



# Robert E. Murray Sr.

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**R**obert E. Murray Sr., age 77, of China Twp., passed away on February 20, 2023. He was born on May 23, 1945, in Detroit, to the late Fred and Nora Murray. He married Kathryn A. Miller, on September 25, 1965. Robert served honorably in the United States Army. He loved to watch the Detroit Tigers and Nascar. He was considered an amateur groundskeeper, because he took great pride in maintaining his lawn.

Robert is survived by his wife of 57 years, Kathryn; children, Kimberly Murray, Rebecca (Daniel) Billmeyer, Robert (Kim) Murray Jr., Todd (Amy) Murray, and Aaron (Cindy) Murray, 14 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren; siblings, Nita Jukuri, Carol Colett, Paul (Penny) Murray, and Gordon Murray, along with several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his brothers, James and Gary Murray; brothers-in-law, Leroy Colett, El Jukuri, and best friend, Bill Davis.

A memorial service will take place Sunday, March 19th at 1:30 p.m. followed by military honors at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. Visiting hours are from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society. To leave a message of comfort visit [www.youngcolonial.com](http://www.youngcolonial.com)



# Events

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## Visitation

**Sunday**, March 19, 2023

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

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



## Memorial Service

**Sunday**, March 19, 2023

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM ET

**Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, Inc.**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI 48054

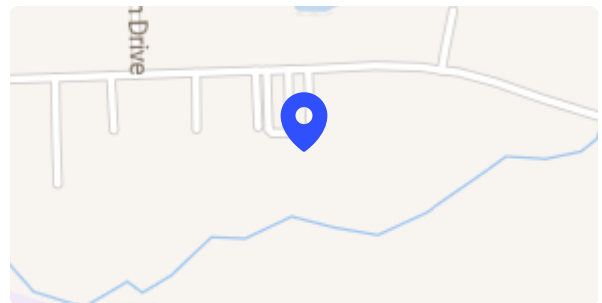


## Military Honors

**Sunday**, March 19, 2023

2:00 PM - 2:15 PM ET

**Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**  
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## Cemetery Details

Cremation



## Tribute Wall

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**Bob Murray (Bob)** posted:

Dad, There are so many things I wish I could say to you face to face. Our story wasn't simple. The beginning was hard. There were years when I didn't understand you, and years when I carried hurt I didn't know how to put into words. But what means the most to me — what I will always hold onto — is that our story didn't end there. You changed. In the last fifteen years of your life, you became not just my father, but my friend. We grew closer than I ever thought possible. I will always treasure the Tigers games we went to together — just the two of us. I wasn't the biggest baseball fan at first, but I loved being there with you. It wasn't about the game. It was about the time. It was about us. When I bought you that video game console and you started playing baseball every day, I saw how much joy it brought you. After you passed, I bought one for myself. Now I play that same baseball game, and every time I do, I think of you. It keeps me connected to you. It reminds me that people can grow, relationships can heal, and that it's never too late to find your way back to each other. I wish we'd had those later years when I was young. I wish I had known that version of you sooner. But I'm deeply grateful we didn't miss our chance completely. We found each other before time ran out. You once made me feel chosen, valued, and close to you in a way that meant more than I can explain. I carry that with me every day. I miss you. I'm proud to be your son. And I will always keep a piece of you alive in the small rituals that remind me of us. Love always, Your son

February 17 at 3:07 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Murray family.



March 16 at 4:46 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Murray family.



March 12 at 5:56 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Murray family.



March 10 at 10:53 AM



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**Robert Murray Jr** posted:

He was a father, a husband, a brother, and a friend, and he will be deeply missed. As we remember him, we recall the things that brought him joy in life. He loved playing baseball on PlayStation, cheering on his favorite Nascar drivers, and spending time doing yard work. He found peace in the simplicity of nature and the satisfaction of a job well done. He was a proud conservative and loved to discuss politics with anyone who was willing to engage in a respectful conversation. He was passionate about his beliefs and had a deep love for his country. Regardless of how others felt. He admired Donald Trump and appreciated his efforts to make America great again. In his free time, he enjoyed watching Action movies and TV shows. He was always up for a good thriller or suspenseful drama, and he loved to share his thoughts and opinions on the latest plot twists and turns. But above all, he loved Kathy Murray. She was his partner, his best friend, and the love of his life. They shared countless memories and experiences together, and their bond was unbreakable. As we say goodbye to our beloved father, husband, and friend, let us remember the things that made him special. Let us hold onto the memories we shared and honor the legacy he leaves behind. He will be deeply missed, but his spirit and his love will live on in our hearts forever. Rest in peace, dear friend.

March 9 at 11:53 AM



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**Karen Grunewald** shared a photo to the **Memories of Uncle Bob** album.



