



## Dallas A. Ashbay

May 3, 1940 - November 17, 2020

Dallas A. Ashbay, of Cadillac, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital. He was 80.

Dallas was born on May 3, 1940 in Manton to Virgil & Clara (Poulson) Ashbay and they preceded him in death.

In 1958, Dallas graduated from Manton High School. Dallas continued to be active in the Manton alumni festivities throughout the years. After graduating he delivered milk for Swartwood Dairy for several years. From 1960 to 1966 he also served in the National Guard. In 1965, he began his career for the United Postal Service where he served for 32 years, retiring in 1997. After his retirement he came to work at Peterson Funeral Home and served there for 21 years. He was passionate about his work and loved serving others.

Dallas enjoyed playing baseball, bowling, golfing, hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed traveling with special friends, Ray and Judy Hill. He was an avid sports fan; especially his beloved Detroit Tigers. If you were blessed to be a friend or a neighbor you will know that he was a servant at heart, often looking for ways to bless others in some way. He loved to walk the town of Cadillac and would greet anyone that crossed his path. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Cadillac since 1962 and had served as a trustee there. He also served on the trustee board at South Community United Methodist

Church while his wife was playing the piano there. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

On September 15, 1962 at the First Baptist Church in Cadillac he married Esther VanderVlugt and she survives him along with their children: Mark Ashbay, Paul (Mari) Ashbay all of Cadillac, Sue (Aaron) Whipple of Lake City and Sarah (James) Burkhart of Mount Pleasant; special nephew, Michael Johnson of Grand Rapids; grandchildren: Canada (Justin) VanderVelde, Dallas (Chelsea) Ashbay, Megan Whipple, Aric Whipple, Emilie Burkhart, Lily Burkhart; great grandchildren: Henry, Julian, Houghton and Sawyer; step-grandchildren: Brooke, Kaycie; step great grandchildren: Sophia and Josiah; sisters: Edith Janell Williams, Valerie Larr both of Manton and Bethel Eckert of Fife Lake and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Phyllis Conley.

Private family graveside services will be held at Lucas Cemetery in Missaukee County with Pastors David McMahon and Chad Zaucha officiating. A memorial service for Dallas will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Retirees. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Prayers to Esther and family and friends. He was a great man ,always smiling .

Kevin/Carla Moffit - December 02, 2020 at 04:00 PM

WP

“ Dallas was one of the reasons why Cadillac is such a great place to live. Always kind and considerate to all in his personal life, as a mail carrier and as an employee at Petersons. I will miss saying hello to him as we passed each other on Chestnut St while on one of his MANY walks.

*The Good Lord brought a true gentleman home.*

Wilbur Potvin - November 28, 2020 at 05:36 AM

LH

“ Our hearts hurt over the passing of Dallas. He was so kind. Whenever we came to visit family in Cadillac, always knew we would visit with Esther, Dallas and the kids. Birthday cake and homemade churned ice cream by Dallas to celebrate our birthdays! Rest In Peace Dallas.

Larry and Jacki Hill - November 23, 2020 at 04:48 PM

JO

“ so sorry for your loss. We will all miss him.

Jack and Dorothy oliver - November 23, 2020 at 04:29 PM

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“ so sorry for your loss.

Jack and Dorothy Oliver - November 23, 2020 at 04:17 PM

RP

“ *The Lord has called a true gentleman home. I consider myself very fortunate to have known Dallas, and Esther too. Esther, I don't think that you can begin to imagine how folks you and Dallas have touched. Our prayers go out to you and all of your family*

Roger & Rhonda Pitts - November 22, 2020 at 09:27 AM

RJ

“ *A good and faithful servant has returned home. Always a quick smile and a willingness to help. He tried to attend his classmates parents funerals,if possible, and in so doing made us all feel better. Our class President has presided over his last earthly meeting, but has gone on to bigger and better things. Esther and family may you know he was cared about and will be missed. Rosetta*

Rosetta M. Jones - November 22, 2020 at 09:04 AM

RL

“ *Extending our greatest sympathies to your family in this time of loss. May God watch over and comfort you all in His graces.*

Randy and Lillian Lindell - November 22, 2020 at 05:13 AM

JD

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers. My heart hurts for you.*  
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June Denman - November 21, 2020 at 05:04 PM

DA

“ Our deepest love and prayers go out to Esther and the rest of the family. We consider a blessing having the privilege of having Dallas as part of our life'  
s. Dallas was indeed a kind and loving individual and will live on in the heart'  
s of anyone who. was blessed to get to know Dallas over the years.

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**Donald & Patty Anderson** - November 20, 2020 at 12:54 PM

FS

“ My prayers and love go out to Esther and family. I have so many great memories. I will always remember the care Dallas took in making sure my mom and dad made it safely to Cadillac after they passed away.

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**Frank Swartwood** - November 20, 2020 at 12:27 PM

MW

“ Going to miss Dallas, he was a great guy to learn the best ways to help others. I worked with him many years. He showed me the best way to be close to those in need- my true friend, Dallas

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**Mike Walsh** - November 20, 2020 at 04:38 AM

RC

“ Have known Dallas, as a coworker with my Dad Richard while they worked at the post Office, at one time he was our mailman. He was a freind of anyone who had the opportunity to know him. Prayers to his family, RIP Dallas

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**Robert Cornell** - November 19, 2020 at 08:24 PM

RD

“ Our deepest sympathy to you Esther and family. Dallas will be missed by many but we know he is celebrating in Heaven and sharing his wonderful smile with many who have gone before. You are all in our prayers. I have known you both my whole life and I am thankful.

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**Ron & DeAnna (Brink) Doll** - November 19, 2020 at 06:19 PM

TD

“ Dallas will be missed by so many. He was one of a kind man. God is so lucky to have him with him now. Esther you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Tom & Lois5mxchtw7

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**Tom& Lois Darrow** - November 19, 2020 at 03:39 PM

DB

“ Sympathy to Esther and all the family. I had the pleasure of meeting Dallas when I moved to Cadillac in 1972, and enjoyed times together in " the coffee room" at my office and on the golf course several times. A true gentleman in every area. He was a friend to many. RIP, Dallas.

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**DANIEL BROOKS** - November 19, 2020 at 03:23 PM

CF

“ My love and prayers go out to Esther and family. May God hold you all very close and heal your hearts. Dallas was a one in a million person! He always was smiling, kind, and compassionate to all. You will be missed by so many.

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**Carol Feltman** - November 19, 2020 at 03:18 PM

AN

“ Dallas was such an incredible and kind man. I am so happy that I got to know him. My children have lost a great Uncle. My thoughts and prayers go out to Esther, their children, grandchildren, and his sisters. Love to all of you

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**Andrea Newland** - November 19, 2020 at 02:22 PM

CS

“ We sure will miss him. I've known Dallas since we were teens in Sunday School in Sister Lewis' s class. A wonderful Christian man. Prayers for the family and his lovely wife.

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**Carlotta and Lowell Shore** - November 19, 2020 at 05:41 AM

JL

“ God has called home a fine and faithful servant. Dallas was a friend to anyone he met. He was caring, concerned and kind to all. He will be missed by his FBC family, for which he was very involved and devoted. May God provide the family with support, and loving care during these sad days. Dallas loved the Lord and led others to do the same. Blessings.

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**Jerry & Diane Leavell** - November 18, 2020 at 03:03 PM