



Boyd Denny Robbins

October 31, 1948 - June 12, 2026

Boyd Denny Robbins was born in Kalamazoo, MI, on October 31, 1948, to Elzie and Sarah Robbins. Denny was the oldest of six siblings. He attended Galesburg schools in his younger years and later graduated from Mattawan High School. Throughout his youth, he loved music and sports. His interest in music grew, particularly in playing the drums, which brought him high accolades in his high school band.

After graduating from high school, Denny was drafted into military service during the Vietnam War. He was chosen by his peers to lead his squadron, and he lived to tell of the many harrowing experiences that forever shaped his life. Upon returning home in 1970, he met and fell in love with Linnea, who became his beloved wife of 54 years. Together, they raised, loved, and enjoyed their two children, Todd and Melissa. Denny kept busy providing for his family as the owner of A&D Precision Tool, where he made tools and dies for the manufacturing and pharmaceutical industries.

More importantly, he loved spending time with his family and did so in many ways. In the early years, he could be found on the softball fields and volleyball courts with his family in tow. As his children grew, he attended their sporting events, shared his love of camping on the Pine River with them, and vacationed throughout the States. He loved live music and never missed an opportunity to support local acts that caught his ear. The family grew with the

addition of four grandkids, who quickly realized how special he was. As Poppa, he was eager to give a lawnmower ride, poke at a bonfire, teach them about fishing, or simply have a snuggle in a Lazyboy chair if that was what the moment needed.

Denny retired in 2010 but was not a man to stand still. He worked with his son in the wine industry, creating a special bond between them that will outlive his passing. He made many new friends along the way thanks to his gregarious personality and helpful nature. Whether assisting with manual labor on the farm or transporting people on wine tours via tractor, Denny approached every task with equal enthusiasm. He also spent many of his retired days on the golf course with longtime friends and with Linn in couples' leagues.

One thing is certain: if you ask anyone who knew Denny, they would tell you about his kindness, willingness to lend a hand, and large personality. He will be remembered as a bear hugger, a good listener, and an even better talker. He liked to chat and would bend the ear of anyone willing to engage with him. Denny impacted not only his immediate family but also lifelong friends, community members such as the library staff, and fellow vets like his buddy Charlie with his warmth and openness. He will be missed forever.

Denny was preceded in death by his father, Elzie Robbins, and his brother, Gary Robbins. He is survived by his mother, Sarah Robbins; his wife, Linnea Robbins; his son, Todd (Kristin) Robbins; his daughter, Melissa (Derek) Smith; his grandchildren, Savannah McKinney, Fletcher Robbins, Elzick Smith, and Arlo Smith; his siblings, Karen (Bernie) Wilcox, David (Karen) Robbins, Roy (Beth) Robbins, and John (Barb) Robbins; and his sister-in-law, Patti Robbins, as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Burial will take place at Fort Custer National Cemetery on Friday, June 19, at 9:30 AM. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 20, from 5:00

PM to 8:00 PM. at La Cantina Restaurant in Paw Paw, Michigan. An informal after-party at the Robbins residence will follow the Celebration of Life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wings of Hope Hospice, Allegan, or Kairos Dwelling. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Bloomingdale Chapel of D. L. Miller Funeral Home. www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 20. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

La Cantina
139 W. Michigan Ave.
Paw Paw, MI 49079