



## Randall "Randy" Tripp

March 5, 2026

ADRIAN- Beloved husband, father, brother, family and friend, Randall Tripp left this world on March 5, 2026, after a valiant battle with cancer. He is now at peace in his heavenly home catching up with many beloved family members especially the baby we never got to meet here on earth, as well as many dear friends.

Randy was born in Bay City, Michigan, to Glenn and Ruby Tripp, where he lived until going away to MSU to finish his degree. He met his wife, Kathleen, on campus and was hooked after a thank you gift of chocolate chip cookies for fixing her bike! After graduating, Randy joined VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) where he used his criminal justice degree in New York City working in the city prison. A year later, Kathy finished at MSU and they were married on September 9, 1973, in Rochester, Michigan. Kathy joined him in NYC where they lived for a year. Once Randy completed his VISTA term, they returned to Michigan where he attended the Michigan State Police Academy and became a State Trooper. He was assigned to the Blissfield Post. During his 25 years as a trooper, Randy also worked at the Adrian Post and for a short time at the Detroit freeway post.

Randy was picked to be part of the first group of Michigan police officers to be trained in the DARE program. He met and taught children in most of the Lenawee County schools. Randy retired from MSP in 2000.

He enjoyed being with his family, traveling, running long-distance and playing chess. Randy was always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needed a little help. Before his illness, he was a faithful driver for the Department on Aging home delivered meals program where he enjoyed meeting people and their dogs!

He is survived by his wife, Kathy; children, Justin (Rocio) Tripp, Sara Tripp and Holly (Nate) Owen; as well as grandchildren, Makenna, Mason, Joshua, Noah, Elijah and Hannah; great-grandchildren, Bella, Noah and Mateo; brother, Glenn (Ellen) Tripp; nieces and nephew, Jill Tripp, Jeff Tripp, Heather Patton, Taylor Frost, Emily Patton and their families.

The family would like to say thanks to the wonderful health staff who took care of Randy at Toledo Hospital and Hickman Hospital; as well as the staff from Elara Caring, Department on Aging and Hospice of Lenawee. You made a difference!

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 9, 2026, from 3 to 6 PM at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Funeral services for Randy will take place on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 10 AM at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Tecumseh, MI. Private burial will take place at Oakwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Randy's memory to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Tecumseh or Hospice of Lenawee.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
[info@wagleyfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@wagleyfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
108 Brown St.  
Tecumseh, MI 49286

# Tribute Wall

CT

“ In 2016 my father went to be with the Lord. My disabled mom in her mid 80's at the time lived in their old home in the country (East Carleton Road). I live near Columbus OH and came up at least once monthly for the next five years until her medical doctor felt she should move to OH vs staying alone anymore. To keep her in her home for so long was only possible through and network of friends and family, including Meals on Wheels. I met Randy and Larry during one of my trips, thankful for the opportunity. We exchanged phone numbers and Randy would reach out if unable to confirm mom was getting her meals from the front porch. She always left them a cooler to place them in. Fortunately there weren't many times the two felt it important to contact me. But knowing they weren't just delivering meals, that they were an extra set of eyes on my mom as she entered her 90's was a huge blessing. I last spoke with Randy in early 2021 when we relocated mom from Adrian to StoryPoint in Grove City, just a mile from our home. I wanted he and Larry to know what was happening and why, and to again thank them for the peace of mind they brought to families like ours. We promised dad before he passed we'd keep mom in their home as long as we could do so safely, and Randy was one of the reasons we were able to keep that promise. Mom joined dad in heaven in June 2021. In fact, as I write this, I may have called Randy once more, to let him know, because he was an extension to the family given all he and Larry did.

*My first boss, Greg DuMars passed away. When locating his obituary on this site, I happened to notice Randy's. I'm saddened to hear of his passing and our heart aches for the family. But I am grateful to have known him and to have this chance to share what he meant to those of us on the receiving end of his tireless service. My wife and I are so sorry for your loss and will ask our Lord and Savior to provide comfort, as he did us after mom's passing. Chris & Melissa Tucker*

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Chris Tucker - April 20 at 10:39 PM

JW

“ *My sincere condolences to you and your family Kathy.*

John Ward - April 18 at 08:56 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Tripp.*



March 11 at 06:18 PM

BA

“ *Lean heavily upon our Lord, for He is always very near, He's beside you in times of stress, and in times of grief and fear.*



Bob Armbruster - March 09 at 08:30 PM

BA

“ *Bob Armbruster lit a candle in memory of Randall "Randy" Tripp*



Bob Armbruster - March 09 at 08:24 PM

GB

“ Prayers and hugs for the family. Hold dear the many memories that will make you smile remembering him



Gabi & Barb - March 09 at 03:36 PM

JM

“ One day last winter, while delivering meals to seniors, my sister Jean and I got stuck in one of our customer's driveways, with the majority of our meal route still undelivered. I was attempting to dig us out, when this total stranger stopped and said he would deliver the rest of our route -- he'd been a volunteer meal deliverer for a long time. He totally saved the day for us and the people on our route. We got to know Randy after that -- he was such a kind, thoughtful man. I'll miss seeing him. A very special person.

