



Lance Derek Horde

March 15, 1962 - September 14, 2023

Lance Derek Horde, 61, died on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at home surrounded by his family. Lance was born in Flint, Michigan on March 15th, 1962, to Larry D. Horde, Sr. and Jeanette W. Rice.

Lance moved to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan when he was 12 years old and was very active in sports. He graduated from Sault High School in 1980. He met his wife and best friend, Toni Ann Edwards in 1986 and they were married December 3rd, 1988, this year would have been 35 years together.

Lance had a great love for the Sault Blue Devils Football & Baseball teams. As his children were growing up, he volunteered with t-ball, little league, and football teams, continuing to volunteer his time and knowledge after his kids no longer were participating. He loved his Sault Blue Devils!!

He worked at Lock City Center for many years, he left there and started working at My Michigan Hospital and then transferred to My Michigan Behavioral Center. He would often refer to himself as the CEO of the BHC. In fact, his co-workers would actually call him the CEO!! He had a quick wit, a good sense of humor and fun-loving spirit!

Bentley, Zayne, Kennedi, Rylyn & Adelyn were Lance's pride and joy. Each one had a very special connection with their Papa. Lance enjoyed spending time with them all. He showed them patience, kindness, and pure love. Of course, we can't forget his sweet four-legged fur baby Dottie. He and Dottie also had a sweet love between them.

He loved to do anything outdoors. Hunting, fishing, camping, going out just to

spend time in the woods. Many deer were processed by Lance. He was always busy helping someone with this. He was good with his hands, he would do home repairs, fix cars, etc...

Lance is survived by his best friend and wife, Toni Ann Horde (nee Edwards); son, Derek (Rachel) Horde and daughter, Ashley (Jared) McCoy. Five grandchildren; Bentley, Zayne, Kennedi, Rylyn and Adelyn, with one more expected in February 2024. His parents, Larry D. Horde Sr., and Jeannette W. Rice. Siblings; Larry D. Horde, Jr., Todd Horde, Toni Horde and Anthony Horde; Mother-in-law, Carol Edwards, Sister-In-Laws Terri Post, Tracy Raymond.

Lance had many friends; he had a bunch of special friends from "Back in the day". Dan Walsh, Steve LaCoursiere, Joe Newcomb, Jim Casey, Steve Smith, Gary Savoie & Steve Anderson. We are sure there are more, please forgive us if we forgot you.

A couple of stories of the antics and friendship of these fellas. Out at camp one time, Lance, and another buddy (Steve LaCoursiere) decided to go "shining", just as they were going to shoot, a DNR Officer showed up. Not good, right? Nope, the gun (a .22) was confiscated. ?

Here's another: Dan Walsh was at home (living in the Shallows) and decided to shoot a deer out his basement window (in the Shallows!). He got it!! From stories, it was a 13- or 14-point buck!! Needless to say, he needed help getting the deer. So, way early in the morning, Dan went banging on Lance and Toni's door. After quite a while Toni answered and was madder than a wet hen. Finally, Lance wakes up and takes off to go help his friend.

These are only a couple of stories/antics of Lance. Yet I have another to tell you about. Lance was downstate during the illness when he was still mobile went out and purchased a new gun. He was going to hunt with it this year, it was a .22. Steve LaCoursiere was out visiting Lance. Lance, knowing he wasn't going to be hunting this year he had Derek go get the new .22 and he then gave it to Steve to replace the one that was confiscated. Never let be said, Lance forgot his friends.

Predeceased by: Father-In-Law - Richard Edwards, Grandparents - Clyde & Anne Spohn, James & Mary Spohn.

The family would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, texts, phone calls, food or for just stopping by to let us know you care. We are amazed with the outpouring of love we have received.

A special thank you to Marra Norris, Savannah Norris and Stephanie Golding, you all know what you have done for us, thanks for being the friends you are, Much Appreciated. Also, we would like to thank Hospice of the EUP and the C.S. Mulder Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, if you would like to donate in honor of Lance to: Sault High School Blue Devils Football Program or Hospice of the EUP.

A memorial Service for Lance will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at the New Hope Church in Kincheloe, Michigan at 11:00 am, with a luncheon and celebration of life to follow at the Kinross Township Hall.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Prayers for Peace for your family - I didn't work very often at the BHC but Lance always made sure I was okay when I was there - I would be greeted with his big smile and gentle concern - he made me feel welcome!



Jill Halsey - September 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Condolences & 🙏 from Kopitsch family , my daughter Wendy went to school with Lance & I worked with him at Lock City very nice young man.sorry I couldnt make it..

Carol kopitsch Bruno - September 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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Carol kopitsch Bruno - September 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ I've known Lance for a lot of years, and I can honestly say if there were more people like Lance around, this world would be a better place.. As a X wrestling coach we had a lot of conversations regarding Derek. His son, who is an outstanding wrestler. His dad was so proud of him. I pray that time will heal the loss of Lance, but I will never forget him..

Paul Perry - September 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ I was lucky enough to meet Lance while he was Working at Lock City. What a great guy, always willing to help, and share a story. I miss him not being there.

Henry Lowes - September 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Thank you, Lance for being such an important part of our Blue Devil Football program for so many years. We'll miss your spirit, hard work, sense of humor, and words of wisdoms.



Scott Menard - September 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ So sad to hear of the passing of Lance. A nicer man I don't believe , ever walked the trails on this earth. Rest In Peace my friend

DaveAllen - September 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ So many memories from when the kids were little - going to camp - all the sports we traveled for together- we became family- and our hearts are broken for those left behind but know your heavenly spirit will always be near !

Maxine Anderson - September 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *My heart goes out to the Horde Family. Lance's devotion to family, friends, sports and customers has never gone unnoticed. He will be forever missed. I love you all and you are in my prayers.*



Tara Hetrick - September 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Lance was my neighbor on Ryan avenue. He sure had a big heart. He will be missed!*

John Payment - September 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM