

OBITUARIES

Michael Earl Holeman

August 17, 1950 ~ August 22, 2025

On Friday, August 22, Michael Earl Holeman passed peacefully at home, with his loved ones at his side. Mike fought cancer bravely for seven years; his strength and grace will be long remembered by those close to him. Special gratitude is extended to Tracey and Samantha, who provided caregiving in his last days. Mike was born in Olney, Illinois on August 17, 1970 to Glenda (Cluck) and Donald Holeman. The family moved to Kalkaska, MI in 1979 and Mike spent the majority of his life in Kalkaska, where he enjoyed lasting friendships, built Total Communication Services into a successful business and raised his daughter. He attended NMC and studied auto mechanics after high school. Mike was the family go-to on anything mechanical. He shared his gifts generously and could always be counted on to help build and repair whatever needed fixing.

Everyone that knows Mike knows that he lived large and he loved even larger. He could often be found on the golf course, riding his Harley Davidson, snowmobile or "buggy," or spending time with good friends and family. Raising his daughter, Samantha Marie Holeman, was his greatest joy, and he was her biggest supporter. He cheered mightily from the sidelines of thousands of soccer games and was cheering from home when she recently graduated from Ferris State

University. He also shared a love for the Minnesota Vikings with his big brother, and made many friendly bets with his friends who were Lions fans.

Although Mike was no angel on Earth, with plenty of colorful stories to share, he could always be counted on to do the right thing when it came to helping people and his community. He especially had a soft spot for charitable events benefiting children and animals. He used his business and his time to support local charitable events and shared his home with many rescued shelter pets over the years. Mike's friends in Kalkaska and beyond are too numerous to count; he was a loyal and true friend, always ready for an adventure!

Mike is survived by the love of his life, Tracey Conrady and her extended family, including the grandbabies who knew him as "Papa Mike"; his beloved daughter Samantha Holeman; his parents Donald and Glenda Holeman of Kalkaska; his siblings Dale Holeman (Lisa Monnier) of Mancelona and Kelly Holeman (Dennis Rosinski) of Rapid City; his nephew Maxwell Holeman-Perrin of Traverse City, and his devoted canine companions Cash and Jazzy. He is also survived by his aunts and uncles Alan and



Barbara Holeman and Donald and Judy Mitchell, along with cousins Leslie (Krystal) Donelson, Dallas (Terese) Donelson, Christine (George) Weikamp, and David (Kim) Holeman. He was preceded in death by his grandparents; Earl and Mildred Holeman, Dallas (Corinna) Cluck, Ersel Cluck, and his cousin Tara (Holeman) Morgan. Mike will also be remembered by Samantha's brothers Kyle and Travis Adams, along with Amie Christensen, mother of Samantha, and his best friend Ken Spencer. The family would like to thank David Gruse, who was a loyal and supportive friend, visiting and maintaining Mike's property during his illness.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, August 28 at Kalkaska Funeral Home. Visitation took place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a funeral service beginning at 1:00 p.m. Following the funeral, the family held a private graveside service.

A celebration of life event was planned for Saturday, August 30 at 2:00 p.m. at Mike's Riley Rd. residence. Everyone that knew and loved Mike was welcome to come celebrate Mike's life and legacy. Donations of pet supplies, food, toys, and cash were collected at the event and donated to the

Kalkaska County Animal shelter. Attendees were welcome to wear sports jerseys from their favorite teams, even if it's not the Minnesota Vikings. Memorial donations to Munson Hospice House, the Colorectal Cancer Alliance, or the Kalkaska County Animal Shelter in Mike's name are greatly appreciated and will benefit the causes that Mike held dear. The family would like to thank Hospice of Northern Michigan, especially Teika, for their compassionate care.

Envelopes were available at the funeral home; addresses for those that wish to donate directly to the aforementioned charitable organizations are as follows:

Colorectal Cancer Alliance, 1025 Vermont Ave NW Suite 1066, Washington, DC 20005

Kalkaska County Animal Shelter, 605 N. Birch St., Kalkaska, MI 49646

Munson Hospice House, % Munson Healthcare Regional Foundation, 1150 Medical Campus Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684

Arrangements are in the care of Kalkaska Funeral Home, with a special thanks to Gil and April Smith, for their support and participation in Mike's memorial service.

