



Melvin Claude Gebert

January 8, 1949 - September 1, 2022

ADRIAN—Melvin “Mel” Claude Gebert, 73, of Adrian died early Thursday morning, September 1, 2022 at St. Joseph Trinity Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI with his family by his side. Born on January 8, 1949 in Waukegan, Illinois, he was the youngest son of Esta and Darlene (Keller) Gebert. Mel grew up in Lenawee County and graduated from Blissfield High School in 1967. After graduation, Mel enlisted in the United States Air Force at the height of the Viet Nam war. He was proud to serve his country from 1968-1972.

Following his enlistment, Mel married Diane Dospoy, raised two daughters Laura and Sarah, and celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2022. Mel was employed at General Motors Powertrain in Toledo, OH for 30 years before retiring.

Mel was a kind and gentle-hearted man, beloved father, and devoted husband. He had a lively sense of humor which he dispensed in witty and clever stories. Although he never sought a patent, he was a practical inventor, creating unique tools to tackle common household problems. Sure enough, his inventions would eventually appear in TV ads which would please him and amaze his family. He enjoyed viewing classic cars, knew his way around the kitchen, and enjoyed a beer opened expertly with his old-school beer can opener. “I Did It My Way” understandably was his favorite song.

Mel is survived by his wife Diane, his daughter Sarah Gebert and her husband, Gary Cale, and two grandchildren Aubrey DeLuca and Jacob Elder. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother David Gebert, and his daughter Laura Elder. Mel's wish was to be cremated. No services or ceremonies will be held.

In addition to his family, he will be greatly missed by rescue dog Ginger with whom he often shared a morning cup of coffee and oatmeal cookies. In lieu of flowers, Mel requests that memorial contributions be made to the Lenawee Humane Society. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Claude Gebert*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Diane and Sarah I'll never forget Mel and his wonderful personality I remember when I was very young riding my bike down Oregon road my chain fell off and no came out and put my chain back on and oiled it for me he taught me how to take care of my chain that day and how to put it on he took the time to teach me years later he invited me into your family to take care of Laura for the summer. You Lucy Mel and Laura became a part of my life I'll never forget I'm so sorry he passed I'll always remember his smile on his laugh and the two of you coming home from work hand in hand*

Sarah - September 08, 2022 at 12:34 AM

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“ Dear Diane and Sarah,
It was always a nice time stopping by your home. Mel would throw out the welcome mat and it would be hours before we were on the road again. What a joy to have cousins like your family! Some of our fondest memories are with your family up at Marr Lake. I know that you have a trail of beautiful memories! Mel, Thank you for your service. Rest in Peace!
Larry & Joyce Wright Family



Joyce A Wright - September 02, 2022 at 06:41 PM

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To Diane and Sarah sorry for your loss Mel was a very good person I'm going to miss him and our phone conversations I will not forget him god will take care of him may god bless you all

fred leffler - September 07, 2022 at 04:33 PM