



James G. Hyatt

August 20, 1970 - September 5, 2019

James Garnet Hyatt

“Big Jim” “Jimmy”, 49, of Fife Lake, passed away on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, surrounded by family and friends. He was born on August 20, 1970 in Wyandotte.

After serving in the US Navy, James returned home to Wyandotte and began a career in Carpentry. He married Heather Ann Kawula on July 22, 1999 in Taylor. James and Heather took a leap of faith in 2002, packed everything they owned and moved to Fife Lake to begin a new life together with their two young children. James began working as a water well driller and Carpenter. James dedicated several years to the community including the Boy Scouts, coaching in the Pop Warner Football Program, supporting & assisting in the Forest Area Marching Band, and pioneering the Village of Lights Program in Fife lake.

James enjoyed being surrounded by family & friends and entertaining everyone with "tall tales" and his great sense of humor. Other hobbies included playing the drums, singing, fishing, and playing with his grandson, Ryan.

James is survived by his wife, Heather; children, James Maxwell Hyatt, Jacqueline Noel Hyatt, and Dakota James Hyatt; grandchild, Ryan Carter

Ridge; siblings, Tracy Lee Hyatt, and EllenKay (Joseph)Wash; step-mother, Mary K. Hyatt; mother-in-law, Mary(Mike)Scott; father-in-law, Robert Kawula; brothers-in-law, Patrick(Rorie) Kawula, and Nicholas(Alicea) Kawula; aunts, Connie Vallie and Yvonne Tolley; Uncle , Garnet(Tohni) Campbell; many cousins; many neices and nephews; 3 great neices and 2 great nephews.

James was preceeded in death by his parents, Jimmie Max Hyatt and Gayle Marjorie (Leo) Cottrell; siblings, Michelle Rene Mattinson and Linda Noel Hyatt; grandson, Felix Micheal Ridge.

A Memorial Service and Gathering will be held Satuday, October 5, 2019
3pm, 6735 S. Snyder Road, Fife Lake, MI

Cremation services were provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

James Hyatt family
6735 S. Snyder Road
Fife Lake, MI 49633

Tribute Wall



“ *James G. Hyatt*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *James G. Hyatt*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *Kingfa Science & Technology purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of James G. Hyatt.*



Kingfa Science & Technology - October 02, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ *Big Jim was such a beautiful person. He had a heart of gold and he loved this community he lived in. He was such a big, strong guy, yet when it came to doing things for others he chose to step back and never let himself be in the spotlight. I remember when he wanted to go to the Chamber of Commerce to talk about his plan to start the Village Lights for Bragging Rights... he was so shy about approaching the Chamber that he wouldn't go unless I promised to be at the meeting with him- and actually sit next to him- to help him. But once he started talking and warmed up to his idea, he just took off and he infected everyone with his excitement and enthusiasm... That's how he was. Our community will never really know just how big of a man we have lost in Big Jim... a true behind the scenes hero and a true friend. His love for his family shone like a beacon- every conversation I had with him, he always made his way to mentioning his children and especially his precious grandson... and he cherished his wife more than anything on earth. Miss you, Jim- fly with the eagles you so loved.*

Jenny Sharp - September 12, 2019 at 08:23 AM