



Michael Carl Ingersoll

April 24, 1957 - October 4, 2024

Michael Carl Ingersoll 67, of Fife Lake passed away unexpectedly on Friday, October 4, 2024.

He was born to the late, Carl and Dana (Calkins) Ingersoll on April 24, 1957. Michael is survived by three children, Brandon (Alissa) Ingersoll, Brandi (Rob) Iverson, Ashley (Ray) Silvas; eight grandchildren: Abbie, Jack, Maddi, Gabe, Ava, Michael, Sadie, Julian; his siblings, Myron (Gail) Ingersoll, Deanna (Larry) Helsel, Tom Ingersoll, Dale Ingersoll, Ron (Patti) Ingersoll.

Michael was preceded in passing by a brother: Roger Ingersoll.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge and Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Michael loved being a patron

and spent time at both establishments often. Michael shared a space for his tree lot with the

Eagles in Kendallville Indiana where he made many friends and spent much of his time between

the tree lot and the Eagles. Michael loved spending time with family and friends at the Moose

Lodge in Kalkaska and would always make time for Wing Night.

Michael has ALWAYS worked with Christmas trees. Michael pruned, painted, cut,

bailed, and sold his Christmas Trees every season up until 2020 when he decided that he had

sold enough.

In his early years, Michael worked for the DNR, cutting pulpwood, and working in the oil field.

Michael worked for companies including Bach and Mike Steamers and always cut firewood in

his free time. Michael worked in road construction with J & J construction later in his life.

Michael's passion was his Christmas Trees. He could tell you what type of tree and

how best to care for it at a quick glance. He had many patrons over the years that would come

back to his tree lot year after year to talk with Mike and purchase a tree.

Michael would often cut

prices or give away a tree to local churches and people in need. Michael could read a person

just by a simple conversation to see what they needed from him.

Michael was a man of his word. His word was his bond, and you never had to doubt or question

it. If he said it, you knew it rang true. He sometimes let you know that he didn't want to, but got it

done. This wasn't just for family, dad would do anything for anyone; he'd get off his roost, jump

in the wagon, and slither on down the road.

Michael loved wheelin and dealin. It brought him joy to negotiate a deal. He could meet a

stranger and by the end of the sale, he had made a friend. Michael was always ready to make a

buck whether it was cutting wood, scrap, or cans; no job was too big or too small. Michael's

favorite word was FREEEEEE!

Everyone knew that if they were in a bind or just needed to sit and drink a beer (talk or just sit),

you were always welcome to sit at Michael's kitchen table. Michael's door was open to anyone.

Michael could find a morel mushroom from a mile away. His long stride and 6'4 frame scanned the forest floor and he could home in on the smallest morel; high noon or dusk.

Michael loved his tractors. He loved buying them, fixing them up, and showing them off at the Springfield Tractor show.

Michael loved his Fords. It didn't matter if it was a truck or car, it had to be a Ford.

In his down time, you could find Michael sitting at the kitchen table watching Andy Griffith or a western or lounging on the couch. Michael's down time was the winter months when he would hunker down on his roost for the season, waiting for the warmer weather and start-up of Christmas tree care.

Michael was so many things to so many people. Known as a man's man; respected, strong, and always there. He was a son, brother, husband, father, grandpa/poppi, friend. Michael's many roles were equal for everyone; you didn't have to be kin to receive the same love and support as his friends and close family. He had an impact on so many people's lives. He will be forever loved and missed until we can see him again.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

Inurnment will follow in Ingersoll Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Ingersoll Cemetery

3434 W. Sharon RD SW
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Previous Events

Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home
106 S. Cherry
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-5121
<https://www.wolfeoneill.com/>

Tribute Wall

UB

“ *Uncle Bill purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael Carl Ingersoll.*



Uncle Bill - October 28, 2024 at 10:28 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Carl Ingersoll.*



October 18, 2024 at 09:15 AM

CM

“ *I have known mike for 50 plus years. Was a good friend.just a straight up good guy . Will miss him. Dave mcnamara*

Cherri McNamara - October 09, 2024 at 08:32 PM

LC

“ *Mike was one of my dearest cousins. I loved to visit with him. He loved to come to get his strawberry freezer jam. No matter where you were or what you were doing he would take time to talk. I will miss Mike a lot. He was wonderful cousin and friend*

Lois Clay - October 09, 2024 at 09:56 AM

DN

“ *Deborah Newell lit a candle in memory of Michael Carl Ingersoll*



Deborah Newell - October 08, 2024 at 09:11 AM

DH

“ *Dan Hager purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Michael Carl Ingersoll.*



Dan Hager - October 07, 2024 at 01:34 PM