



Melvyn Waybrant

August 17, 1950 - January 26, 2008

Melvyn John Waybrant, age 57, of Kincheloe, Michigan passed away early Saturday morning, January 26, 2008 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital. Mel was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on August 17, 1950. He graduated from Sault High School with the Class of 1968. He was a United States Veteran, serving in the Navy on board the USS John F. Kennedy. On August 29, 1981, he married Marsha (Jackson) in Rudyard, Michigan. Mel worked as a contractor. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, camping, and playing his guitar. Mel also loved to paint, draw, and sculpt. Mel is survived by his wife; Marsha Waybrant, his father; John Ernest Waybrant of Brimley, MI, his four children; Melissa Diane (Jim) Fegan of Glendale, AZ, Lisa Leanne Chambers of Brimley, MI, Gene Edward Chambers of Brimley, MI, and Lisa Marie (Chad) Chambers of Livonia, MI, and four grandchildren; Bobbi Fegan, Jamie Fegan, Kaela Chambers, and Tyler Chambers. He is also survived by two brothers; Russ (Candice) Waybrant of Sault Ste. Marie, MI and Gary Waybrant of Brimley, MI, a special sister-in-law; Donna Hall of Rudyard, MI, several loving brothers-in-law and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother; Lois (Hixon) Waybrant. A time of gathering will be held from 4:00 until 7:00 PM on Friday, February 1, 2008 at C. S. Mulder Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 7:00 PM that same evening with Pastor Tim Rader officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

BN

“ I am so sorry that this is so late but I wanted to let you know that even though I just found out about this Mel's passing has saddened me a lot. Mel and I were friends all through High school and we always enjoyed each others company any time after that we ran into each other.He had a tremendous influence on my life as early on he taught me a love of music that to this day comforts me..It is with a heavy heart that I extend my condolences over the loss of such a good man..Bob Newcomb

Bob Newcomb - March 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I was one of the many nurses here at Northern Michigan Hospital who were blessed to take care of Mel and get to know him. I was his nurse the night of the day he found out he had terminal cancer. His kindness was easy to see, but I experienced it first-hand that night, when he asked me if he thought he could donate his heart to someone who could use it. It's not often that we see that degree of thoughtfulness in a person who is dealing with so much grief. He spoke so fondly of his wife, children, and friends, and I enjoyed his many stories about them. Not many patients have truly touched me in my 14 years of nursing the way that Mel did. I am proud of him that he accepted his fate so gracefully and with such dignity. I will always remember him. I pray that God gives all of his wonderful friends and family comfort and peace.

Jana Goldsmith, RN - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Please know that many thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Mel was a great guy and will be missed by many.

Sherry Hillier - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My love goes out to all of you. I am glad that I was able to make it home to see Uncle Mel before he passed. Some of my best memories of Uncle Mel are from the Thanksgivings we shared with the family at Uncle Mel & Aunt Marsha's house. He was always so funny and if you weren't smiling, he made sure that before you left, you left with a smile on your face. :)

Jessica Jackson - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Mel will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know him. His quick smile and ability to make others smile was one of his many, many talents. I never could be around him without breaking into a laugh over something he did or said.

He freely gave his gift of art, music, his love and his time and energy to others with no prejudice. We should all learn from his generous nature.

Peace be with you cousin, All that knew you are better for it. I thank you dearly for all you have done for me and mine.

With Love,

Angela

Angela (Hixon) Watkins - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Marsha is my best friend but there was always Marsha, Mel and Judy. We snow machined together we went camping had parties I was the third wheel. I have so many cherished memories. He was funny supportive and a best friend too. He is in my prayers forever God Bless Judy

Judy Dalimonte - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I was very fortunate to have been Mel's daughter. Never once did I feel like his "stepchild". Always with open arms and heart, my brother and I were part of his family, unconditionally.

Thank you for being my dad and showing me so many things. I have great memories of camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking, a love for the outdoors. How to take care of myself and my car! Share what you can and appreciate what you have.

You will be missed but never forgotten.

My love,
Lisa Ri

Lisa Marie - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Marcia, My thoughts and prayers are with you & your family. I'm one of many who sure will miss Mel.

Dee Cartwright - January 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss Marsha.

Roxi, Myrissa, Holly Jackson

Roxi (Jackson) Hann - January 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ My uncle Mel was one of the funniest people I have ever met. Even as a kid I remember laughing when he was around. His sense of humor was always around. When I was a little boy he always called Aunt Marsha "UNCLE MARSHA", That was so funny to me and my sisters. I will miss talking to uncle mel at family gatherings. he is missed very much.

GERALD M JACKSON JR. - January 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ What a blessing to have grown up with Mel as a cousin. There are many memories of playing at the farm when we were younger, the family gatherings, parties, music, lots of laughs and always being with a very special person. I am also glad I could visit with him at the end of his time on earth.

Mel gave so much love that it is a wonderful sight to see so much love given back to him by so many family and friends.

Candy Cobb - January 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ We feel your pain,we will be here for you,may God bless.

Ray @ Debbie Albrough - January 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM