



## Darrell E. Connell

March 25, 1942 - August 18, 2023

Darrell E. Connell, age 81 of Harbor Beach, passed away Friday, August 18, 2023 at Harbor Beach Community Hospital.

He was born on March 25, 1942 to the late Eugene and Cecelia (Kibilko) Connell in Highland Park, MI. Darrell served in the US Navy from 1960-1963. Darrell worked in the animal control division of the City of Detroit for over 25 years, where he met the love of his life, Alma Cumba. They were united in marriage on February 14, 1980. Darrell was a member of the Thumb Steelheaders and enjoyed fishing on his boat "Top Dog", He passed that passion for fishing (and the boat) on to his son, David. He was a member of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, where he was an usher, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and an active member of the American Legion Post 197.

He enjoyed all sports, having to catch up with all the Major League Baseball scores first thing every morning. But he especially loved following Harbor Beach Pirates Football and Basketball games as a member of the "Front Row" with Bob Wruble, Jim Leiby, Gene Schuette and Andy Murdock. He was a former bus driver for Harbor Beach Schools and a courier for Chemical Bank. His monthly Poker group will miss him (especially since he had such a "profitable" night last month). He has also been reunited with his beloved dogs: Shep, Briggs and Max.

Darrell is survived by his wife Alma, children: David Connell of St. Joseph, Brianna (Chris) Rodriguez of Chicago, 2 cherished granddaughters: Lola and

Natalia, his sister: Jackie (Pete) Thomas of Walled Lake, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael, and a sister, Donna.

Funeral mass for Darrell will be Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 11 am, at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, of the Holy Name of Mary Parish, with Fr. Kevin Wojciechowski officiating. Cremation will follow. Visitation for Darrell will be on Tuesday, from 4-7 pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. A Knights of Columbus Rosary Service will take place Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Visitation on Wednesday will be at the church, beginning at 10 am until time of services at 11 am.

Memories can be shared at [www.RamseyFH.com](http://www.RamseyFH.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **22**. 4:00 PM.

Ramsey Funeral Home Of Harbor Beach

## Rosary Service

AUG **22**. 6:30 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc  
425 State St  
Harbor Beach, MI 48441  
(989) 479-3407  
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

## Funeral Mass

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church  
413 S 1st St  
Harbor Beach, MI 48441  
(989) 479-3393

# Tribute Wall



“ *Darrell E. Connell*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrell E. Connell.*



August 24, 2023 at 03:52 PM

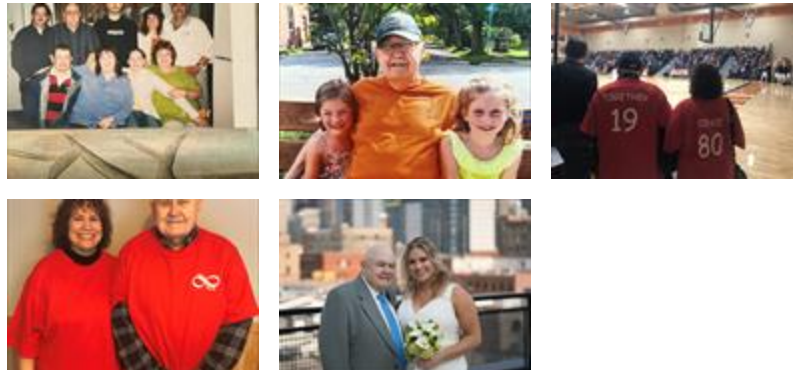


“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrell E. Connell.*

August 22, 2023 at 11:46 AM



“ *11 files added to the album Darrell*



**Brianna** - August 21, 2023 at 01:02 PM

LM

“ *Lori And Rick Murawske lit a candle in memory of Darrell E. Connell*



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**Lori and Rick Murawske** - August 21, 2023 at 12:57 PM

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“ *Abrazos y bendiciones para Darrell y todos sus seres queridos.*

*Nos sentimos bendecidos por unirnos a su familia,.*

*Los acompañamos en la pena y ka celebracion de vida de Don Darrel.*

*Con mucho amor,*

*Familia Rodriguez*

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**Isabel Rodriguez** - August 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM

CJ

“ *Alma so sorry for your loss*

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**Connie Jackson** - August 21, 2023 at 10:44 AM

BG

“ *Alma, my sincere sympathy to you and the family.*



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**Barb Gorney** - August 21, 2023 at 08:42 AM

BW

“ *Beth Welker lit a candle in memory of Darrell  
E. Connell*



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**Beth Welker** - August 20, 2023 at 08:52 PM