Charles James Altsman Jr.

March 17, 1945 ~ August 14, 2025

Charles James Altsman, Jr., 80, of Lake City, passed away on August 14, 2025 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born on March 17, 1945 in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, to the late Charles and Velma (McConahy) Altsman, Sr.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Lauren Dale Rice [no photo - 55 words]

November 1, 1946 ~ August 18, 2025

Lauren D. Rice, 78, of Kalkaska, passed away on August 18, 2025 at his home. He was born on November 1, 1946 in Muskegon to the late Harold and Doris (Hatch) Rice.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time.

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Irvin E. Yoder

August 9, 1954 ~ July 25, 2025

Irvin E. Yoder, 70, son of Lewis & Myrtle(Sutton) Yoder passed away on July 25, 2025 in Dallas, Oregon from a lengthy illness. He was born on August 9, 1954 and grew up in Rapid City.



Irvin enjoyed muscle cars, working with wood, building and flying remote control airplanes, riding motorcycles, racing dwarf cars, fishing, panning for gold, repairing boat motors, Nascar racing and spending time with his beloved dog B.J. He was a very smart and hardworking man, skilled in many trades. He owned/operated several businesses including the Pelican gift shop in Depoe Bay, Oregon and Yoder's Chimney Sweeping, he also worked several years as a heavy equipment mechanic in Reno, Nevada, a boat mechanic at Staff Jennings in Salem, Oregon, and his final career as a truck driver/truck pusher for Trey Trucking in Rankin, Texas.

Irvin was a kind and gentle soul who loved to spend time with his

family. Being a Papa was his most cherished role.

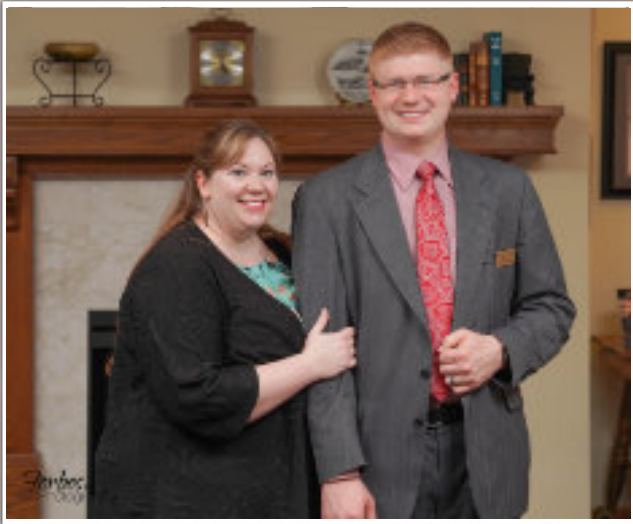
He leaves behind a daughter Stacy(Jon)Wilkerson, grandson Blake, son Jason Riker and family of Spring, Texas, brother, Robert Yoder, of Gaylord, sister Doris(Bill)Brown of Grand Rapids, Mary(Howard)Richards of Mancelona, Lori(Larry)Czubak of Traverse City, many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his stepchildren Roger Haire of Rankin, Texas, Jimmy Haire of Rankin, Texas, Maranda Disney of Rankin, Texas, Keri (Blake) of Springtown, Texas, 12 step grandchildren, and 2 step great grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his parents, sisters, Jeannette Milligan, Marlene Zeman, brother Louis D. Yoder, and son Hutcherson Yoder.

No services are scheduled at this time.

John 14:2 - In my Father's house, there are many mansions.
If it were not so, I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you.

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Brenda Lee Snyder

January 16, 1957 ~ August 25, 2025

Brenda Lee (Minthorn) Snyder, born January 16th 1957 in Lockwood Hospital in Petoskey MI, passed away on August 25th, 2025, at the age of 68, surrounded by her loving family. After a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, Brenda entered into eternal rest. Her life was a testament to resilience, service, and love, guided by her love of family and deep faith as a practicing United Methodist member.



Brenda’s love of music was another strong current in her life. She played piano and guitar, filled her home with song and laughter, and never passed up an opportunity to dance. These passions, coupled with her faith, shaped the joy she shared with those around her.

