



Eugene "Chips" Ely Jr.

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Chips went to be with the Lord on April 27, 2024, at the Leila and Cyrus Poppen House Residence in Fruitport, Michigan. Chips was born on August 6, 1943, in Columbus Ohio to Eugene Ivan Ely and Marjorie (Dye) Ely. Chips grew up in Northville, Michigan and attended Ferris State University, where he ran track and performed in the orchestra. Chips was a co-owner of Ely Fuel in Northville, a fuel-oil distributor for home heating, as well as a True Value Hardware store franchisee. He also owned and operated several other businesses during his lifetime. Chips was a life-long entrepreneur and he also authored three novels.

Chips was a friend to all and never met a stranger. He was proud to have achieved over 40 years of sobriety and was a true supporter of Alcoholics Anonymous. He received a certificate from the University of Utah School of Alcoholism and other Drug Dependencies Education, Prevention and Youth Counseling, helping to support Native American missions across the southwest United States.

Chips was predeceased in death by his parents, Ivan and Marjorie, and his sister, Jackie Towne. He is lovingly remembered by his children, Karen (Mark) Hebard of Dallas, TX, Scott (Wendy) Ely of Spring Lake, MI, and Timothy (Anjoo) Ely of Novi, MI. He is also survived by his daughter from a previous marriage, Kathryn Ely. Chips is also survived by his sisters Susan (Mike) Cherveney of Indian River, MI and Sara (Hap Schadler) Sugrue of Littleton, CO. Chips is also fondly remembered by seven loving grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Shoreline Memorial Services -- Muskegon Chapel -- (231)-722-5050



Tribute Wall

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Shoreline Memorial Services shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



December 19 at 6:11 AM



Liz Peace Blake posted:

I have such wonderful memories of Chips. I worked at Ely Fuel while in high school (NHS graduate 1974). I even babysat for his kids. Chips was fun, funny, kind and the perfect first boss. So grateful to have known him and his family.

May 9 at 8:00 PM



Peggy Humphries posted:

You will be missed Chips. You were a kind loving human being. Bill and I will miss you! Peggy Humphries and Bill Chizmar

May 4 at 8:00 PM



Carol Johnson Nickels posted:

I am saddened by his news. As kids we lived nearby. A nice friend.

May 1 at 8:00 PM



Karen posted:

The Ely rascals/siblings. From left to right Sara, Susie, Chips and Jackie.

April 30 at 8:00 PM



Karen posted:

Grandpa Chips with the grandkids Clohe Ely and Matthew Hebard.

April 30 at 8:00 PM



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KA

Karen posted:

"Pops" with his kids and their spouses in Spring Lake, MI in 2019.

April 30 at 8:00 PM

LW

Landen Waite posted:

Eugene was a neighbor of ours and was always a joy to see- he was always a very sweet man.

April 30 at 8:00 PM

JS

Joseph Sugrue posted:

One of the best, funniest, most personable, and big hearted men I've ever known. A true Northville legend. I am proud to have called him Uncle, and was honored when he called me friend. Few men have made a bigger impact on me than my Uncle Chips, and I already miss him. Joe Sugrue

April 28 at 8:00 PM

AE

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Eugene "Chips" Ely Jr. posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Shoreline Memorial Services - Muskegon

April 28 at 8:00 PM



Media

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