



Philip Francis Goetz

August 16, 1935 - November 8, 2022

Philip Francis Goetz, age 87, of DeTour Village, Michigan, died at his home on November 8, 2022. He was born in DeTour Village on August 16, 1935, to Cletus Ernest and Violet (Smith) Goetz.

Philip grew up in DeTour and attended DeTour Area Schools. He started his life of working with his family logging trees. He met Norma Joan Westfall, while she was visiting her family, and they started to write letters to each other until they decided to marry on July 25, 1959, in Livonia, Michigan. Later that year, they moved to California and managed a Piggly Wigley and a gas station. They moved back to DeTour in 1963, to manage the Red Dot Tavern before starting DeTour Building Supply. They ran the supply company for many years before retiring.

Philip was a hardworking and determined man. He loved to work, feeding his animals, and cutting wood.

Philip is survived by his daughter, Joanne Stefanski of Goetzville, Michigan; son, Cletus Goetz of DeTour; grandchildren, Megan Stefanski, Ashley Nettleton, Adam (Jess) Stefanski, Clay, Lori, Brad, Korin, Kyle, and Lauren Goetz.; great-grandchildren, Hannah and Noah Nettleton, Bella Michalski, Tyler Sayles, and Drew (Anna) Stefanski.

Philip is preceded in death by his parents, Cletus and Violet Goetz; wife, Norma Joan (Westfall) Goetz; son, Russell Goetz; son-in-law, Don Stefanski; sister-in-law, Nancy Short; and brother-in-law, Louis Westfall.

Celebration will be held at a later date.

Galer Funeral Home & Cremation in Pickford, Michigan, is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



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October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Philip Francis Goetz

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“ Joanne and Cletus. So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. When I think of Phil, all I think of are good times. Working for him was most always hard work, but the stories are endless and usually hilarious. You never knew what you would be doing everyday when you went to work. Could be anything from carpentry on his house, cutting scrap, garbage run, driving his truck to Petoskey for cement or cement blocks and who knows what else! He was a good guy and a lot of young people worked for him over the years. Hopefully he & your Mom and Russ are together somewhere having a great time.



Dennis & Cheryl

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