



Russell William Goetz

January 24, 1970 - December 3, 2016

Russell William Goetz, age 46, of Raber, Michigan, died December 3, 2016, in Petoskey, Michigan. He was born January 24, 1970, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Phil Francis and Norma Joan (Westfall) Goetz.

Russ grew up in DeTour until age ten and then Raber. He graduated from DeTour High School. Following graduation, he served for four years in the United States Air Force before making his home in Nebraska. In 1999, he returned to Raber. Russ worked for many years at Huff's Repair in Cedarville. For the past three years, he and his brother Cletus have owned and operated Goetz's Garage in Goetzville.

Russ was a world class mechanic. He always went out of his way to help people. Russ was the ultimate father, husband, brother and son. Most important in his life was his family who he strove to teach about life, farming, and being self-sufficient. He loved kayaking, nature, animals, farming, and gardening. Russ was taken too soon and will be missed by many.

Russ is survived by his wife, Patte Ann (Smith) Goetz; children, Korin Goetz, Kyle Goetz, and Lauren Goetz, all of Sault Ste. Marie; grandson, Tyler Sayles; parents, Phil and Norma Goetz of DeTour Village; brother, Cletus Goetz of Raber; sister, Joanne (Donald) Stefanski of Goetzville; and dear friends, John and Cindy Dutcher of Raber.

A Memorial Gathering will be held Friday, December 23, from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Yooperman's Bar and Grill, 18017 E. M-48 in Goetzville.

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell William Goetz*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Russell William Goetz*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Russell William Goetz*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *We were so very sorry to learn of another young man taken too soon. We hope it helps to know Rusty will remain in your hearts always. Hoping every day gets a little easier Cherish the memories and know your family is never far from our thoughts. Mike & Diane*



Mike & Diane Kelly - December 27, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ *Russ was a great brother in law and uncle to my boys!! He played with Kris every chance he had before he went into the Service, and he has been great to me even after his ex!! My prayers are with you all!! I messaged all the boys, and told them.*

Louise Stefanski - December 12, 2016 at 12:43 AM

CB

“ To Patte, Joanne, Phil & Norma, & Cletus.

*We are so sorry for your great loss of Russ.
Our thoughts & prayers are with you all.
Wishing you peace & comfort in the days
ahead.*

*Sincerely,
Cheryl & Dennis*



Cheryl Bernard - December 07, 2016 at 03:50 PM

JB

“ We offer our deepest sympathy and condolences to Rusty's family and friends at this difficult time. We will remember Russ in our prayers. Murray & Joni Bryant, Fort Myers, Florida

Joan Bryant - December 07, 2016 at 03:41 PM

JA

“ Dear Patte and the entire family, at this difficult time in your life, I pray that God will grant you all the serenity and peace that you need to get through this. Stay strong and know that you and your family will be remembered. I am so sorry and saddened for this to have happened. You are all in my thoughts and prayers

Jaci - December 06, 2016 at 08:08 PM

JR

“ Jaci Rairigh lit a candle in memory of Russell William Goetz



Jaci Rairigh - December 06, 2016 at 07:44 PM

DR

“ Russ was such a good guy! He was one of my first friends in California! I will always remember his kind way and how he laughed. Rest in peace, my friend! You will be so missed!!! I wish your family peace and comfort!!!!

Danielle Ratzlaff - December 06, 2016 at 07:03 PM

JH

“ Patte, Family and Friends, Please accept my condolences. I only met Russ once, but he seemed like a very nice guy. Reading the obituary, I think I am right. I know words don't help and the days ahead won't be easy, but hold tight to the memories you have of times together, and keep your love for him safely tucked into your hearts. Be strong and know that others share your grief at this difficult time. Love, hugs and prayers to you and yours from me and mine!

Jamie Harvey and Family

Jamie Harvey - December 06, 2016 at 09:48 AM

BG

“ I had the opportunity to work with Russell back when his Dad Phil was cutting scrap metal. We junked a lot of cars together. Both us made each other laugh, with jokes of all kinds. He was fun to work with. To the family, My thoughts and prayers are with you, I know he will be missed. To Rusty, Fly high my Friend.

Bobby Gutcher - December 05, 2016 at 11:20 PM