



Paul "Pete" Regis Merchberger Jr

November 19, 1939 - December 22, 2016

Paul "Pete" Regis Merchberger Jr., age 77, of Barbeau, Michigan, died December 22, 2016, at home. He was born November 19, 1939, in Pontiac, Michigan, to Paul Regis and Agnes Rosalie (Bedard) Merchberger.

Pete grew up in Royal Oak, Michigan, where he graduated from Shrine High School. He joined the United States Marines where he served for several years. He married Maebelle Marie Taschner on September 7, 1963. He worked in small engine sales for his father. In the early 1970's, he began driving truck. He and Maebelle moved their family to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in 1975 and he began driving truck for Graham Trucking. He continued trucking with his own truck, retiring in 2011. Pete enjoyed listening to NPR while on the road.

Pete was a lifetime member of the St. Mary's River Sportsmen Club, a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and a member of the American Legion Post #3 in Sault Ste. Marie.

Pete was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and riding anything that could go fast, especially snowmobiles and 4-wheelers. He had fun hanging out with his friends at the Cozy Corners Tavern and Grill.

Pete is survived by sons, Eric Merchberger of Barbeau and Roger (Maggie)

Merchberger of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; daughter, Cheryl Merchberger of Sault Ste. Marie; grandchildren, Samantha (William) Pratt, and Karl, Brian, Adam, Thomas M., and Victoria Merchberger; great grandchildren, Maraya, Kaiden, and Zoey; sisters, Barbara Nelson of North Carolina, Mary (Richard) Starkweather of Neebish Island, Michigan; brothers, Robert (Linda) Merchberger of Goodrich, Michigan, and Mark (Elizabeth) Merchberger of Cedarville, Michigan; and former daughter-in-law, Rebecca Miller.

Pete was preceded in death by his wife, Maebelle; sister, Agnes "Betsy" DesRosiers; brothers-in-law, Bill Nelson, Frank Taschner, John Taschner and Robert Taschner.

Visitation will be held Thursday, January 5, 2017, from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford, Michigan.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 6, at 10:00 A.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home with Brother John Hascall conducting the service.

Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Mary's River Sportsmen Club, P.O. Box 6, Barbeau, MI 49710.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **5**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Paul "Pete" Regis Merchberger Jr

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Paul "Pete" Regis Merchberger Jr

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Paul "Pete" Regis Merchberger Jr

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul "Pete" Regis Merchberger Jr.



January 05, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Paul Merchberger "Pete"



mary Starkweather - January 03, 2017 at 11:44 AM



“ *Memorial Honor Blanket was purchased for the family of Paul "Pete" Regis Merchberger Jr.*



January 02, 2017 at 10:11 AM



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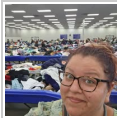
Mark Merchberger - December 29, 2016 at 08:02 PM

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“Pete has been one of the most wonderful, kind, and giving friends I could ever hope to have. There was nothing he wouldn't do for anyone that would ask.
Our snowmobile trips to Neebish, visiting the camps, sharing the great food, and of course hoisting a drink or two or three---are some of my fondest memories of Pete.
Let's not forget the great poker games Pete would host and put out more food than we could eat.
Pete wasn't just about fun, I think almost anyone in the neighborhood can come up with a story where Pete was right there to help, time and time again.
Pete, you've been a great friend and an all around top shelf guy and I'm going to miss you alot. God Bless you always.

Chuck and Patti Savitskie

Chuck Savitskie - December 28, 2016 at 10:39 AM



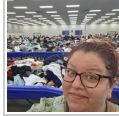
Thank you Chuck. You were a great friend to him as well. I know he treasured all those times together. His poker nights with you guys were something he always looked forward to.

Samantha Pratt - January 04, 2017 at 11:09 AM

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*So sad to lose such a Great Guy! Pete could fix just about anything, and would drop everything he was working on for himself to help out anyone in need! Pete and Mae were generous to a fault, their Memories will live on! So Many Wonderful Memories of Paul & Agnes, and all of their Family!!! Memories of our Families, and the time we spent together!
As long as these memories exist, our Loved Ones Remain!*

Sandy Sanford - January 04, 2017 at 01:25 PM



Amen!

Samantha Pratt - January 04, 2017 at 03:28 PM

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Thank you Sandy. You are so right we have so many good memories of our families intermingling for so many years. Some of our fondest up at the big farm with your grandparents and then your parents. Pete and I compared our very fond memories often....after all we were a couple of big city kids 😍

Mary (Merchberger) Starkweather - January 08, 2017 at 07:40 AM

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Robert and I so enjoyed our visits with Pete and Mae when we came east to visit family and friends. Who could forget the many trips to The Cozy Corner for the best fish and chips! RIP Pete.

Mary Taschner - January 29, 2017 at 03:12 AM