



## Mr David R Lancaster

December 27, 1942 - December 23, 2016

David R. Lancaster passed away Friday December 23, 2016 at the age of 73 in his home surrounded by loving family. David (Dave) fought a long two-year battle with lung cancer. He was a resident of Gulf Shores, Alabama for the past five years. Originally Dave was from Michigan-the Hastings, Lake Odessa, Sunfield area.

David was born December 27, 1942 in Hastings, Michigan at Pennock Hospital to Violet (Curtis) and Delbert Lancaster. He is survived by sister Pat Lancaster of Hastings, Michigan and proceed in death by his brother Delbert Lancaster and sister Carolyn Lancaster.

Dave's wife Dorla (Staup-Wood) proceeded him in death after 25 years of marriage. He was also proceeded in death by first wife Sherry (Thaler). His children include Robin (Lancaster) Easey and husband Randy Easey of Hastings Michigan. David Lancaster and wife Kandy Lancaster of Hastings, Michigan. Jodi (Wood) Smith and husband Steve Smith of Gulf Shores, Alabama. Jolene Misner of Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Grandchildren include: Richard Easey, William Easey, Cody Smith, Jeremy Lancaster, Dylan Shook, Tara Shook, and Shane Smith. Great grandchildren include: Karrie Jones, Korey Jones, Tyler Easey, and Bryson Smith.

David attended Hastings High School. After high school, he worked at several local restaurants that he enjoyed included Dog N Suds and Richie's in Hastings, Michigan. Although Dave did not remain in the restaurant profession he did continue to enjoy cooking throughout his life and often shared stories of

his early restaurant years. Dave went to work for General Motors at the Fisher Body Lansing plant and retired after 33 years. He was a proud member of Local Union 602.

Dave enjoyed cooking and trying new recipes. He was often the family cook with grandchildren requesting their favorite dishes. He also enjoyed reading, especially Clive Cussler and James Mitchum. Dave was a big history buff and often could be found watching the History channel and was ready to debate historical events. He loved going to the casino and enjoyed the slot machines. He was guilty of often spoiling his grandchildren. Dave always had a beloved pet and most recently was spoiling his dog Bandit.

Dave and his wife Dorla enjoyed traveling and visited many places including the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Branson Missouri, Niagara Falls, and throughout the Midwest. They spent a lot of time in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan as Dave had family there. At one point, they owned several acres in Northern Michigan that they used for camping and easier access to the Upper Peninsula. They remodeled several homes and could often be found rearranging the layout of their home.

Dave wished to join his wife Dorla in Michigan for his final resting place. A private family memorial was held in Gulf Shores, Alabama. In the spring the family will plan a memorial for friends and family that will take place in Michigan. The exact date will be determined.

Dave fought a long hard battle against lung cancer and needed many blood transfusions. It was due to the blood donations of strangers that Dave could fight so long and hard. The family asks that those who could would donate blood to help another family continue the battle against cancer.

He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who was greatly loved and will be deeply missed.

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# Tribute Wall

 Gary West

“ I remember watching Uncle Dave several times as a child while he was remodeling one of the homes they lived in. I was always full of questions and even though it was usually a one word answer he would most usually give me one. Later on in my middle school years when they lived at the lake I would frequently go to Uncle Dave and Aunt Dora's house to watch Dave's HUGE tv. He was almost always watching History channel and we would often sit and debate or more often discuss the events of the show/era. Those discussions with Uncle Dave sparked my interest in history both of America and the World and I did very well in all of my history classes in school, something I can attribute to those history lessons with Uncle Dave. Rest in Peace and say hi to Aunt Dodo for me, you had more of an impact on me than you knew and you will be missed.



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**Gary West** - December 30, 2016 at 07:54 PM

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He loved history so much! Growing up I also had my love of history sparked by the many debates and conversations we had. You are sure right about the remodeling-I never knew where the kitchen was going to be when I went to visit LOL! The times at the lake were some of the best family times!

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**Jodi Smith** - January 12, 2017 at 07:40 AM

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**Jodi** - December 30, 2016 at 05:04 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album *Pictures of Dad*



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**Jodi Smith** - December 29, 2016 at 06:46 PM

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**Jodi Smith** - December 29, 2016 at 06:44 PM