



# Skip Davis Willoughbthy

April 2, 2024 - April 10, 2024

October 16, 1947 - March 1, 2003

\*"He did it his way."\*

George Willoughby, born on October 16, 1947, in Ann Arbor, MI, dedicated his life to serving his community with passion and innovation. Passing on March 1, 2003, in Caseville, MI, George leaves behind a legacy of service and a lasting impact on those who knew him.

In 1969, George began his esteemed career with the Michigan State Police as a State Trooper. His commitment to justice led him to become a pivotal figure in transforming how major case investigations were conducted. During a significant assignment in Lansing, meant to last three months but extending nearly two years, George played a crucial role in redefining investigative approaches—contributions that continue to influence the department today.

Working alongside students from Michigan State University, he helped develop the first program capable of searching fingerprints across an entire database, a groundbreaking advancement in law enforcement technology. His expertise was sought in notable cases such as the Oakland Child Killings, the Hilltop Strangler, and the Son of Sam, underscoring his dedication to protecting the community.

George's leadership was recognized with rapid promotions, culminating in his role as Post Commander in Tawas. Despite opportunities for further advancement, his unwavering principles guided his decision to retire after 25 years of service, remaining true to the values that had defined his career.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, George was a man of many talents and passions. An intelligent and funny individual, he was always humming a tune—his signature "Do be do be doo"—bringing smiles to those around him. A gifted singer, George graced weddings and community events with his voice, and his rendition of "My Way" by Frank Sinatra reflected his approach to life.

An avid fisherman, George spent countless hours on Saginaw Bay, not only mastering the art of fishing but also sharing this joy with others. His culinary skills were celebrated, especially his ability to create diverse dishes from salmon and his annual tradition of making chicken noodle soup from scratch.

George believed in nurturing the next generation, exemplified by his time coaching youth football. His words of wisdom, "If you're good... you don't have to tell anyone," left a lasting impression on his son, Skip Willoughby, who carries this lesson forward.

He is survived by his children, Skip Willoughby and Brandi Johnston; his sibling, Cal Lane; and the cherished memories shared with his late mother, Delores Willoughby, and his pet, Waldo.

George's life was a tapestry of service, innovation, and personal passions. His contributions to law enforcement and his community resonate as a testament to his dedication and character. He will be remembered for his unwavering commitment to justice, his love of music and the outdoors, and the impactful

legacy he leaves behind.

\*Memorials can be made to the family.\*

# Cemetery Details

## New Cemetery

123 Main St  
Anytown, FL 12354

# Previous Events

## Chapel Service

APR 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Memorial Park Funeral Home  
5750 49th Street North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33709  
(727) 369-8228  
<https://www.memorialparkfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service 2

APR 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Boza & Roel Funeral Home  
4730 North Armenia Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33603  
(813) 291-4425  
<https://www.bozaroel.com/>

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