



## Robert Anthony Gutcher

November 20, 1963 - May 18, 2023

Robert “Bobby” Anthony Gutcher, age 59, of Charlevoix, Michigan, died on May 18, 2023. He was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on November 20, 1963, to Robert and Edith (Cole) Gutcher.

Bobby grew up in DeTour, Michigan, and attended DeTour Area Schools where he participated in cross country and lived out his passion of being in a band. His first band was called Midnight Arrival. He was a self-taught drummer and showed a passion for music young; his mother would often find him drumming with the kitchen cooking utensils and pots and pans. Bobby graduated with the DeTour class of 1982.

After graduation Bobby continued as a drummer and lead singer with many other talented local musicians including Gary VanAlstine, Tim VanAlstine, Scott Maciag, Ray Mayer, Russell Mayer, and Alan Huff. Over the years he played in multiple bands including Main Street, Bits N’ Pieces, Rock -N- Rhythm, and The Bob Van Martin Band. Bobby was best known for playing and singing “Wipe-Out”, “Brown Eye Girl”, “He Stopped Loving Her Today” and “Turn the Page”. He had a special talent for making his own versions of songs. He absolutely loved to do voice impersonations and would randomly burst into song at any given time.

Bobby loved and cherished his job as a security officer for Bay Harbor and

dutifully worked for twelve years; however, family and friends meant everything to him. He was a very proud dad and grandpa. He was well known for his slew of jokes and his infectious smile and laughter. His favorite person to tell jokes with was his grandson, Jeice. No one ever left him without a smile on their face and a belly ache from laughing so hard! He made everyone he met feel special and loved. You would always receive the biggest smile from him by simply stopping by with food (especially with his favorites; mozzarella sticks, burgers, or chips and queso).

Bobby is survived by his daughter, Rebecca (Christiana) Gutcher-Hunt; son, Timothy Gutcher; grandchildren, Vincent, Jeice, Rowan and Ellyott; sister, Edith "Lynn" Fierack; brothers, Ronald (Joanne) Gutcher, Vic (Dodie) Gutcher, Tim (Laurie) Henson, and Sam Henson.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Edith "Sue" (Cole) Gutcher.

The final resting place will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, in Chippewa Twp., Michigan.

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation of Pickford, Michigan, is serving the family. Condolences may be left to the family at [www.galerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.galerfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Grove Cemetery

E. South Caribou Lake Road  
DeTour, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Anthony Gutcher*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Robert Anthony Gutcher*

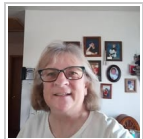
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“ *ShannonFountain lit a candle in memory of Robert Anthony Gutcher*



**ShannonFountain** - May 25, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ *Darlene Lee Goldacker lit a candle in memory of Robert Anthony Gutcher*



**Darlene Lee Goldacker** - May 24, 2023 at 11:15 PM



“ *To all of Bobbys family, So sorry for your loss. Sadly another young person gone too soon. Know we are keeping you close in our hearts Cherish the memories, Praying you can find comfort in a life well lived. Mike & Diane*

**M&D** - May 24, 2023 at 06:05 PM

MD

“ *Marcia Dickey lit a candle in memory of Robert Anthony Gutcher*



Marcia Dickey - May 24, 2023 at 01:49 AM



“ *Susan J. Buie lit a candle in memory of Robert Anthony Gutcher*



Susan J. Buie - May 23, 2023 at 10:16 PM



*Bobby was a special and unique person who will be greatly missed.*

Susan J. Buie - May 23, 2023 at 10:17 PM



“ *My husband, Tim VanAlstine and Mary Robinson, with Bobby, was the Bob VanMartin band. The summer of 1983 was busy and they played for each other's event. Tim and I got married, Lynn got married, and Marty's parent's anniversary party. Besides the songs you posted were ones I will never forget him singing then Swingin. He was on Drummond for a couple of years and went to school with him and joined him in Detour, Rest in peace my friend!*

Lynn VanAlstine - May 23, 2023 at 10:13 PM

CB

“ We send our condolences to Bobby's family & friends. He was such a nice guy & an awesome drummer!! He will be missed.

Sincerely~ Cheryl & Dennis



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**C. Bernard** - May 23, 2023 at 09:02 PM