



Calvin K. Roberts

April 6, 1935 - January 10, 2018

Calvin K. Roberts, age 82, of Drummond Island, Michigan died peacefully January 10, 2018 at his home on Drummond Island. He was born on April 6, 1935, in Livonia, Michigan to Calvin Lester and Norma Francis (Shaffer) Roberts.

Calvin was seriously ill with polio at age 19 but never complained and never let this affliction get in the way of his many achievements. He retired from Ford Motor Company following 36 years in the parts design area and moved to Drummond Island.

Calvin's passion was music and he often played his keyboard at various events. Nicknamed "Backwoods Daddy" or just "K", he was also fond of riding his golf car with his grandchildren and dogs, Biscuit and Sadie. He hosted many gatherings with family and friends, often serving one of his specialties, pizza or "Gut Bomb Hamburgers".

Calvin is survived by his wife of 40 years, Elaine A. (McDonald) Roberts; children, Toni Hartman of Drummond Island, Scott Roberts of Drummond Island, Richard Gibson of Northville, Michigan, and Heather Tiefenbach of Drummond Island; grandchildren, Fred, Shannon (Chuck), Nolan, Amanda (Jonathan), Emma, Pearl, Keith, and Greg; and great grandchildren, Jillian, Tailey, Cal, Chase, Chloe, and Colton. Also surviving are his brother, Charles

(Florence) Roberts; sister, Sue (Tom) McCaskill; sisters-in-law, Billie Anne Roberts and Margaret McDonald; and brother-in-law, Gary (Robin) McDonald.

Calvin was preceded in death by his brother, Wayne Roberts; grandson, Cal; and brothers-in-law, Gordon McDonald and Richard McDonald.

Services are being planned for later in 2018.

The family urges support and donations to the Hospice of the E.U.P., 308 West 12th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



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October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Calvin K. Roberts

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“ Calvin K. Roberts

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“ *Just found out Cal had passed. Worked with Cal in 1969 at the EEE Ford Motor. Been to Drummond Island several times over the years (Brian Kerry, Ken Brown, Don Michie, and Jim Wielosinski). Cal was a perfect gentleman, polite and courteous.*

He will always be in my prayers. He left a big impression in my heart. I will miss him.

Brian Kerry

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Brian & Barb Kerry - June 19, 2020 at 02:10 PM

HC

“ I met Cal 15 years ago when I came to Drummond. He and Elaine were so kind and generous I immediately felt welcome. They made it possible for me to build my place by letting me use their dock and beach and that's where we come and go from to get to Shelter Island. They seemed always glad to meet any visitors we had and became like family. Julie and I will miss his sunny personality.

Hugh and Julie Covert - January 19, 2018 at 08:20 AM

RG

“ tho as a teen i had many troubles, Cal stuck with me and loved my mom and our family

Richard Gibson - January 18, 2018 at 12:23 AM

MD

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. Cal will be missed by many. We hope it helps a little to know he's pain free and playing music with the angels. Cherish the memories
Mike & Diane



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