



## Charles "Joe" LaVake

March 26, 1967 - May 9, 2020

Charles "Joe" LaVake, age 53, of Clarkston, Michigan, died Saturday, May 9, 2020, at the home of his mother in St. Ignace, Michigan. He was born March 26, 1967, in Wayne County, Michigan, to Melvin and Dorothy (Witherspoon) LaVake.

Joe graduated from Garden City High School with the Class of 1985. He worked as an elevator mechanic with Local 36 of Detroit for his entire career. He was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Joe is survived by his wife, Jennifer LaVake of Clarkston; four daughters, Cassie (Aaron Rickley) LaVake of St. Ignace, Shana (Bill) Smith of Holly, Michigan, Kristy LaVake of White Lake, Michigan, and Emma Ingalls at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant; son, Joey LaVake of Clarkston; mother, Dorothy LaVake of St. Ignace; two brothers, Tom Proctor of Perry, Michigan, and Ken Proctor of California; a sister, Dawn of California; and three granddaughters and one grandson.

Services will be held at a later date.

Dodson Funeral Cremation Burial Services assisted the family with arrangements.



# Tribute Wall



“ Charles "Joe" LaVake

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Charles "Joe" LaVake

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Charles "Joe" LaVake

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM

DJ

“ Joe,

*Rest in Peace my friend.*

*We met in 5th grade, you were tearing up the neighborhood on your Yamaha 80 during the summer and snowmobile in the winter. We played city baseball and Highschool football. Holley was your first girlfriend you put her name on your moped and know one said a word or you would kick their a#\$. You were tough and very athletic, the best shortstop of our time. You were a natural in anything mechanical and rebuilt several engines in which we blew one of them on Cheeseman road in St Ignace during a race (your Dad was mad) We couldn't get back home until we put another engine in with the help from Ron K. In High school all the girls liked you and they know who they are.*

*You took me snowmobiling across the Christmas tree ice road to Mackinac island and half way across you said "get off something doesn't sound right" then smiled and took off and left me there, eventually you came back. There are a lot of memories I hope others will share. You were a great friend to all of us. we'll make sure your put on fallen classmates.*

*You will be in our memories.*

*Dave Jean*

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**Dave Jean** - November 05, 2020 at 11:00 PM

DJ

*Holly :)*

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**Dave Jean** - November 06, 2020 at 01:03 PM

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*I'm so sorry. I just heard from Howie, and then I found this. There's nothing I can say right now, I'm so saddened. I pray for his family & friends to find some peace in all of this. :(*

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**Holly smith** - December 01, 2020 at 09:43 AM



*So sorry for the loss of your Best Bud Dave. :(*

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**Holly smith** - December 01, 2020 at 09:44 AM