



## Louis Patrick Ferris Jr.

March 29, 1943 - April 20, 2022

Mr. Louis P. Ferris, Jr. went to be with His Lord, Jesus Christ on April 20th, 2022, in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the age 79.

Louis is survived by his children: Louis P. Ferris, III. Robin Marie Ferris.

Children: Alexa-Rose

Marie Ferris; Nicholas Anthony Ferris. Cindy Ann Cunningham (Jack Cunningham). Children:

Jessica Marie Cunningham; Mason James Cunningham. Allisha Kathleen Burnsworth (Randy

Burnsworth). Children: Emma Rose Burnsworth; Joseph Thomas Burnsworth.

Jennifer Ferris  
(Brian Close).

Louis was born on March 29th, 1943, to Louis P. Ferris, Sr. and Rose Anna Ferris. Louis was

raised on Congress Street near the railroad tracks in Detroit, with his beloved sister Theresa

Marie Eubanks (Ferris).

Louis' passion, first and foremost, was his family, friends, and beloved German Shepherds. His

second passion was business. His main talents centered around finance and sales. He

successfully built up Great Lakes Central Railroad which is now Michigan's

longest railroad,  
Federated Service Solutions a fantastic enterprise solutions company, and  
Ferris Management  
which is the home of many happy livestock and organic farming. No one could  
calculate an  
interest rate or close a deal faster than Louis. As much as he treasured his  
businesses, he was  
more gratified by spending time with his family and friends. Sunday dinners  
centered on good  
food, good wine, and a lot of laughter.  
Louis was most energized by his non-profit charity, The Good Shepherds. His  
desire is to feed  
the hungry in Washtenaw County and beyond. He had a love for helping  
others, especially  
those who are less fortunate. Louis' generosity will be kept alive through the  
continuous  
operation of The Good Shepherds.  
A Memorial Service will be held to honor Louis on Thursday, April 28th, 2022  
10:30 am at The  
Basilica of St. Mary (18200 Merriman Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152). In lieu  
of flowers,  
donations may be made to either The Good Shepherds  
([https://paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=3JJNEV7YAW33E](https://paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=3JJNEV7YAW33E)) or The  
Salvation Army in  
Louis' honor (<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/emi/>)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **28**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

The Basilica of St. Mary  
18200 Merriman Road  
Livonia, MI 48152

# Tribute Wall



“ *Louis Patrick Ferris Jr.*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *My name is michael Ensor. I was a driver for Mr. Ferris for a short while. He was one of the best employers i have had the pleasure of work8ng for. I just found out about his passing and wanted to give my condolences to his family, as late as it is. He will be missed. I tip my glass of Oban to you sir.*

**Mike Ensor** - December 04, 2023 at 09:54 AM



*Thank you Mike for your kind words regarding my Father. He is deeply missed and will never be forgotten. Thank you again for sharing your thoughts.*  
*Robin*

**Robin Ferris** - February 29, 2024 at 08:20 AM



*Thank you, Mike. I am Lou's daughter. I really appreciated reading your message. Thank you so much.*

**Allisha K. Burnsworth** - April 16, 2024 at 09:43 PM

SJ

“ I’m Steve Jakeway. I was captain of two of Lou’s boats, a Hatteras and a Sunseeker, probably around 2009, in Fort Lauderdale.

*I greatly admired Lou and (at the time) his protection dog, Duke. We were best friends,*

*I’m sorry to hear of his passing. Very glad to have known Lou. All my best, Steve Jakeway*

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**Steven Jakeway** - October 26, 2022 at 04:13 PM

AB

*Thank you for your message Steve! I remember my dad talking about you as his captain! Thanks again for leaving this message.*

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**Allisha K. Burnsworth** - April 16, 2024 at 09:48 PM

VL

“ I was saddened beyond words upon learning of Louis's passing. He was an amazing man. We met in 1987 and have been friends ever since.

