



Russell Clark Fountain

June 22, 1948 - September 6, 2017

Russell Clark Fountain, age 69, of DeTour Village, Michigan, died on September 6, 2017 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was born on June 22, 1948 in Sault Ste. Marie to Lewis Clark and Leah Mae (Seaman) Fountain.

Russell grew up in DeTour and graduated from DeTour High School with the class of 1966. After high school, he worked on the pipeline and some construction before he served in the United States Army where he was stationed in Turkey. After returning from the service, he worked for Chippewa County Road Commission. He married his childhood sweetheart Charlene Adams on April 15, 1972 at the Union Presbyterian Church in DeTour. They began their family, raising three sons. He was a member of the Operating Engineers as a crane operator for many years. He retired in 2013, but often returned to work when help was needed.

Russell was most often seen around town with his grandchildren or dogs, usually both. No grandchild or animal ever had a better day than one spent with Pop. He always had time to BS with friends. He was literally a person known far and wide for his friendship and kindness. Russell valued sweat equity but very few ever evened the score.

Russell is survived by his wife, Charlene Fountain; sons, Sean (Trisha) Fountain of Dexter, Michigan, Eric (Jessica) Fountain of Sault Ste. Marie, and

Ben (Lindsey) Fountain of DeTour; grandchildren, Kegan, Deacon, Rachelle, Justin, Leah, Liam, and Lily; sisters, Ruthann (Joe) Hudak of DeTour, Linda (George) Rousseau of Belding, Michigan, Marlene (Dennis) Golovich of Charlevoix, Michigan; brothers, Murray (Verna) Fountain of DeTour, Bob (Diane) Fountain of Owosso, Michigan; and brother-in-law, Ray Woods of DeTour.

Russell is preceded in death by his parents and sister Janice Woods.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 beginning at 2:00 P.M. at Union Presbyterian Church in DeTour Village. A fellowship dinner will follow.

The family will hold a private Interment at Maple Grove Cemetery in DeTour at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Union Presbyterian Church of DeTour.

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

Cemetery Details

Maple Grove Cemetery

E. South Caribou Lake Road
DeTour, MI

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Union Presbyterian Church
166 Ontario St.
Detour Village, MI 49725

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Clark Fountain*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Russell Clark Fountain*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Russell Clark Fountain*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to the family in the loss of their loved one. I remember the day he was born...he weighed in about 12 lbs., or there about! :-)* He was taken far too young, but we know *Charlene, his children and his grandchildren have many wonderful, loving and caring memories to hold dear in their hearts. Sending our deepest sympathies and love.*

*Howard and Rochelle Wiley
Fresno, CA*

Howard and Rochelle Wiley - September 09, 2017 at 10:18 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Russell Clark Fountain.*



September 08, 2017 at 05:07 PM



“ *WAVE purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Russell Clark Fountain.*



WAVE - September 08, 2017 at 08:49 AM



“ *It seems like yesterday I was playing linebacker on detour highs football team right behind Russ (corky) at tackle. He was the biggest kid on the team and I could hide in behind him. He was a great guy and will be sorely missed*

greg ledy - September 07, 2017 at 10:07 PM



“ *What a great man!! It is a sad loss for all Who knew and loved Russ!!!*

Melanie MacDowell - September 07, 2017 at 08:44 PM

JB

“ So sorry to hear about Russ. Our deepest sympathy to all of you. We will keep you all in our prayers. God bless. Josie and Richard Benoit

Josie Benoit - September 07, 2017 at 07:51 PM

PA

“ I was so sorry to hear of Russ' passing. My sincere condolences to you Charlene and your immediate family plus the whole Fountain/Woods/Adams Clans.

Patricia Lehman Anderson - September 07, 2017 at 04:36 PM

KL

“ Char - Shannon, Finn and I send our deepest condolences to you and the entire family. DeTour lost another good man and although we can't take away the hurt and heart break that is felt by family, friends and the community I hope that you and your entire family take some solace knowing Russ was loved by many and will be deeply missed. We wish we could join the family for his service this Saturday but we will be there in spirit. God speed Russ...

Kevin, Shannon, and Finn Leonard

Kevin Leonard - September 07, 2017 at 03:31 PM

BJ

“ We were so so sorry to hear Russ passed away. I know, Char, he was "the love of your life." We are heartbroken for you, your sons, and precious grandchildren; as well as all of the extended families. Russ was well loved and I know he will be greatly missed by all.

Much Love xoxo

Betsy and Bill Johnstone

Betsy Johnstone - September 07, 2017 at 02:32 PM

JT

“ Our deepest sympathies Charlene and all of Russ's family. May you find strength in the happy memories and love you shared. Russ always had a smile and friendly hello whether he just saw you a few minutes ago or a year ago. RIP Russ

John and Bonnie Tucker - September 07, 2017 at 02:26 PM

SS

“ You are all on my thoughts and prayers, God be with you all.

Sharon Fisher Sadegh - September 07, 2017 at 02:23 PM

JB

“ Eric, Tom and I send our deepest condolences to you and your family.

Tom and Jan Bourque

Jan Bourque - September 07, 2017 at 02:04 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Russ' passing. I loved growing up in DeTour and being able to babysit for you and Charlene. Please know I am holding your family in my prayers and my heart as you begin this journey. Godspeed Russ!

Jodi Behm Bondy

Jodi Bondy - September 07, 2017 at 01:56 PM

JN

“ I am so sorry to here about Russ my heart go out to all of the family

joanne nelson - September 07, 2017 at 01:11 PM



“ Darlene Lee Goldacker lit a candle in memory of Russell Clark Fountain



Darlene Lee Goldacker - September 07, 2017 at 11:33 AM

SH

“ I am so sorry to hear this news and send my condolences to the family. -Sarah von der Hoff

Sarah von der Hoff - September 07, 2017 at 10:50 AM

CH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Russ leaving the world too soon. He will be missed by so many. When Russ was around there was laughter in the air. He was a kind soul. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Carol Henley

Carol Henley - September 07, 2017 at 10:46 AM



“ I remember when Russ worked on various street and infrastructure improvements in the Soo. Nothing was ever a big deal to him.....he just dealt with the problem and moved on. It was like having a ray of sunshine come into the office whenever he stopped in.

Joyce Firack

Joyce Firack - September 07, 2017 at 12:20 AM

LL

“ Linda Lehman lit a candle in memory of Russell Clark Fountain



Linda Lehman - September 06, 2017 at 09:56 PM

DB

“ As a child Russell was a giant in my eyes and I remember being very intimidated by his size alone. Growing up in a small town and playing sports with two of his sons I realized what a kind man he was. Whenever our paths crossed he always wanted to know what I was up to now and what town I called home. I was terribly sad to hear Russell beat us all to a better place. Condolences to his family. He will be missed.

Derek Bosley

Derek Bosley - September 06, 2017 at 09:46 PM