



Royce Jacob Rader

December 17, 1938 - May 27, 2017

Royce Jacob Rader, age 78, of Pickford, Michigan, died on May 27, 2017 at his home. He was born on December 17, 1938, in Sterlingville, Michigan, to Jacob Augustus and Ruby Olive (Gray) Rader.

Royce was born on Gray Road in Sterlingville and was the third of seven children. He grew up in Sterlingville and attended Pickford Public Schools. He worked with his father in the woods and on the farm. In 1954, he began his service in the National Guard for 6 years. He married Theresa Cryderman and they made their home in Pickford and then moved to Minnesota for five years. In 1963, they moved back to Pickford and Royce went to work for George Hershell in his Body Shop. He then worked for Lipsett Chevrolet in Pickford. After Lipsett closed he opened his own body shop for three years and then worked for Artim over the road trucking. He came back to work for Chippewa County Road Commission snow plowing and keeping the equipment in good order. He retired in 2001 and continued to help his kids and sisters to build their homes. In 2012, he began his battle with cancer.

Royce was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Barbeau, Michigan. He belonged to the Chippewa Riders motorcycle club for 10 years and the Soo Silver Spurs Horseback Riding Club.

Royce liked to fix things. He enjoyed snowmobiling and participated in the I-

500 racing a Snojet the second year. He loved to go to the car races in Kinross, Michigan.

Royce is survived by his girlfriend of 23 years, Grace Smith; children, Brian (Melanie) Rader of Pickford, Kevin Rader, Michael Rader, Tari (Mark) Miller all of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; grandchildren, Ashten Izzard, Kassandra (Lee) Whitson, Allison (Joshua) Gordon, Mary Rader, Samantha Cruickshank, Kimberly Cruickshank, Halie Miller, Seth Miller, Elaina Rader; great-grandchildren, Faith, Grace, Sicily, Valentino, Marklyn, and Anthony; brothers, Floyd (Deanna) Rader of Sault Ste. Marie, and Edwin (Florence) Rader of Lansing, Michigan; sisters, Lucile (Levi) Godin of Kinross, Nina (Roger) Leach of Pickford, and Susan Moellor of Nebraska.

Royce is preceded in death by his sons, Kenny and Darrell Rader; daughter, Kimberly Izzard; grandson, Lucas Izzard; brother, Basil Rader; and his parents.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. at Holy Catholic Church in Barbeau.

Burial will be at Holy Catholic Church Cemetery in Barbeau.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
(906) 647-3400
flfh@familylifefh.com
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
4585 E 15 Mile Road
Barbeau, MI 49710

Tribute Wall



“ Royce Jacob Rader

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Royce Jacob Rader

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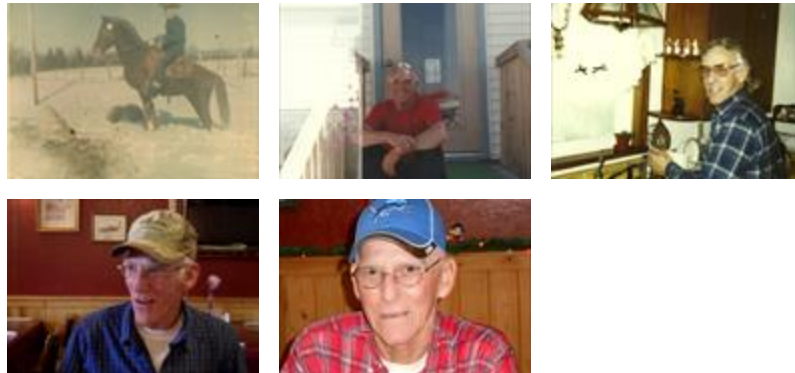


“ Royce Jacob Rader

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“ 10 files added to the album *Through the years*



Beth May - June 05, 2017 at 10:45 AM

BM

“ Uncle Royce joked and teased me so much as a kid, but at the same time wasn't afraid to let me give him hugs and kisses. I missed out on a lot with him, since I moved to Arizona, but I still have a lot of fond memories and am so blessed to be a part of this family with him. 'I love you very much U. Royce and have gained so much in my life having you in it.' ”

Beth May - June 05, 2017 at 10:37 AM

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“ Ashten Izzard lit a candle in memory of Royce Jacob Rader ”

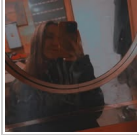


Ashten Izzard - June 01, 2017 at 04:31 AM

JK

“ Uncle Royce ALWAYS had a big smile and greeting for me whenever he saw me. He'd go out of his way to make sure I saw him if I didn't notice him. I'll always remember him for that. I'm sorry he had to suffer so much, but I trust that our Lord will grant him nothing but joy now! What a reunion he must be having with his loved ones. Someday those of us who love the Lord will join him. What a day that will be!! ”

Jane Kennedy - May 31, 2017 at 06:05 PM



“ *Elaina Rader lit a candle in memory of Royce Jacob Rader*



Elaina Rader - May 31, 2017 at 12:06 PM



“ *Mark & Lori Miller lit a candle in memory of Royce Jacob Rader*



Mark & Lori Miller - May 30, 2017 at 10:46 AM



“ *I am so glad I had the opportunity to taking care of Royce. What a wonderful amazing strong man he was . He had a very loving caring family.*

Kelly Kopko - May 30, 2017 at 06:42 AM

SK

“ For the ones that don't know why I referred to my Uncle Royce as Rabbit Head, here is why, when I was a little girl I followed him every where. One night outside his house he was moving these big rocks and he accidentally dropped one on my big toe. I remember I was crying and my Aunt Vallee was taking care of my toe and she said to me "Did he hurt your toe? Well he's nothing but a big ole Rabbit Head isn't he?" And I said yes. So that was how it began. I loved my Uncle so very much, he was like my second dad and I'll miss him for the rest of my life. It has been a honor to have him has my Uncle and I was blessed to have him in my life.

Suzette Godin Klukowski - May 29, 2017 at 11:49 PM

BM

Oh my, I can visualize Aunt Val saying that as if it were yesterday. There are so many memories and blessings we have to cherish in this one man, we miss you Uncle Royce.

Beth May - June 05, 2017 at 10:08 AM

BM

“ I remember Royce coming down with his bulldozer when I moved here. Between him and Charlie Pennington they got my land all leveled out. Royce was always willing to lend a hand. He would always wave when he was going by. He had a heart of gold! RIP Royce

Beth McConkey - May 29, 2017 at 08:27 PM