



Gaylon Ernest Pyle

June 29, 1945 - May 12, 2023

It is our heartbreak to announce that Gaylon Pyle passed away on May 12, 2023. It is hard to convey how beloved Gaylon was by his family and friends. His warmth and playful sense of humor endeared him to everyone he encountered. He loved to laugh, finding delight in sharing even the corniest of jokes, and his optimism and loving nature made this world a better place. We are deeply blessed to have been a part of his life.

Gaylon grew up in Detroit, attending Mumford High School, and later, Bentley High School after his family moved to Livonia. He got his bachelor's degree in Accounting at Eastern Michigan University, and used it to build a successful consulting and training business that focused on the floral industry. Gay coached and trained many florists in the fundamentals of running a prosperous business, and felt a personal commitment to the success of each and every one of his clients.

In his childhood and throughout his life, Gay loved sports and playing hockey, baseball and tennis. He relished collecting baseball cards during his youth, a hobby he shared with his younger brother, Kevin. The two of them spent many joyful hours discussing, admiring, and trading their cards. With his boyish heart, Gaylon cherished his card collection well into his adulthood. And he was the Michigan Wolverines' biggest, most devoted football fan, never missing a game.

But more than anything else, Gaylon was defined by his love for his family. There could be no more devoted a husband, father, grandfather, son and brother. He adored his wife, Jan, the love of his life, and their 43-year marriage was unique in its strength and mutual devotion. He made every family Christmas Eve special by creating quizzes and games that kept the family laughing together. He showered his children and grandchildren with love and attention, playing games, teaching the fundamentals of tennis, helping with homework, and always being there for whatever was needed. His grandchildren will miss their precious Papa Gaylon, their favorite playmate.

Gaylon, our grief is deep, but there is a wise adage that seeing death as the end of life is like seeing the horizon as the end of the ocean. It gives us great comfort to know that you are with your father and brother now, who will love you as we love you until we're all together again. In the meantime, we will find solace and gratitude in your legacy of goodness and love. Never good-bye, Gay – only Go Blue - until we meet again.

Memorial visitation Sunday June 4th, 2PM until the 4:30 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be made to The ALS Association, Michigan Chapter, 675 East Big Beaver Road, Suite 207, Troy, Michigan 48083.

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Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN 4. 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

JUN 4. 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
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Tribute Wall



“ *Gaylon Ernest Pyle*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Mary Jeanne, Sara, and Kathy purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Gaylon Ernest Pyle.*



Mary Jeanne, Sara, and Kathy - June 02, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gaylon Ernest Pyle.*



June 01, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Gaylon Ernest Pyle.*



June 01, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Gaylon Ernest Pyle.



May 31, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gaylon Ernest Pyle.

May 31, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gaylon Ernest Pyle.



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“ Laura P. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gaylon Ernest Pyle.



Laura P. - May 30, 2023 at 09:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gaylon Ernest Pyle.



May 30, 2023 at 09:15 PM



“ *Peggy P. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of Gaylon Ernest Pyle.



Peggy P. - May 30, 2023 at 08:58 PM



“ *When the poet Mary Oliver asked, "What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" Gaylon knew. He's the majordomo in building family, creating play, celebrating wins, ties, losses with enduring love and breakneck humor. He leaves lifetimes of memories, laughter and love.*

Kathleen - May 28, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gaylon Ernest Pyle.*

May 28, 2023 at 04:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gaylon Ernest Pyle.*



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“ *My sincerest condolences to the Pyle family. I worked with Gaylon on many FTD events in Cleveland and throughout the country. Always enjoyed our conversations.*

dawn divis - May 23, 2023 at 06:33 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Gaylon Ernest Pyle.*



May 21, 2023 at 03:05 PM