



Daniel James Mertaugh

April 10, 1961 - December 6, 2020

Daniel James "Danny" Mertaugh, age 59, of Cedarville, Michigan, died on December 6, 2020. He was born on April 10, 1961 to Eugene James "Jim" and Ella May "Elly" (Nelson) Mertaugh in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Danny grew up in Hessel, Michigan. He was raised as an integral part of the family business, E. J. Mertaugh Boat Works, the country's first Chris-Craft dealer. Working alongside his grandfather, E. J. "Gene," his father Jim, and other family members, Danny developed fine skills and expertise in woodworking and mechanics. Danny attended Cedarville Schools and played hockey in the Sault Ste. Marie Junior League. After high school, he remained with the family business. When that business was sold, Danny continued to restore antique boats independently, while also driving for Cedarville Schools and serving as an EMT Ambulance Driver for Clark Township. Later, he joined his brother, Tommy, at Classic and Antique Boats, restoring and maintaining many of the area's prized, wooden boats to a high standard. Danny helped that business grow into one of the country's best in its field. After that business was sold, Danny continued to pursue his passion for restoring classic cars.

Danny was a wealth of knowledge. He could figure out just about any problem with anything that moved: boats, cars, trucks, snowmobiles and others. Anything he could get his hands on. Because above all, Danny loved working with his hands. He loved the outdoors too, especially ice fishing and bird

hunting.

As a person, Danny was a very giving, kind soul. He helped people just do what needed to be done. His gentleness, caring, and smile will be much missed by his friends and family.

Danny is survived by his wife, Judy; children, Megan (Trevor) Bouwens of Grand Ledge, Michigan, and Jaycee and Shelby of Cedarville, Michigan; grandchildren, Addison, Bexley, and Cylus; father, Eugene; siblings, Amy (Robert) Paczkowski of Cedarville, Erin (Jason) Brooks of Canton, Michigan; sisters-in-law, Jeanette Mark of Marquette, Michigan, and Cindy St. Clair of Traverse City, Michigan, and brother-in-law, Darrell St. Clair of Cheboygan, Michigan.

Danny was preceded in death by his mother, Elly; brother, Tommy Mertaugh, and brothers-in-law, Mark Izzard, James Mark, and John Mark.

Memorial Contributions may be sent to the Les Cheneaux Ambulance Auxiliary, P.O. Box 453, Hessel MI 49745.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church
261 S Islandview Rd.
Hessel, MI 49745

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel James Mertaugh*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Daniel James Mertaugh*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Daniel James Mertaugh*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Prayers for family and friends, he will be greatly missed. Cheryl L. (Bennett) Warner*

Cheryl L. Warner - December 22, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ *Dan was an awesome guy. Got to be friends through old cars over 20 years ago. We both loved old camaros and traded back and forth. Truly sorry for the loss of your love Judy he will be missed. Mark Lund*

Mark lund - December 11, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ *Danny along with his family always had a smile for everyone! My sincere condolences to his wife and family during this very sad time. God be with your family..*

The Rauch Family - December 11, 2020 at 09:29 AM