*Louis was always sympathetic to people less fortunate. One of my fondest memories was when he stopped on the street in Greektown to give a homeless man money. He asked his name and offered him words of encouragement.*

*Additionally, he always lit up when he spoke about his Sunday family dinners. He was extremely proud of his children and grandchildren and cherished time with his family.*

*He often shared his passion for organic farming, his respect for nature, and feeding the hungry. He would never pass up an opportunity to stop and pet an animal. Every so often, I would receive a text message with a picture of a baby lamb or another animal on his farm.*

*Louis's compassion for the needy, love of his family, and respect for nature are just a few of the many reasons I admired him so much!*

*Even as we mourn, we can remember the good times, and celebrate an accomplished life well lived.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Veronica Leonardi*

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**Veronica Leonardi** - May 16, 2022 at 10:35 AM

RF

*Veronica, Thank you for your kind message regarding my father. Sunday dinners were my favorite moments with him. I will always remember the laughter we shared together. His cooking was amazing, his love for the animals on his farm was enduring. I miss him deeply. He was a special person who cared beyond words for his family and friends. He was committed to people he never met by donating the BEST organic beef from his farm to those who were in need. He did not want anyone to go hungry. I am thankful and honored to say Louis P. Ferris, Jr. is my Dad and my children's Grandfather. We all miss him dearly, he will never be forgotten.*

*LPFD  
Robin*

**Robin Ferris** - October 31, 2022 at 08:23 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Louis Patrick Ferris Jr..*



April 27, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Louis Patrick Ferris Jr..*



April 27, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louis Patrick Ferris Jr..*



April 26, 2022 at 03:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Louis Patrick Ferris Jr..*



April 26, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louis Patrick Ferris Jr..*



April 26, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louis Patrick Ferris Jr..*



April 26, 2022 at 04:06 AM

RF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Robin Ferris - April 25, 2022 at 07:22 PM

KF

*Beautiful Ferris Family*

Kathleen Ferris - October 25, 2022 at 08:03 PM

KF

*He had a nice family. I was married to James Ferris and knew his parents well. He came to visit Jim in Florida before Jim passed last September. We had a very nice visit. So happy to see him after so many years. Wish he was still here  
God bless him*

Kathleen Ferris - October 25, 2022 at 08:11 PM

JB

“ Joanne Bolen lit a candle in memory of Louis Patrick Ferris Jr.



Joanne Bolen - April 25, 2022 at 02:51 PM

JB

“ Since working for Federated over 27 years I have so many wonderful memories of Lou. My first memoiry was when I was in the conference room being interviewed (2 1/2 hours) and stitches were coming out of my mouth (I had surgery) and he continued with the interview and hired me...I'm still surprised to this day. When I first started I worked until 6 PM while everyone went home at 5. Lou would call me every night at 5:50 and ask for someone knowing no one was there he was checking up on me and after awhile we began to laugh when he called, At a Christmas party Lou was dressed up as Santa giving out presents while I danced on the tables...and I dont even drink good times by all.

Lou would go around at night putting yellow stickys on your desk to remind you to keep your area clean. Just before the start of winter we all got an email saying you live in Michigan you should know how to drive in the snow so be on time...We all knew when to expect the notice. Lou would call me into the conference room and ask me what is going on in the office. Since I am the receptionist he thought I knew all little did he know I knew nothing so I told him lol It really was nothing of importance only gossip about employees and their lives. We had so much fun back then when the building was so crowded with employees. I would lean over to the second floor and tell people to take a 2 hour lunch joking of course little did I know Lou was behind me saying JOANNE outch I was caught.

He would call me every once in awhile while we are working from home and we would chat. If you know me then you know I love to talk. After awhile Lou would say I'm paying you you must get back to work and then I would say will you call me again and we would laugh and he called again. So many wonderful memories I can't name them all. After all these years at Federated I hold many dear memories of my first days all the way through until now. It seems like yesterday I started work at Federated although the wrinkles on my faces tell a different story

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Joanne Bolen - April 25, 2022 at 12:50 PM

JF

*Very sweet story Joanne! Thank you for taking the time to tell it!!*

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**Jennifer Ferris** - April 26, 2022 at 01:30 AM

RF

*Thank you Joanne! Your story brings a smile to my face. Thank you so much for sharing.*

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**Robin Ferris** - April 26, 2022 at 07:02 AM