



Hartley D. Creed

January 17, 1943 - December 5, 2024

Hartley Devere Creed, age 81, of Cadillac, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at Corewell Health Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Reed City, surrounded by loved ones.

Hartley was born January 17, 1943, in Manton to Price and Lucille (Butcher) Creed. He attended school in Manton until his senior year of high school when his family moved to Cadillac, where he graduated from Cadillac High School in 1960.

After high school Hartley worked for a short time at St. Johns Table Factory in payroll. He then enlisted in the Army, where he served the majority of his time in Stuttgart, Germany as a finance clerk, serving from 1963 to 1966.

Upon honorable discharge from the Army, he joined the Cadillac City Police Department in 1966. During his career he rose through the ranks, retiring as Detective Lieutenant in 2001 after 35 years of dedicated service to the community. He was also a volunteer fire fighter for the Township of Cherry Grove for 19 years.

On November 28, 1987, Hartley married Nancy (Vose) Creed. In their 41 years together Hartley and Nancy had numerous adventures, including golf, vacations for golf or gambling, countless country music concerts, and everyday life.

Hartley's two sons, Chad (Grace Angus) of Cincinnati, Ohio and Curt (Sarah) Creed of Dripping Springs, Texas, were his proudest accomplishment. His favorite time of year was deer season, when he could spend time hunting,

playing poker, eating, and being with his sons and family.

Following his retirement in 2001, Hartley had many years of enjoying golf, Texas Hold'em, hunting, Tuesday morning coffee at the Waterfront with the guys, and his house and property in Cherry Grove.

Hartley is survived by his wife, Nancy; his two sons, Chad Creed and Curt Creed; two grandchildren who he loved with all his heart, Ethan Creed and Elle Creed, of Dripping Springs, Texas; sisters Maxine Price of Ocala, Florida, Ellen (Greg) Fauble of Saginaw; sister-in-law Tina Creed of Lake City; sister of the heart Sandy Yonkers of Manton; brothers Roscoe (Roberta) Creed of Leroy, Brenden (Kathleen) Creed of Manton; brother-in-law Calvin Jones of Kalamazoo; in-laws Carole (Chris) Frank of Traverse City, Sunshine Weiler (Daniel Martin) of Muskegon, Robert Vose of Arkansas, Susan (Doyle) VanderPol of Cadillac; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Price and Lucille Creed, a sister, Rozetta Jones, and a brother, Stacey Creed.

A special heartfelt thanks to Hartley's caregiver, Wendy Blackmer, whose love and support was immeasurable, and Beth McGinn, also a caregiver, whose assistance was also much appreciated, Gary Powell for his close friendship and constant contact, Marty and Pam Dahlstrom for their love and support. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service to celebrate Hartley will be held on Friday, December 13, 2024, at the Barn Hall in Manton, with visitation at 4:30 p.m. and service at 5:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels or to Michigan Parkinson's Association. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 4:30 PM (ET)

Barn Hall
3888 Old US Hwy 131
Manton, MI 49663

Memorial Service

DEC 13. 5:30 PM.

Barn Hall
Manton, MI

Tribute Wall

CM

“ when i was around ten years old Hartley asked if i wanted to shoot his new pistol, i said sure and he handed me an old time 6 shooter that i could barely lift. i shot at a can along the the road going back on the farm .the gun about knocked me down. Hartley and my dad, Dallas thought that was hilarious. He will be missed and i will cherish all the memories forever.

Casey E. McDaniel

casey e mcdaniel - December 12, 2024 at 07:16 PM

NE

“ Nate, Lindsay, Joey and Caleb Edwards purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hartley D. Creed.



Nate, Lindsay, Joey and Caleb Edwards - December 11, 2024 at 08:51 PM

AB

“ Alaina, Karen, Ashley, Sam, and Bethany purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Hartley D. Creed.



Alaina, Karen, Ashley, Sam, and Bethany - December 09, 2024 at 10:42 PM

RM

“ I went to high school with Hartley, but I didn't know him that well until my sister Tina married Stacey Creed. After that Hartley was always a part of our family Christmas. He was a great guy with a great sense of humor. My heart goes out to Nancy, Chad and Curt and to everyone that loved him.

Rita Majerle-Klug

Rita Majerle-Klug - December 09, 2024 at 10:49 AM

AD

“ Hartley always had a smile on his face. He was dedicated to Cadillac Police and always had a great presence around him. Such a joy to talk with. Greatly missed.

alan devereaux - December 09, 2024 at 08:29 AM

DK

“ Hartley, you were one of the backbones of the Cadillac Police Department for all the years we worked together. Always with knowledge, willingness to help, and full of smiles. You will be missed greatly. Rest easy my friend.

Dave Koenig - December 09, 2024 at 06:41 AM

DP

“ Nancy,
My heart goes out t you and the boys. Hartley truly loved his family more than anything.

We were part of each other's lives for many years, with so many wonderful memories.

Rest in peace Mr Creed. You are missed.

Diane Payne - December 08, 2024 at 03:23 PM

BT

Hardly was a great guy wonderful cardplayer and fun to be around

Bob and Angie Thayer - December 12, 2024 at 01:13 PM

BT

HARTLEY was a great guy and a wonderful card player fun to be around Bob and I enjoyed him very much our hearts go out to Nancy

Bob and Angie Thayer - December 12, 2024 at 01:17 PM

DB

Hartley was a good friend to all.

Darrell brink - December 12, 2024 at 01:43 PM

KE

“*Certainly one of a kind, the love he showed for our family was next to none, he’s been “Uncle Hartley” to myself as long as I can remember, and it carried on to our kids! I know Hartley and my dad/ his “brother” Russ are right back at the ole days!
Thanks for all the stories and memories sir ❤️
Now as you always told me with a handshake/ hug “you be good”
now YOU BE GOOD 💔*

Ken - December 08, 2024 at 03:02 PM

KT

“ Nancy,
Cathy and I extend our deepest sympathy to you and all Hartley's family. Hartley was a man of honor who I deeply respect. I got to know him best when I was prosecutor in the early 1990's. Hartley was the quintessential professional as a police officer and detective. In cases where the issuance of charges was not time-sensitive, he would come to my office with a group of files, each meticulously investigated and documented, and then go through them with me. He would relate the case to his thoughts about the defendants character and what would be the fairest and most just way to go forward. He knew the community so well he balanced his legal judgments with broader concerns . It got to the point where my confidence in him was such that I simply said to staff that when Hartley wants a warrant, just issue it.

He was a great guy in so many ways. Requiescat in pace, Good Man

Kenneth L Tacoma - December 08, 2024 at 02:32 PM