



Joseph Mongene, Jr.

July 19, 1935 - April 2, 2020

Joseph "Little Joe" Malcolm Mongene, Jr., age 84, of Dafter, Michigan passed away due to a car accident on April 2, 2020, near his home.

Joe was born on July 19, 1935, in Hessel, Michigan to Joseph and Anna (Brown) Mongene, Sr. He married Irene Avella Martineau on April 2, 1966, in Rudyard, Michigan. They were celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary the day he passed. Joe was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He worked in the logging industry, did maintenance work for Woodside, Inc., and was an excellent mechanic. Joe loved going for country rides with the love of his life, Irene and spending time with his family. He also loved the outdoors; hunting, gardening, working in his yard, playing horseshoes, working on classic cars and going to the casino. Joe knew Jesus as his Savior and prayed every day. He was known as the "Mayor of Cottage Park" and remained there for the rest of his life.

Joe is survived by his wife: Irene A. Mongene; a son: Danny (Mariea) Mongene of Kinross, MI; two daughters: Tina (Dennis) Wurster of Kincheloe, MI and Judy Mongene of Kincheloe, MI; a step-daughter: Tammy (Paul) Kamprath of Grayling, MI; a brother: Fred Mongene of Raco, MI; and five grandchildren: Danielle Mongene; Melinda Mongene; Joe (Abby) Pine; Shyann Armstrong; and Jolene Pine. He is also survived by four great-grandchildren: Tristan Ortiz, Jaymian Lay, Lorelei Tharp, Nessie Pine, and two

more great-grandchildren on the way. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents; five sisters, one brother; and a step-daughter: Linda Croad.

A private family viewing was held. A graveside committal service will be held later this spring at the Kinross Lakeview Cemetery. The family will be planning a celebration of life at a later date.

Tribute Wall

FM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. So hard not to gather during these difficult times.

Frank & Flo Mongene - April 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ He was my grandfather and I can't say enough good about him. I miss him so much already! He had such a huge presence that will be missed! I love you so much, Grandpa! Miss you like crazy!

Danielle Mongene - April 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Deepest sympathy and prayers. Rest in peace Joe.



Geri Burrows Holmes - April 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Joe was always Happy and Kind and a Great person. Known the whole family for a long time, a Great family. He will be missed but he is in HEAVEN looking over us with his great SMILE💕💕💕

KATHLEEN PARMENTIER - April 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Sorry to here that about Little Joe.

Francis Brown - April 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ So sorry for your loss..
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you



Tammie kelderhouse - April 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ So sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers



Vern and patty clement - April 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ My condolences he was a great man



Dana Reed - April 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM