



Darryl "Gus" Joseph Goetz

October 13, 1959 - August 21, 2025

Darryl "Gus" Joseph Goetz, age 65, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away at McLaren Northern Hospital in Petoskey, Michigan on August 21, 2025. He was born on October 13, 1959, in Sault Ste. Marie to James and Eldrus (Cryderman) Goetz.

Gus grew up in Dafter, Michigan, and graduated from Sault Area High School with the Class of 1977. He began his career as a welder in the shipyards of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, later working for Oloofsson Fabrication for ten years. He eventually transitioned into corrections, serving as a corrections officer with the Michigan Department of Corrections until his retirement.

A proud member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Gus was well known throughout his community. He was a musician, a gifted storyteller, and a fixture of downtown Sault Ste. Marie. He could often be found driving around town, visiting with friends, serenading those in need of cheer, or enjoying a meal at one of his favorite local eateries.

Music was one of Gus's lifelong passions. At just fourteen years old, he taught himself to play the guitar, and he went on to write original songs and perform with his band, Chaparral. Beyond music, he loved the outdoors—hunting, fishing, and spending time in nature. He also enjoyed many years of playing hockey and softball, staying active in the sports he loved until health

challenges made it difficult to continue.

Gus is survived by his loving wife, Faith; children, Christopher Goetz and Jaclyn Goetz; step-children, Lance Anderson, Lisa Anderson, and Breeanna McDowell; grandchildren, Dawson and Lahanna; brothers, David (Beverly) Goetz and Terry (Marcia) Goetz; and sister, Debbie (George) Ashetzie.

Gus was preceded in death by his parents, James and Eldrus; and siblings, Diane Goetz and Larry Goetz.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 29, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Family Life Funeral Homes, 4951 S. M-129, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. The Funeral Service will begin at 4:00 PM with the burial to follow.

Gus's final resting place will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Family Life Funeral Homes – Sault Ste. Marie is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.familylifefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 South M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Sault Ste. Marie
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Funeral Service

AUG 29. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NN

“ Nicole & Natasha purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Darryl "Gus" Joseph Goetz.



Nicole & Natasha - August 28, 2025 at 05:30 PM

CL

“ Cousins Corey, Rita, and Les purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Darryl "Gus" Joseph Goetz.



Cousins Corey, Rita, and Les - August 28, 2025 at 04:38 PM

TF

“ The Curtis Family purchased the *Sweet Tranquility Basket* for the family of Darryl "Gus" Joseph Goetz.



The Curtis Family - August 28, 2025 at 03:14 PM

CB

“ Our condolences to Faith, Debbie, & all of Gus' Family & Friends.
We've had the good fortune of knowing Gus through our mutual love of music! Wish we could have met him years ago. What a great guy! He will missed, but not forgotten! Rest in Peace Gus & Keep the music going in Heaven!



Sincerely, Cheryl & Dennis

Cheryl Bernard - August 27, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ Somewhere in eternity Gus is singing with his guitar as his brother Larry drums. His proud parents, Jim and Annie, are enjoying the music. Sister Diane is listening as well and singing along.

Paul Warrick - August 27, 2025 at 07:23 AM

TF

“ Tom Mackie and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Darryl "Gus" Joseph Goetz.



Tom Mackie and Family - August 26, 2025 at 03:25 PM

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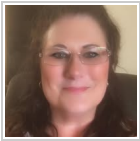
“ Tom Mackie and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darryl "Gus" Joseph Goetz.

Tom Mackie and Family - August 26, 2025 at 03:25 PM

MK

“ Gus. I'm sorry you're gone. We had so many good times together. You taught me to skate so I could play nighthawk hockey, you taught me to play bass guitar so we could audition for Nashville, built an ice rink in your yard to teach Christopher how to skate - which he hated. You were a good friend. You will be missed. Sing a song, buddy.

Mark Krupiarz - August 26, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ Terri Rosebohm lit a candle in memory of Darryl "Gus" Joseph Goetz



Terri Rosebohm - August 26, 2025 at 11:22 AM

JP

I looked and you were gone Buddy.

Joe Pins - September 22, 2025 at 11:55 PM