

OBITUARIES

Jack Miltgen Findlay

April 21, 1943 ~ August 6, 2026

Jack M. Findlay, of Antrim County, passed away on Thursday, August 6, 2026. He was 83. Per his wishes cremation has taken place and services, if any, will be announced by his family and friends.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.CremationServicesOnly.com. The family is being served by Cremation Services Only.

Joseph Francis Susinko

November 30, 1942 ~ August 1, 2026

Joseph Francis Susinko, age 83, of Dade City, Florida passed away on August 1, 2026, surrounded by family in Alden, MI. He was born on November 30, 1942, in Youngstown, Ohio to Joseph and Emily Susinka. Joe is preceded in death by his parents and wife Sharyn Susinko (2007).



enjoyed being a carpenter, plumber, electrician, and handyman teaching his son everything he could.

Joe lived in Alden, MI from 1986 until he decided to enjoy his retirement free of snow in 2013. The first winter

in Florida he stayed at Grove Ridge Estates and started looking for a second home. Soon he met Marilyn Hoffman (Grove Ridge Estates), and they were married in Fall 2014. Joe found his second home, moved to Florida and lived in Grove Ridge with Marilyn. In 2018, Joe and Marilyn moved across the street to Southfork Community. Every spring they looked forward to traveling back to Clio and Alden with their truck and 5th wheel camper to visit family. They were happily married until his death.

Joe is survived by wife Marilyn, his brother Edward Susinko (Joann), sister Mary Farina (Jim), son Chris, grandson Kyle (Lorie), granddaughters Emily Plamondon (Austin) and Violet, great-granddaughters Alaina, Mikayla and Kara, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, teacher, mentor, and friend.

Visitation was held Tuesday, August 11th from 2pm to 5pm, with a Funeral Service at 5pm at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home in Kalkaska, MI. Burial was on Friday, August 14th at 10am at Maple Grove Cemetery on Wood Rd in Kalkaska. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home; our family serving yours.

Michael Roger Carter Jr

November 17, 1966 ~ August 12, 2026

It is with profound sadness and love that we announce the passing of our father, grandfather, spouse, brother and son Michael Roger Carter Jr., who passed away unexpectedly at the age of 59 on August 12, 2026, following a brief illness. At the time of his passing, he was a resident of Fife Lake, MI, but spent much of his time over various areas of the state, including Grayling, Roscommon, Flint, and Milford, Michigan.



Michael's life started on November 17, 1966, where he was the oldest son born to Michael Roger Carter Sr. and Linda Sue Carter (Clancy). He was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac, MI. Growing up, he loved playing with his brothers, riding big wheels, board games, and writing. His favorite show as a child was the Friendly Giant, whose character was named Little Toot, which became a nickname for him growing up. He played baseball, with his family sharing he was a great pitcher (begrudgingly). He was an avid sports fanatic, especially baseball, which transcended decades for him, with collections of baseball cards and many attended games. He attended Baker Elementary, Muir Jr. High, and graduated in 1984 from Milford High School. Out of high school he joined the United States Navy, serving for about a year before a medical discharge. He spent a brief amount of time at Grand Valley State University before marrying his first wife, Christine, in 1989. Together they shared six children, Kayla, Jennifer, Clancy, Noah, Sean, and Riley. They shared 28 years of marriage together. Over those years, Michael attended numerous colleges to obtain his bachelor's degree in nursing. The schools included Kirtland Community College, Spring Arbor University, and Oakland Community College. Being the forever learner he was, he always wished to continue to pursue his passion of nursing, adding a brief stint at Georgetown University as well. Michael valued working hard, and he never stopped in that. He spent nearly all of his adult years working and progressing through many roles for his employers, with his early years being spent in managerial roles in retail and food services. His truest passion came in 2005, when he began his path to being a nurse, which seemed to be the work he truthfully held a passion in. He especially loved working in home health nursing, being able to spend time meeting the unique needs of his clients and being able to help them through their health journeys. In some of his final years, he met the love of his life, whom he was able to share his remaining years with, Katherine (Kate/Katie)

Anne Ingersoll, whom he married in February of 2022. They were a team together, working hard as nurses during the weekdays, but enjoying spending time with family, watching movies, traveling, and leading a life together full of memories till the very end. They had a love at first sight connection that truthfully guided them to being the best versions of themselves and spreading love and care wherever they were together.

His loved ones will continue to cherish their memories of him including his tenacious and quirky personality. He held so many favorites in his life that were uniquely special to him, including baseball, Mexican food, Vernor's, and playing card games sprinkled in competitiveness with hints of cheating. His collections of baseball cards, the Detroit big four in Sports (Lions, Tigers, Pistons and Red Wings), love of the state of Florida, his knowledge of music and movies, and that deep favoritism towards bands like KISS, The Police, Queen, Ozzy Osbourne, Black Sabbath, and The Beatles that all have enveloped the minds of everyone that he has held special time with.

