



William Garrett Ver Strate

November 21, 1952 - August 22, 2015

William Garrett Ver Strate, age 62, of Rudyard, Michigan, passed into the arms of his Lord on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was born November 21, 1952 in Sault Ste. Marie, to Harry and Genevieve (Hesselink) Ver Strate.

William grew up on the family farm in Rudyard and graduated from Rudyard High School. After a few years spent at Cornerstone University and working in Indiana, he returned to Rudyard. Over the years, he worked at Provincial House/Tendercare in Sault Ste. Marie, Kronemeyer's dairy farm in Pickford, the Rudyard Cooperative, J.T. General Store, and as a school bus driver and custodian for Rudyard Schools.

William enjoyed attending church and living his faith through prayer and reading the Bible. He also enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family. William is survived by his wife Alice (Hyvarinen) Ver Strate, whom he married on September 17, 1976; one son, Jonathan Ver Strate of Rudyard; brothers, James (Sandra) Ver Strate of Grandville, Michigan and Henry (Ruth) Ver Strate of Byron Center, Michigan; sisters, Mary (Bill) Brus of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Anna (Don) Kooyer of Rudyard, Alice (Ken) Huizenga of Dorr, Michigan, Ruth Ver Strate of Rudyard, and Sandra (Mark) Dykstra of Dorr; sisters-in-law, Adella (Ron) Huyck of Pickford, Michigan, Eleanor (Lee) Sherman of Fruitport, Michigan, Esther Armstrong of Wellington, Florida;

brother-in-law, James Hyvarinen of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

William was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Genevieve Ver Strate; brother, Robert Ver Strate; great nephew, James Kooyer; and great-niece, Sarah Waybrant.

A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, August 29, from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 P.M. at Northern Light Assembly of God, 4869 W. Curtis Drive in Kincheloe, Michigan, with a memorial service starting at 1:00 P.M. Pastor Mark Peck will be officiating.

Inurnment will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Kinross Township.

Cemetery Details

Kinross Township Lakeview Cemetery

6900 W Lakeview Rd
Kinross, MI

Previous Events

Gathering Time

AUG 29. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Northern Light Assembly of God
4869 W Curtis Drive
Kincheloe, MI

Memorial Service

AUG 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

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4869 W Curtis Drive
Kincheloe, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *William Garrett Ver Strate*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *William Garrett Ver Strate*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *William Garrett Ver Strate*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dear Ver Strate Family and Friends,
I wasn't privileged with the remarkable acquaintance of Mr. Ver Strate as you were, but it saddens me to read of your tremendous loss. Please accept my family's sincerest condolences. May it bring you lasting comfort to know that The Almighty God and Creator promises us in his Word the Bible, that soon death, pain, outcry, and mourning will be no more. May you have peace.*

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