March 2 at 3:12 PM



**Rm** July 20 at 11:18 AM

As I reflect on the past year, I feel compelled to share my thoughts and emotions in the hope of finding some solace and perhaps offering comfort to those who may have walked a similar path. Losing loved ones is never easy, and the journey through grief is often fraught with unexpected challenges. One year ago, our family faced the devastating loss of both our parents within a span of five months. The pain of their absence has been a constant companion, a void that nothing seems to fill. Yet, it is not only their absence that has weighed heavily on my heart but also the dynamics and interactions that followed their passing. Grieving is a deeply personal experience, and each of us copes in different ways. However, I found myself struggling with the lack of support and understanding from those I hoped would be there. It's been difficult to navigate through this time without the expected comfort and check-ins from close family members. The silence has been deafening, and the absence of a simple, "How are you doing?" has left a mark. There were moments during the services that felt particularly hurtful. Comments made in jest or remarks highlighting family dysfunction were not just ill-timed but deeply wounding. Funerals are meant to honor and remember, not to highlight grievances or make others feel small. Adding to the pain was the absence of a friend of nearly 25 years. Although our friendship had faded years ago, seeing him during this difficult time would have helped me through. The sudden end of our friendship without explanation was a deep and unexpected blow during an already challenging time. Looking back, I wish we could have approached these moments with more empathy and support for one another. A funeral should bring people together in shared grief and remembrance, not drive them further apart. Simple acts of kindness and understanding could have made a significant difference in navigating this challenging time. As I continue to process these experiences, I am focusing on my own healing and finding strength within. I am seeking to build connections with those who are present and supportive, and I am learning to set boundaries to protect my emotional well-being. To anyone who reads this and finds a reflection of their own experiences, I want you to know that you are not alone. Grief can be isolating, but sharing our stories can help us find common ground and mutual support.



**Marcia Bohn** March 16 at 3:11 PM

Awesome picture! ❤️



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**Karen Grunewald** posted:

So Very Sorry for you guys and your loss. There are so many fond memories of Uncle Bob. He had a soft spot in his heart for kids and animals and I always appreciated how he used his Dog Whisperer skills on our dog Waldo to relieve his anxiety & help him feel calm. Uncle Bob was very proud of his family & enjoyed sharing stories of your numerous accomplishments. His ability to find humor in everything and make people laugh and feel at ease will be missed by all. Love Karen & Craig

March 2 at 3:07 PM



**Kimberly Murray** March 3 at 7:22 AM

Love you Karen!! ❤️ thank you



**Kimberly Murray** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Dad, It still feels like you're coming home soon! Thank you for showing us love in your Bob Murray way and molding me into the warrior I am today!! I miss you more than you can imagine!!! (((Hug))) "if I don't see you through the week.....I'll see you through the window!"



March 1 at 11:10 AM



**Melissa Tozzi** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

March 1 at 11:08 AM



**Kimberly Murray** March 1 at 1:01 PM

Thank you Melissa! I love you!



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March 2 at 3:12 PM



Voyageur March 2022



**Marcia Bohn** March 16 at 3:11 PM

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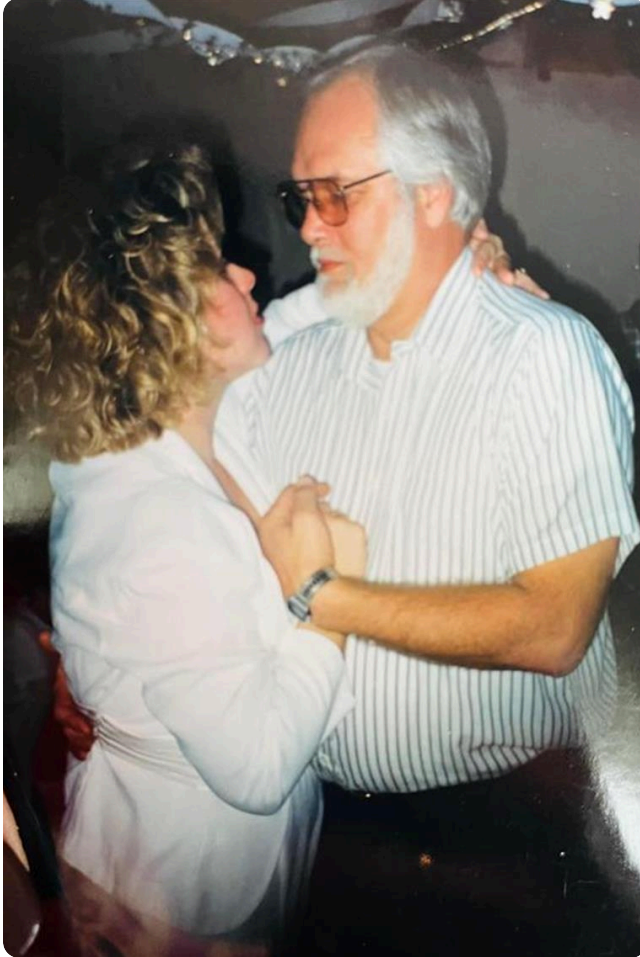
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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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