



Kenneth Wayne Ross

January 9, 1938 - June 7, 2023

Kenneth Wayne Ross, age 85, of Rudyard, Michigan, died at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Michigan, on June 7, 2023. He was born in DeTour Village, Michigan, on January 9, 1938, to Russell and Lola Jewell (Marshall) Ross.

Kenneth moved to Rudyard at a young age and lived on a farm south of town. He attended elementary school in a one-room schoolhouse in Rudyard and graduated from Rudyard High School in 1957. After he earned a certificate in Agriculture from Michigan State University, he served in the Army National Guard Reserves. He met and courted Judy Faust, marrying the love of his life in 1964. They raised their three boys on their farm south of Rudyard while instilling in them a strong work ethic paired with an equal measure of fun family adventures. Among many jobs he held were equipment repairman at McDowell Equipment in Rudyard, hauling hay to railroad boxcars in Rudyard and Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, and fixing snowplows at the Kincheloe Air Force base. He later took over the family farm from his dad and expanded it.

Kenneth recognized opportunities to develop his business and collaborated on

a hay compressor to deliver his own product more efficiently. He enjoyed driving his semi-truck and hauling hay to Florida and Kentucky during the winter months. He also enjoyed stirring up trouble at the local coffee shops and always had an infectious laugh. Even though he lived with arthritic pain from a young age, he never let it stop him from being productive and enjoying time with family and friends.

Kenneth was an active member of the EUP Antique Tractor Association in Rudyard. He proudly served on the Rudyard School board for 16 years. He was a member of the Grace Bible Church, the Truck Drivers Association, and previous member of the National Hay Association.

He is survived by his children, Wayne (Dawn Pauze) Ross, Russell (Kelly Cleveland) Ross, and Gerald (Amanda Rogers) Ross; grandchildren, Adam (Kasey) Ross, David (Patrick) Ross, Rebekah (Harsh) Ross, Rachel Ross, Griffin Ross, Hannah Ross, Oliver Ross, Daniel Ross, and Nathaniel Ross; great grandchildren, Margaret Ross and Owen Ross; and his sister, Beverly Russell.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his wife, Judith (Faust) Ross; and parents Russell and Lola Ross

A visitation will be held at Galer Funeral Homes in Pickford, Michigan, on June 30th, from 1PM – 3PM. The Funeral Service start at 3 PM and will be officiated by Brian Harrison. Please come and join us in remembering Kenneth.

Final resting place will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Sault Ste. Marie,

Michigan.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
(906) 647-3400
fifh@familylifefh.com
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation
24549 S M 129
Pickford, MI 49774

Tribute Wall



“ Kenneth Wayne Ross

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Kenneth Wayne Ross

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Ross.



June 29, 2023 at 03:00 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth Wayne Ross.

June 28, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Ross.



June 28, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ Ken was a great brother-in-law and his laughter was infectious. My sister Judy and Ken built a beautiful family together. May you rest in peace Ken.

Diane Houdek - June 28, 2023 at 05:44 AM

DH

“ Diane and Dennis Houdek purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kenneth Wayne Ross.



Diane and Dennis Houdek - June 28, 2023 at 05:35 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Ross.



June 27, 2023 at 05:18 PM

JG

“ James Faust girls purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Wayne Ross.



James Faust girls - June 26, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Ross.*



June 26, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ *Ken Ross was a neighbor and FRIEND of ours since 1964 when I moved to Rudyard. He always was knowledgeable, sharp and willing to visit. I always liked him, Judy and the Ross Boys!!! He was a master of field preparation and always had beautiful fields. The slotted floor barn was the first in our area. His creation of the baler compactor was innovative and allowed many more tons in the truck. Ken's trucking of hay to horses in the south and his "Haul backs" were all well done for years.*

Personally Ken and Rusty did a super job on my 1959 FORDSON POWER MAJOR stopping oil leaks and repainting the Blue Beast. Great job, WELL done!

His "living off the Grid" on the Pine Riverbank was historical and will be legendary for Rudyard.

Sally and I will miss Ken's wisdom, advice and good neighbor contact. RIP and cherish those memories.....to all the family. -Sally and Bob Wiles

ROBERT "BOB" WILES - June 26, 2023 at 09:12 AM

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“ *The Julius Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Wayne Ross.*

The Julius Family - June 25, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth Wayne Ross.*

June 25, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Ross.*



June 25, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Ross.*



June 21, 2023 at 08:10 AM