



Derick Russell Eitrem

August 15, 1963 - June 12, 2024

Derick Russell Eitrem, age 60, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away, on June 12, 2024, at the Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie. He was born on August 15, 1963, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Joseph Valentine and Dorothy Lorraine (Craven) Eitrem.

Derick grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and graduated from Sault High School with the Class of 1981. After graduation, he moved to Los Angeles, California, and started his franchise business of three Domino Pizza stores. Derick moved back to Sault Ste. Marie in 1993, and got back with his high school love, Jill, and they raised five boys together. He was such a devoted family man, who always put them first.

Derick was very athletic in many sports, cross training at all times, with alternate sports. He ended up a boxing champ, going all the way to winning the Golden Gloves.

Derick got into construction, then flooring installation, which brought him to running the Weirs Carpet Mart. He and his partner, Joe Greener, ended up buying the store together six years ago, and changed the name to U.P Carpet Mart. He took such pride in the store, making it extremely successful.

Derick enjoyed being outdoors, spear fishing, hunting, bush craft, and

woodworking. He loved to go camping and tell stories for entertainment around the campfire. Derick was great at teaching his kids outdoor skills, along with anything else he could pass along to them.

Derick is survived by his wife, Jill; children, Matthew Sturgul of Nekoosa, Wisconsin, Joshua (Jessica) Beseau of Doyline, Louisiana, Jeremy (Erin) Eitrem of Sault Ste. Marie, Joseph (Ashley) Eitrem of Sault Ste. Marie, Ariana Eitrem of Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, Jacob (Jessica) Eitrem of Sault Ste. Marie, Dylan Eitrem of Sault Ste. Marie; many grandchildren; one great-grandchild; mother, Dorothy (Craven) Eitrem; sister, Renee (Cameron) Anderson; and several nieces and nephews.

Derick was preceded in death by his father, Joseph; brother, Steven Eitrem; sister-in-law, Jodi Eitrem; grandparents and many aunts and uncles.

Memorial Contributions may be given in honor of Derick to Hospice of the EUP, 308 W. 12th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

A Celebration of Life will be held on June 15, 2024, at the First Church of Christ, 300 W. Spruce St. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. A Memorial Service will start at 12:00 Noon with a luncheon to follow the service.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Church of Christ
300 Spruce St. W.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Service

JUN **15**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Jill and Family, please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. I did not know Derrick, but Jill was my masseuse. Hold all your memories close to your heart and it will get easier. God's Blessing sent. Jamie (McCoy) Harvey and family.*

Jamie McCoy Harvey - June 16, 2024 at 08:48 PM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear this, my love and prayers are with you all... Derrick, you will be missed my friend.*

Donald Frank - June 15, 2024 at 10:32 AM

JK

“ *To the whole Eitrem family...I am SO very sorry that you are experiencing so much pain in the loss of your loved one. Such unexpected tragedies are so hard for the mind to process. I just want you to know that I'll be praying for you as you begin life without Derrick. Be gentle with yourselves and be there for each other. Treasure the memories for they are sweet, I'm sure.*

Jane Kennedy - June 14, 2024 at 02:23 PM



“ *I am heartbroken to hear this, my love and prayers are with you all*

Joy Lewis - June 14, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Derick Russell Eitrem.



June 14, 2024 at 08:00 AM



“ Melissa Kellett & Steven Kellett Jr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Derick Russell Eitrem.

Melissa Kellett & Steven Kellett Jr - June 13, 2024 at 05:42 PM



“ Melissa Kellett & Steven Kellett Jr purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Derick Russell Eitrem.



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