



David F Vernon

March 26, 1948 - November 1, 2025

David Frederick Vernon, 77, of Canton, Michigan, passed away on November 1, 2025. He was born on March 26, 1948, in Flint, Michigan.

David graduated from Ainsworth High School in Flint, Michigan, in 1966. He went on to earn his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) in 1971 and later earned his MBA from the University of Michigan in 1977. In July of 1967, he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Patricia (“Patti”) Vernon. They shared 58 beautiful years of marriage — years filled with loyalty, partnership, and endless devotion.

David spent more than three decades working for General Motors and its subsidiary EDS, from 1966 to 1999. He was respected for his commitment, strong work ethic, and steady, dependable nature.

David also dedicated 16 years in service as a deacon at Fenton Lawn General Baptist Church, where he served with humility and a deep sense of faith. He later sat on the Home Mission board of the General Association of General Baptists, offering his kind and steady guidance. David participated in several mission trips, helping build homes and deliver medical supplies to those in need in Brazil and South Africa, and assisted with clean-up efforts following Hurricanes Sandy and Katrina.

Those who knew David will never forget his goofy personality, his huge heart, and his absolutely selfless nature. He was always willing to help others, putting their needs before his own without hesitation. He also loved University

of Michigan football and could usually be found cheering on the Wolverines every fall.

Above all, David cherished his family. He was a devoted father and grandfather who never missed a moment — from school events and sports games to simple days spent together. His presence was a source of calm, strength, and unwavering support.

David is survived by his loving wife, Patricia Vernon; their children, Trevor Vernon-Yates (spouse Lechelle Vernon-Yates) and Dina Vernon Freeman (spouse Brad Freeman); and their grandchildren, Jack, Sam, and Kate Freeman. He is also survived by his sister Sue Morin and brothers Larry Vernon and Joe Vernon. David was a beloved uncle and held a special place in the lives of his many nieces and nephews, who will cherish his memory. He is preceded in death by his parents, Frances and John Vernon; his sister Helen Moon-Gaines; and his brother Jim Vernon.

Visitation will be held at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home in Plymouth, Michigan, on Thursday, November 4, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with a funeral service to follow at 1:00 PM.

Memorial contributions may be made to Residential Hospice Foundation, 5440 Corporate Drive, Suite 300 Troy, Michigan 48098.

David leaves behind a legacy of love, loyalty, and faith. He will be forever remembered and deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Memorial Service

NOV 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SO

“ Dave...a classmate and friend, AHS class 1966. Sandra Dreuth Owen, David Owen

Sandra Owen - November 06, 2025 at 11:19 AM

YF

“ Your BBB Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David F Vernon.



Your BBB Family - November 05, 2025 at 04:00 PM

CF

“ Cathy Malin and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David F Vernon.



Cathy Malin and Family - November 05, 2025 at 12:08 PM

FR

“ From your friends at RSCS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David F Vernon.

From your friends at RSCS - November 05, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David F Vernon.*



November 05, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ *Tim & Teri Adams and family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of David F Vernon.*



Tim & Teri Adams and family - November 05, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ *Matt, Jenny, Archer, Corbin and Leela planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David F Vernon.*

Matt, Jenny, Archer, Corbin and Leela - November 05, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of David F Vernon.*



November 05, 2025 at 09:32 AM

WG

“ With love from The Gores purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David F Vernon.



With love from The Gores - November 05, 2025 at 08:53 AM

WG

“ With love from The Gores planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David F Vernon.

With love from The Gores - November 05, 2025 at 08:53 AM

GB

“ Patti, Greg and I are so very saddened to hear this news about Dave. We send our love, prayers and heartfelt sympathy to you and your family! 🙏

Greg & Lyn Barenbrugge - November 05, 2025 at 05:39 AM

TC

“ Tammy, Tim & Christina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David F Vernon.

Tammy, Tim & Christina - November 04, 2025 at 09:55 PM

TC

“ Tammy, Tim & Christina purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David F Vernon.



Tammy, Tim & Christina - November 04, 2025 at 09:55 PM

JD

“ *Jeff & Donna purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of David F Vernon.*



Jeff & Donna - November 04, 2025 at 03:35 PM