Brenda was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer Minthorn and Marjorie (Allen) Minthorn. She is survived by her devoted husband, Thomas Snyder; her brother, Don Minthorn; her sister, Cheryl Minthorn; her children and their spouses: Jesse Snyder, Trisha Smrecak, Benjamin Snyder, Jill (Bogart) Snyder, Katherine (Snyder) Firman, Scott Firman, Nathan Snyder, and Carl Snyder; and her six beloved grandchildren, who were the light of her later years, Cavin Snyder, Keenan Snyder, Riley Firman, Lillian Firman, Roan Snyder, Nell Snyder.

A funeral service will be held at Kalkaska Funeral Home, 152 S. Cedar St., Kalkaska, MI 49646, on Saturday September 6th, visitation is at 9:00 am and the service starts at 11:00 am. Following the service, friends and family are invited to gather downstairs at the funeral home for a meal and fellowship in honor of Brenda’s memory.

Brenda faithfully supported the Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation; those who feel moved to do so may donate in her name at <https://give.myotonic.org/campaign/622795/donate>. You can also donate by sending a check made out to “Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation” and mailing it to the address listed below. Additionally, if you would like to donate flowers, donations may be made by going to the Kalkaska Funeral Homes web page or contacting a local florist. Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation, 663 Thirteenth Street, Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94612

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

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James William Woodruff

January 19, 1927 ~ August 27, 2025

James (Jim) William Woodruff, age 98, of Rapid City, Michigan, peacefully passed away Friday, August 27, 2025 at the Meadowbrook Medical Facility in Bellaire, Michigan.



retiring from G. M., Jim and Ann moved permanently to Rapid City. Jim and Ann were active in the local U.A.W., Advocacy for Senior Citizens, and many other activities. Jim and Ann loved playing games, traveling, and going to the casino. He lost his dear Ann in December of 2018.

Jim was born to Colden and Sylvia (Schlechtly) Woodruff on January 19, 1927 in Rapid City, Michigan. Jim grew up in Rapid City and Flint Michigan. In 1945 he enlisted into the U.S. Army and married Beatrice E. Larabee. The Army sent Jim to Germany to be part of the major clean-up near Berlin, Germany just as the war in Europe was ending. After proudly serving his country, Jim moved his family to Flint, Michigan, where he was employed with General Motors, Buick Division for the next 30 years. While employed at G.M., Jim was an active member of the U.A.W. and served as Committee Man for many years. Jim loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. On September 15, 1973, Jim married Annabelle J. Morrison. After

Jim is survived by his daughters, Connie Velez and Billie Jo Ashworth; son, Thomas (Linda) Woodruff; Sister, Marjorie Chapman; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; many, many nephews, nieces, cousins, and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ann; Sisters Donna (Clark) Champney, Marian (John) Brinegar, Louise (Chuck) Dillenbeck; Son, Terry (Lynn) Woodruff, and Daughter, Penny (David) Clark.

A memorial and graveside service will be held, date and times will be posted when available.



Paul Daniel Peterson

September 26, 1950 ~ August 14, 2025

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Paul Daniel Peterson of Kalkaska, Michigan, who passed away on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the age of 74.



Paul was born on September 26, 1950, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Peter Peterson and Lorraine (Peterson) VanStrien. He was recognized for his innovative electronics abilities, carpentry skills, and known by all for his incredible ingenuity, willingness to help others in need, and his deep love for the Lord.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Cheri Peterson; his children, Chris (Angie) Peterson and Carrie (Samuel) Long; his grandchildren, Justin (Laura) Peterson, Nathan Peterson, Elijah

Long, Sophia Long, and Isaac Peterson; and his great-granddaughter, Eleanor. He is also survived by three siblings, Bob, Carol and Joe, and many nieces and nephews. Paul is preceded in death by his parents and one younger brother, Rick.

Paul loved God above all else, and he took great pride in his family. He touched many lives with his dedication to helping others in need. He truly lived up to his nickname “MacGyver” in Kalkaska with ingenious ideas and ways to fix the unfixable.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 11:00 am at Elk Rapids Bible Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

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