



Lafe E. Stull

March 20, 1979 - November 21, 2016

Lafe Eugene Stull, 37, of Monrovia and formerly of Bay City, Michigan, passed away on Monday, November 21, 2016, surrounded by loved ones. The only child of Delbert and Susan (Dillon) Stull, he was born on March 20, 1979, in Marietta, Ohio.

He grew up in the small town of New Matamoras and became a follower of Christ attending the Harmony Hill Baptist Church under the loving guidance of his church family. Lafe graduated from Frontier High School in 1997 and received a Bachelor of Arts – Law and Justice from Taylor University in Fort Wayne in 2001. An intelligent extrovert, he strategically set his standards high, expecting the best of himself and wanting only the same for others; maintaining a positive outlook even when odds were against him. In 2001, he met his match, Maria Ann. Despite their opposite personalities, they instantly connected and they were united in marriage on October 14, 2005. Together, they were blessed to share many adventures and frequently traveled to experience the world together including most recently, Greece to celebrate their ten-year anniversary.

Lafe dedicated the last twelve years to JC Penney's, where he worked his way up through the company previously holding management positions in Saginaw, Burton, and Flint, Michigan. In 2013, he earned a promotion to General Manager at JC Penney Plainfield, Indiana at the Shops at Perry

Crossing. A proud, focused and accomplished leader, he was goal oriented and truly gifted with people. Lafe possessed a compassionate, thoughtful and kind heart; always taking others into consideration and starting the conversation by asking, "How are you?".

Along with his parents, survivors include his wife and best friend, Maria (White) Stull of Monrovia; father & mother-in-law, Bill and Kathy White and Grandma Rose Castaneda of Bay City, Michigan; siblings by marriage, Amy, Luke, Scott, Heather, Brian, Trisha, Tom, Trina, Jill and Jeff; thirteen nieces and nephews, as well as a large host of in-laws including aunts, uncles, and cousins; Aunts Mayme Roberts, Ellen Traylor both of New Matamoras, Ohio and Valerie Townsend of Ripley, West Virginia; cousins, Heather Roberts of New Matamoras, Ohio, Shyana and Ada Townsend of Ripley, West Virginia.

A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held from 11am - 2pm, on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, in Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, 585 E. Main Street, Monrovia. Additional Services in Michigan will be held in Michigan at 7:30pm, on Thursday, December 1, 2016, at Squires Funeral Home - Ambrose Location, 1200 Garfield Ave., Bay City, MI 48708, with calling held prior from 5pm until time of service. Memorial Contributions may be made payable to Maria Stull, 2925 W. Crosscreek Drive, Monrovia, IN 46157, with all proceeds going to the Clothe-a-child fundraiser: Hendricks County Division of MIBOR clothe a child. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence or light a candle in Lafe's memory visit www.lightmemorial.com.

Previous Events

Friends & Family Gathering

NOV 29. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Additional Visitation

DEC 1. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Squires FH, Ambrose Location
1200 Garfield Ave.
Bay City, MI 48708

Celebration of Life

DEC 1. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Bay City, MI 48708

Tribute Wall

Y1

“ Your JCPenney family 1979 purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Lafe E. Stull.



Your JCPenney family 1979 - December 01, 2016 at 12:19 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lafe E. Stull.



December 01, 2016 at 10:12 AM

KP

“ Deepest sympathies for Maria, Maria and Lafe's entire family and friends
Lafe was a genuine person that brought integrity and honesty with every person and situation that he was involved with. I feel honored to be able to call him my friend. It was so much fun joking with Lafe.....he had such a great sense of humor!
The world is a sadder place with the loss of Lafe but take comfort that he is making his new home a brighter place simply with his being there.
We can be sad today but comforted that we will see Lafe again!
Kevin Patnode

Kevin Patnode - December 01, 2016 at 09:31 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lafe E. Stull.*



November 30, 2016 at 01:52 PM



“ *Maria, I am so sorry to hear of Lafe's passing. Heaven just gained another angel. From the first time I met him at JC Penneys Saginaw where I was a client to the last time I saw you both as my clients in Standish, I always enjoyed talking with you both and looked forward to your visit. I enjoyed our chat about what trip you had been on and where you were going next. I watched as he grew with JC Penneys and was thrilled with his accomplishments. He was a very special man and husband and will be missed by all whose life he touched. RIP Lafe.*

*Carol Brown,
Standish, MI*

CAROL BROWN - November 29, 2016 at 12:07 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Laura Padgett - November 29, 2016 at 09:07 AM

JC

“ *The Shops at Perry Crossing will have a huge void without Lafe. He was always a team player, always smiling and a so wonderful to work with. He was kind enough to speak at our Grand Reopening last year and made such a huge impact to his store. It was an honor to know him and we are so saddened by his loss. Many prayers to his family and friends.*

