at 4:37 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Taughinbaugh family.



April 8 at 3:25 PM



Dave Rockwell posted:

I am sorry for your loss, may God bless the Taughinbaugh family Dave Rockwell

April 8 at 2:39 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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