



## David James Ransom

December 31, 1961 - November 3, 2021

David James Ransom of Cadillac passed away November 3rd, 2021 in Traverse City. He was 59.

Dave was born December 31st, 1961 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Walter Frederick and Diana Lee (Nichol) Ransom. They preceded him in death. Dave attended McKinley Elementary and graduated from South Charleston High School in 1980. He earned his Bachelor's degree from University of Michigan in 1992 where he studied literature and philosophy. He remained an immense UofM fan throughout his life.

Dave proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (1984-90) as a rifleman and assaultman. He traveled to Southeast Asia during that time.

Dave worked early on at the family owned lumberyard, Nichol Lumber, in Deckerville, MI. He also worked for Waste Management and Cheboygan Schools as a counselor. Most recently, Dave enjoyed a career as a veteran housing specialist with Northern Michigan Community Action Agency.

Dave lived in Battle Creek, Cadillac, Traverse City, Conyers, Georgia, South Charleston, West Virginia, Deckerville, Tustin, and Cheboygan before returning to Cadillac 10 years ago.

He enjoyed being outdoors hiking, camping, fishing, golfing and boating. Dave excelled at chess. He also climbed to the summit of Mt. Rainier (14,411 ft.).

Dave is survived by his son, Brian (Melissa) Ransom of McBain; grandchildren Braeden and Ansley; brothers Robert (Chris) Ransom of

Columbia, South Carolina and Matt (Joy) Ransom of Charleston, West Virginia; and grandmother Mary Nichol of Zephyrhills, Florida.

A celebration of life and graveside services with full military rites will be held spring of 2022. His final resting place will be Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dave, you were such a great guy, who did SO much for SO many. I'm sad you're gone from this world. We need to gain more people like you, not lose them. Climb high, my friend.

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**Kelly Key** - December 30, 2021 at 10:54 AM

JA

“ Dave, you were a great man with a passion for helping those in need. I really enjoyed working with you in the limited time that our paths crossed, and you are greatly missed!!!

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**Jason** - November 08, 2021 at 11:24 AM

JJ

“ Dave, you will be greatly missed by the veteran community. You were the one who got me back on my feet. When I was homeless and alone, you helped me immensely. Thank you, and may God rest your soul in paradise forever.

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**Jake Jacobsen** - November 06, 2021 at 08:01 PM

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“ Dave was a very kind and compassionate person who truly cared about other people and would go the extra mile for them. My condolences to his family and friends.

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**Christine Potter** - November 06, 2021 at 11:02 AM