



**Name:** Darrell E. Connell

**Age:** 81

**Hometown:** Harbor Beach

**Funeral Date:** August 23, 2023

**Date of Birth:** March 25, 1942

**Date of Passing:** August 18, 2023

**Funeral Home:** **Ramsey Funeral Home**

### **Funeral Information**

Funeral mass for Darrell will be Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 11 am, at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, of the Holy Name of Mary Parish, with Fr. Kevin Wojciechowski officiating. Cremation will follow. Visitation for Darrell will be on Tuesday, from 4-7 pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. A Knights of Columbus Rosary Service will take place Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Visitation on Wednesday will be at the church, beginning at 10 am until time of services at 11 am. Memories can be shared at [www.RamseyFH.com](http://www.RamseyFH.com)

### **Family of the Deceased**

Darrell is survived by his wife Alma, children: David Connell of St. Joseph, Brianna (Chris) Rodriguez of Chicago, 2 cherished granddaughters: Lola and Natalia, his sister: Jackie (Pete) Thomas of Walled Lake, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Michael, and a sister, Donna.

### **Biography**

Darrell E. Connell, age 81 of Harbor Beach, passed away Friday, August 18, 2023 at Harbor Beach Community Hospital. He was born on March 25, 1942 to the late Eugene and Cecelia (Kibilko) Connell in Highland Park, MI. Darrell served in the US Navy from 1960-1963. Darrell worked in the animal control division of the City of Detroit for over 25 years, where he met the love of his life, Alma Cumba. They were united in marriage on February 14, 1980. Darrell was a member of the Thumb Steelheaders and enjoyed fishing on his boat "Top Dog", He passed that passion for fishing (and the boat) on to his son, David. He was a member of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, where he was an usher, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and an active member of the American Legion Post 197. He enjoyed all sports, having to catch up with all the Major League Baseball scores first thing every morning. But he especially loved following Harbor Beach Pirates Football and Basketball games as a member of the "Front Row" with Bob Wruble, Jim Leiby, Gene Schuette and Andy Murdock. He was a former bus driver for Harbor Beach Schools and a courier for Chemical Bank. His monthly Poker group will miss him (especially since he had such a "profitable" night last month). He has also been reunited with his beloved dogs: Shep, Briggs and Max.