



Dana Mark Minnis

October 22, 1950 - July 23, 2023

Dana passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by loved ones.

He was born in Muskegon to Roberta (Gilding) and Paul Minnis.

Dana enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on November 16, 1967, and was honorably discharged on October 31, 1974, having been awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Service Ribbon, Combat Action Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Rifle Sharpshooter Badge. While in the service Dana discovered a talent for and a love of truck driving which became his lifelong career.

Dana was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Doyle, daughter Yvette, grandson Robert, and granddaughter Noelle.

Surviving him are his wife Chris, children Michelle Minnis, Shannon (Jeremy) Schaudt, Shane Brown, Cai (Samuel) Floate, Scott (Kathy) Minnis, Sandi Minnis, Mike (Jenny) Minnis, Brandy Downey, Bobbi (Larry) Gates, his best friend Craig Cookingham and his brother Paul (Kim) Minnis, his grandchildren Bionka, Chyna, Crystal, Sophia, Dana, Landon, Baylen, Jordan, Tayler, Raymond, Michael, Roger, Kiah, Mikhail, Caellum, Elijah, Evelyn, Amelia, Ellyana, and numerous great-grandchildren.

Dana had a goofy personality and loved making people laugh using his expressive face and colorful, inventive language. He greatly enjoyed the outdoors. Dana was interested in anything relating to history, military weapons, and nature but above all, he cherished spending time with his family!

The family will receive friends on Friday, July 28, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home until the time of service at 2:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, in Dana's name.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home
106 S. Cherry
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-5121
<https://www.wolfeoneill.com/>

Service

JUL 28. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“Dad, I love you. You will be greatly missed. It was always fun to be with you and mom (Shawn). I will always hold those great memories in my heart and consciousness. You changed my life and I got to know what freedom was. I got to experience a lot of joyous moments with you, Mom, Yvette, Shannon, Shane, Cai and Granny. Your jokes and goofy personality is forever etched into my mind and heart. The love you gave is forever cherished and never will I forget it. You are a great man.



Michelle-Elizabeth - July 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dana Mark Minnis.



July 27, 2023 at 11:12 PM



“A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dana Mark Minnis.

July 27, 2023 at 11:12 PM

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“ Jeff and Renee Speas , Tanya and Eric Zettelmaier purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dana Mark Minnis.



Jeff and Renee Speas , Tanya and Eric Zettelmaier - July 27, 2023 at 06:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dana Mark Minnis.



July 26, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dana Mark Minnis.

July 26, 2023 at 05:49 PM

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“ Theresa C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Mark Minnis.

Theresa C. - July 26, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dana Mark Minnis.*



July 26, 2023 at 08:47 AM



“ *Condolences to the Family. Many fond memories . One of the kindest person I ever met. You will be missed. All my thoughts and prayers to all. Linda Abramczyk.*



Linda Abramczyk - July 26, 2023 at 06:38 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dana Mark Minnis.*



July 25, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dana Mark Minnis.*



July 24, 2023 at 08:50 PM