



## Russell Payment III

April 22, 1961 - August 31, 2022

Russell Charles Payment III, age 61, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away August 31, 2022, in his home.

Russell was born on April 22, 1961, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to Russell Charles and Camille Ann (Caliguri) Payment. He graduated from Sault Area High School with the class of 1979. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Russell enjoyed playing softball, and watching basketball and hockey. He also enjoyed fishing and he loved to hang out with his nephew: Nick.

Russell is survived by his parents: Russell and Camille Payment; three sisters: Jillann (Roger) Parr of Sault Ste. Marie, Kristi Dale of Grand Haven, and Stephanie (Pat) Gordon of Sault Ste. Marie; two daughters; Desi (Pat) Bateman of Houston, TX, and Danielle (Mike) Mattese of Grosse Pointe; and 4 grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 AM, on Friday, September 9, 2022 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Friends may call at the church that same day from 10:00 AM until the time of the Mass.

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ Russ and Camille,  
My most sincere condolences to your whole family. The last time I saw Rusty, was at our 40 year class reunion. I have many childhood memories of him from Catholic school at St. Joe's. He was THE best basketball player and every girl in 4th grade class was a cheerleader, and every one of us had a crush on Rusty. May you find peace and comfort in knowing he is in the arms of his savior Jesus Christ. As Christians, we know that death is not the end, but rather only the beginning. Many hugs...  
Kelly Sare

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**Kelly Sare** - September 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ I will miss Rusty at the Eagle games, a very special person May peace be with the family during this hard time 🙏 He will be missed  
❤️

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**Sharolyn Reed** - September 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ I was saddened to hear about Rusty. In our High School days he was strong competitor with a great sense of humor. Not only a Great Basketball player but he was a 3-star athlete (Football & Baseball). My deepest condolences go out to the Payment family. Godspeed Rusty! RIP and keep pushing the ball down God's Court... The Routhier Family

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**Gary Routhier** - September 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Our sincerest condolences on the passing of Rusty. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom & Aleta Ennis - September 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ To my cousins I am sending love and thinking of you all. I am so sorry for such a great loss of a son and brother. I pray you feel gods protection through this time and forward. Love Ruthann Payment Wilson. 🙏

Ruthann Wilson - September 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ So sorry for your loss. Rusty will be missed. I had the best times with Rusty first he hired me as a painter in Wyoming . We became friends for 8 years  
I'll miss 😔 u. Much ❤️ and peace. Love Teddy

Teddy - September 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Love ya buddy!! I will see you on the other side!! There is a crew waiting for you up there!!

Jay Tanner - September 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ I'm so sad to hear about Rusty. I met him through my mom, and he was so very nice. Prayers to all his family and loved ones



Misty - September 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Rusty's passing... I always considered Rusty a very good friend having gone through High School together being in the same class...Rusty could always make me laugh and was just a great guy all around...an excellent basketball player he most definitely was! You are in eternal love and all joy now and all perfection with the Lord now Rusty! May the Lord bless and keep your family in all peace during this difficult time for them! Rest in all peace.. Rusty my friend. ❤️🙏

Mary - September 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Our Deepest condolences to you all, I had alot of fun with Rusty over the years playing Fastpitch and maybe a few sudsy pops...May he RIP and you all have peace and prayer...God Bless the Payment family.

Kevin Mayer - September 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ So sorry to hear about Rusty. We were teammates for the Sault High basketball back in 77-78. He was so talented...one of the best passers I ever played with. And one of the funniest guys I ever met. It was Rusty who gave me the nickname "Buoy".



My deepest condolences to his entire family, and his many close friends. Godspeed Rusty. RIP

The Lurn Fontaine Family

Lurn Fontaine - September 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Sincere condolences from the Lee family,  
Helen, Susan, Darlene and Tim



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**Darlene (Lee) Goldacker** - September 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ RIP Brotha, I'll see you again on the great basketball court in the  
Lords House!

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**Jeff Paquette** - September 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Rusty was such a good guy and he fought  
so hard. He will be remembered. Love to you all. Prayers for  
comfort.

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**Missy McKerroll Francis** - September 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM