



Mr. David George Cartwright

December 31, 1945 - August 28, 2015

Celebrating The Life of David George Cartwright:

David G. Cartwright, Sr. departed this life on August 28, 2015. David was born in Detroit, MI on December 31, 1945 to the union of Saul and Nora Beatrice (Hereford) Cartwright. His parents, son, David G. Cartwright, Jr., and brothers, Phillip and Herschel Cartwright preceded him in death.

David lived a life worth emulating as demonstrated by his strong work ethic and commitment to excellence. He was a role model and mentor not only to his family members, but also to many young people who were blessed by his friendship and guidance.

During the late 1960's, David loved racing his Porsche with the Sports Car Enthusiasts of Michigan where he developed life-long relationships. He enjoyed boating with the Motor City Yacht Club with his friends. He was a charter member and President of the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Rat Pack International that promotes fellowship, networking, mentoring and entrepreneurship.

David attended Detroit Public Schools, graduating from Central High School where he met the love of his life, Essie Jean (E.J.) Johnson. He later obtained an Associates Degree from Highland Park Community College. David completed many professional development courses to sharpen his

management skills.

He attained the rank of Major during his 24-½ year career with the Michigan Army National Guard that began as an Enlisted Infantryman. David approached his day job at Ford Motor Company with the same military ethic that he approached the Army - he took care of his people. As a Plant Superintendent, he demonstrated an innate ability to identify, hire, and develop people, thereby providing life-changing opportunities to many well-deserving candidates who without his influence would have fallen by the wayside. David retired in 2005 after 42 years of dedicated service. After his retirement, he became a Realtor® with RPR Real Estate Services agency and worked up to the time of his hospitalization.

Inspired by his uncle, Senator Arthur Cartwright, David was committed to making his community a better place to live. He ran for political office twice. Although not elected, he continued to actively support other candidates of his choice in Detroit and Oakland County for much of his adult life. He held the position of Vice President of the Bedford Woods Neighborhood Association.

David's trademark smile won the heart of Essie, his wife of almost 50 years. His love for her and his son was evident to all who knew him. His grandchildren also gave him much joy. His fierce determination to press on in recent years with the decline in his health served him well until God in His infinite wisdom and mercy called him home.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Family Hour

Friday, Sep. 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hope United Methodist Church
26275 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. David George Cartwright*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *My condolences EJ on the loss of your beloved husband. May God cover and keep you!!!*

GayLynn Jackson

Gwills - September 09, 2015 at 03:07 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. May the peace of GOD surround you during this difficult time. Weeping endures for a night, but joy comes in the morning.*

Eric Wheeler - September 03, 2015 at 07:17 AM



“ *Eric Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Mr. David George Cartwright*



Eric Wheeler - September 03, 2015 at 07:11 AM

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“ *Patricia Berry lit a candle in memory of Mr. David George Cartwright*



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“ *My late mother, Dorothy Johnson, treated Saul, Hershel and David like her sons. Many, Many times they would eat dinner at our house. David was always eager to work odd jobs to earn money so my mother would pay him to cut her grass during the summer. He, along with Saul, Joyce and Hershel meant a lot to me and my family....it hurts me deeply to know he has passed away...however, he can now join his son, along with Hershel, Joe and his parents (especially his mom) in heaven as he no longer has to fight the fight.*



What a special lil' brother and good friend. My prayers are flowing to his family!

Valerie Vintes Weatherly

Valerie Vintes Weatherly - September 02, 2015 at 04:50 PM