John MacNaughton - March 09 at 02:20 PM

FT

“ From Jon, Spencer & the Dart Bank Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Randall "Randy" Tripp.



From Jon, Spencer & the Dart Bank Team - March 09 at 01:34 PM

JM

“ Kathy & family. I extend my condolences to you. Randy will be fondly remembered for good times at the MSP! Funny guy! Take care, Jan Feight Munson.

Jan Munson - March 09 at 10:49 AM



“ I first met Randy when I moved into his neighborhood in 2007. Randy was the face of the neighborhood. He was often outside, chatting with and getting to know the neighbors. From the day I moved in, he made me feel welcome here; like I was part of a bigger family. He will truly be missed! May you all find peace in his memories.

Sarah Hanson - March 08 at 09:14 PM



“ I meet Randy when my son became a Boy Scout and was in his troupe...thank you for your kindness and friendship...So sorry for your family's loss...KevinReneeMosher

KevinRenee Mosher - March 08 at 08:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Tripp.



March 08 at 08:01 PM



“ The Berridge Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Randall "Randy" Tripp.



The Berridge Family - March 07 at 01:17 PM

TP

“ *The Pickneys purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Randall "Randy" Tripp.*



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**The Pickneys** - March 07 at 01:00 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Tripp.*



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March 07 at 12:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Tripp.*



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March 07 at 11:40 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Tripp.*



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March 07 at 10:44 AM

SJ

“ Steve, Jenn, Joy, Corey, Marinda & Julie purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Randall "Randy" Tripp.



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**Steve, Jenn, Joy, Corey, Marinda & Julie** - March 06 at 06:47 PM

MH

“ Dear Kathy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Psalm 116:15 Randy was a great neighbor and looked after my house and property whenever I was out of town.



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**Mary Haddad** - March 06 at 04:07 PM

LH

“ I enjoyed riding with Randy to deliver meals on wheels. We always had interesting conversations. He knew the clients on a first name basis.

*He was indeed a friend to many, including me.*

*My condolences to Kathy and family.*

*Larry Hardy*

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**Larry Hardy** - March 06 at 01:28 PM



“ - purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Randall "Randy" Tripp.



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-- March 06 at 01:03 PM



“ *When he was in better health, Randy was always ready to drive me to doctors appointments. He was very caring and giving.*

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**Paul Barth** - March 06 at 11:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Tripp.



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March 06 at 11:06 AM



“ *Charlotte, Gary & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Randall "Randy" Tripp.



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**Charlotte, Gary & Family** - March 06 at 09:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Tripp.*



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March 06 at 07:46 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Randy was such a good man and mentor to many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Gene and Linda Elliott*

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**Linda Elliott** - March 05 at 10:30 PM



“ *Randy was a wonderful neighbor. He always shared a smile and a chat with my husband and me when we met him on our neighborhood walks. I'm sad to learn of his passing.*

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**Cindy Kojima** - March 05 at 09:09 PM



“ *Trooper Tripp was a DARE instructor at my school many years ago. He was also our instructor of the unofficial chess club. He was always willing to do anything for his students, including giving them rides home in the cruiser.*

*Thank you to his family for sharing him with us.*

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**Kyle B.** - March 05 at 06:54 PM

DG

“ Dave and Ann Guldin send heartfelt condolences to Randall's family. Holly's CIVITAN friends also send their love and sympathy. I (Dave) knew Randy from the Y.M.C.A. and from his support of my weight loss efforts. He truly was a very giving fellow who will be missed.

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**David Guldin** - March 05 at 06:35 PM

MA

“ We are so very sorry to learn of Randy's passing. He put up a valiant fight in his special way. We will always remember him as the Trooper Tripp Clint loved. He was such a gift to so many to whom he delivered meals after his retirement. May you find peace and comfort in your many wonderful memories.

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**Mary** - March 05 at 05:09 PM

SE

“ Such wonderful memories of Randy from my youth. He may be single-handedly responsible for my lifelong obsession with 'nerdy' hobbies. He taught me chess, how to use a Ham radio, and to sneak snacks into the movie theater! He'll be always in my heart.

- Severin

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**Severin** - March 05 at 05:05 PM

BK

“ So sorry to hear this. Worked with Randy when he was an MSP trooper through the prosecutor's office. He was always a great guy to work with. My condolences to his wife and family. Barbara Kirkendall

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**Barbara Kirkendall** - March 05 at 03:15 PM

JB

“ I knew Randy as Trooper Tripp. I first met Trooper Tripp at 4 years old, when he would come to our church and talk to us about things like stranger danger, and staying away from drugs. I also worked with him a few years later, through my school's DARE program. I always looked up to Trooper Tripp, and to me, he was and will always be the gold standard of what law enforcement should be. He made a powerful positive impact on my life. I am sad to hear of his passing.

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**Judy Bowen** - March 05 at 02:54 PM

BI

I have been Randy and Kathy's neighbor for 25 years. When his health was better, Randy was the neighborhoods "go to man" for almost everything. I will miss his conversations which usually ended up being about faith or our dogs. Rest in peace Randy and may God give you strength Kathy.

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**Barbara Irvine** - March 09 at 12:35 PM