



David Michael Sokol

June 17, 1944 - August 31, 2022

David Michael Sokol of Trout Lake, Michigan, passed away in Rudyard, Michigan at the age of 78. He was born on June 17, 1944, in Detroit, Michigan, to parents Philip Warren Shutran and Shirley Jeanette Sokol (Monschau).

David David grew up in Frederick, Michigan, and spent much of his youth with his grandparents. At the age of 17, he enlisted with the US army where he served the next three years while stationed in Korea. After returning, he met the love of his life, Ruth Ann Sanders, during a chance meeting and the two hit it off. They married on July 10, 1970, and moved to Mio, Michigan to start their family while managing a Resort. They had two beautiful daughters, Lisa and Kim. David and his family moved to Attica after he got a job with Ford Tractor Company where they lived for the next nine years before they moved to Indian River, Michigan, where David owned & operated his Auto-body shop. In recent years, David had worked as a Blackjack Dealer at the Casino, and he absolutely loved the job. He worked until his retirement in 2008.

David loved to go out fishing for Trout and Blue Gills and was always out in his deer blind for opening day. He enjoyed listening to 50s and 60s Oldies music while working on projects in his free time. He was also a gifted artist and enjoyed painting sceneries, farms, and wildlife. He was a wonderful husband, beloved father, and loving grandfather to his family and will be greatly missed.

David is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughters, Lisa (Rob) Benjamin of South Carolina and Kim (Norm) Mills of Trout Lake; grandchildren, Matthew (Sarah) Benjamin, Amanda Benjamin, Sage (Lily) Mills, Laken (Sean) Waybrant; and great-grandchild, Atzi; brother, Dennis Sokol of West Branch, Michigan and best friend, Tony Kircus.

David is preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Mary Ellen and Tammy.

A Celebration of Life will be held on September 9, 2022, at the Trout Lake Park in the pavilion at 1 PM.

Galer Dodson Funeral Homes & Cremation in St. Ignace, Michigan, is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 9. 1:00 PM.

Trout Lake Park

Tribute Wall



“ *David Michael Sokol*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *David Michael Sokol*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Dave has been a father figure to me ever since meeting him almost 30 years ago. I can't imagine anybody being a better father and grandfather. He has always been available for Lisa, Amanda, Matthew and me. No matter what the circumstance, Dave was there with a story to make everybody smile. Dave will be missed. Gone too soon, but I know he is in a good place. Rest In Peace, Dave.*

Rob Benjamin

rob benjamin - September 07, 2022 at 07:40 PM