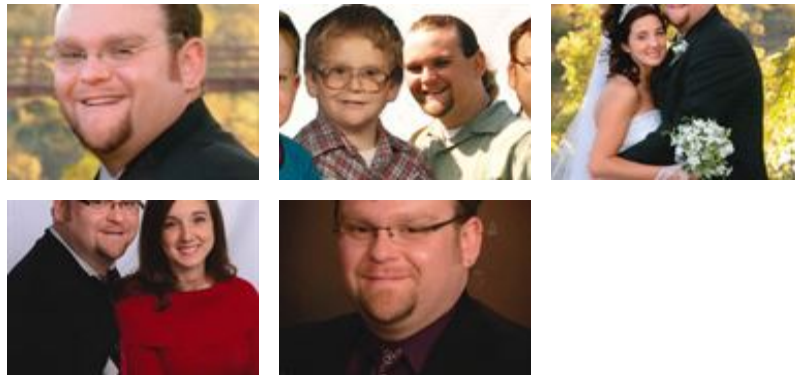
Julie Callis and the management team at the Shops at Perry Crossing.



Julie Callis - November 29, 2016 at 08:53 AM



“ *59 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - November 28, 2016 at 10:49 PM

KJ

“ *Maria, Bill and I are so sorry that we cannot be with you. We are with you in spirit though. You made lafe's life very fulfilled. I know he loved you very much. You were a good wife to him and we will always love you for that. May God be with you and bless you. Kim and Bill Jones*



Kimberly Jones - November 28, 2016 at 07:48 PM

JT

“ *JCPenney District 8254 Team purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Lafe E. Stull.*



JCPenney District 8254 Team - November 28, 2016 at 05:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lafe E. Stull.*



November 28, 2016 at 12:47 PM

JT

“ *Jason and the Noblesville Team. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lafe E. Stull.*



Jason and the Noblesville Team. - November 28, 2016 at 12:25 PM

SO

“ *Lafe was such a great person, always positive and upbeat. I am so sorry to your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Sue Overla
GM Cadillac Mi.*

Sue Overla - November 28, 2016 at 10:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lafe E. Stull.*



November 28, 2016 at 08:09 AM

GG

“ *Gail Lyons Grier lit a candle in memory of Lafe E. Stull*



Gail Lyons Grier - November 27, 2016 at 10:09 AM

WG

“ *Lafe and I finally made time about 5 months ago to go have a few drinks that we always said we would do. Between his schedule and mine it seemed nearly impossible. I am glad we did. He was never anything but friendly and kind to my kids and family. If he was outside and we were outside he never hesitated to stop, say hello, ask each kid how they were, etc. We are all so sorry to hear of his passing. If there is anything we can do to help out please let us know. We're right next door.*

Will Griggs - November 25, 2016 at 08:07 PM

PS

*Maria so sorry for your loss! Lafe was a very nice person always saying hello and waving every time outside! If there is anything you need let us know, just 2 doors down! So sorry!! Prayers for you and your family!
The Seals Family*

Penny Seals - November 27, 2016 at 03:27 PM

TW

“ I was lucky enough to have Lafe as my brother in law, and friend, Our family was blessed to have him. He was always fun to be around, be it at my daughters Birthday parties, family holidays or when we use to watch the Michigan and Ohio state rivalry game when we got the chance including the 2006 number 1 and number 2 game! More times than none he got bragging rights lol.. but I always enjoyed them times with him.. With The big game on tomorrow I will be remembering him as drink a beer out of his Ohio state mug that Maria gave me. Just a few short weeks ago as I was heading to maddys soccer game my phone rang and it was Lafe calling me to say thank you for coming to visit him in the hospital, Something I thought was not much, He wanted to make sure I knew how much It meant to him, we talked for awhile him mostly he wanted to let me know he Loved us and appreciated all the positive energy and for sharing my family with him. What he had to say in that phone call that day I will always cherish and it will stay with me forever. I have never met a man like him! I will miss him greatly and if I follow his ways maybe someday I will meet with him again.

Thomas White - November 25, 2016 at 11:18 AM

DG

“ Maria, I am so sorry to hear about Lafe. If there is anything I can do please let me know. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Please take care of yourself



Dawn Govitz - November 24, 2016 at 01:39 PM

BL

“ *Bonnie Laubert lit a candle in memory of Lafe E. Stull*



Bonnie Laubert - November 23, 2016 at 07:34 PM

PB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss Maria. I had the pleasure of working with Lafe for 3 years. He was proud that you were his wife. Right after starting at the store he showed us pictures of you and said " I dont know how I got so lucky". I am thinking of you in this most sad time. Lafe was always cutting up and making me laugh when he wasn't being serious about work of course. We were are really worried about a new Manager coming on board and changing things up but it was a perfect fit. I appreciated his determination, his ideas and the love he had for his beautiful wife. He will be missed by myself and so many others. I pray that god gives you strength and courage. Know that he loved you so very much.*

Paula Brezette - November 23, 2016 at 04:01 PM