Michael is survived by his loving wife Katherine (Kate) Ingersoll of Fife Lake, MI, his children Clancy Condon (Justin) of Midland, MI, Noah Carter (Riley) and Sean Carter of Roscommon, MI, and Riley Carter currently of East Lansing, MI as well as his four grandbabies Todd and Scarlett Condon (Clancy/Justin) and Millie and Theodore Carter (Noah/Riley), his parents Michael Sr. And Linda Carter of Higgins Lake, MI, brothers Marc Carter of South Lyon, MI and Matthew Carter (Lisa) of Grand Blanc, MI, his previous wife and mother of his children Christine and many nephews, aunts, uncles, family and friends.

He is predeceased by his daughters Kayla and Jennifer, his grandparents James and Alice Clancy and John and Florence Carter and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service is currently being planned for late 2026 and information will be forthcoming from his wife and children. In lieu of flowers, please honor his deep love of sports and baseball and place a donation towards your local Little League, Sports Boosters, or any other entity that supports youth enjoying athletics. Lastly, Go Green, Go Tigers, and Rock On!

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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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.

Christopher Michael Witt

May 14, 1969 ~ August 14, 2026

Christopher Michael Witt, beloved son, brother, and friend, unexpectedly passed away peacefully on August 14, 2026, at the age of 57.



Chris was born to Charles and Carol Witt in Lincoln Park, Michigan, on May 14, 1969. In 1974, his family moved to Kalkaska, Michigan, where Twin Lake would become one of the most special places in his life.

For Chris, Twin Lake was more than a place—it was a collection of some of his happiest memories. It was where he and his brothers spent their childhood days outside, roaming through the woods, swimming, fishing, and waterskiing. They were carefree years filled with adventure, laughter, and the simple joys of being kids. As the years passed, those memories remained close to Chris, and he loved talking with his brothers about the times they shared growing up on Twin Lake.

Chris graduated from Kalkaska High School in 1987. He was a member of the National Honor Society and Future Problem Solvers. He was an avid bowler and downhill skier, and he enjoyed the friendships and fun that came with both. Chris loved the 80s! He loved the music, hairstyles, and fashion of the decade and was always a little ahead of his time. Chris had a progressive spirit and an unmistakable sense of style that was uniquely his.

Like his mother and father, Chris was an animal lover. Throughout his life, animals held a special place in his heart. Most recently, Chris shared a deep love for his beloved dog, Zeke, who passed away, and his current dog, Marco, who brought him companionship and joy.

After high school, Chris moved to the Detroit area to attend college and begin building his career. He started out in banking before eventually moving to the Grand Rapids area and making his way into information technology, where he spent many years of his professional life. Chris was exceptionally intelligent and had a natural ability to figure things out and solve problems. His curiosity and sharp mind served him well throughout his career and in so many other areas of his life.

But Chris’s life was about much more than his career. He loved the finer things in life. He was passionate about cool cars, good music, art, and, most importantly, the people he chose to surround himself with.

Chris had a way of keeping people and memories close. When talking with him, it was common for him to share stories about people from his youth and the longtime friends who became such an important part of his adult life. Rod, George, Garrett, Fuad, and many others were more than friends—they were Chris’s chosen family. These friendships spanned decades and were woven into the story of his life.

Christopher was preceded in death by his father, Charles “Chuck” Witt, and his beloved mother, Carol Witt.

Chris will be lovingly remembered by his “Big Brother,” Charles (Kristin) Witt; his brother, Craig (Abby) Witt; nephews Stephen Witt, Alan (Nicole) Witt, Michael Witt, and Jack Kloc; nieces Megan Witt and Delaney Kloc; great-nephews Mayson Witt and Nolan Witt; and great-niece Amara Witt. He will also be deeply missed by his many extended family members and lifelong friends who were an important part of his life.

Chris’s family and friends will have an opportunity to come together to remember and celebrate his life on Friday, August 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Kalkaska Funeral Home.

Following the celebration of life, Chris will be laid to rest beside his beloved mother at Evergreen Cemetery in Kalkaska.

Chris was one of a kind. His stories, his laughter, his passions, his friendships, and the memories he created with the people he loved will remain a part of his legacy. While his loss leaves an emptiness that cannot be filled, those who knew Chris will carry him with them through the memories and stories that will continue to be shared for years to come.

Chris will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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John A. Janisse

February 28, 1940 ~ August 1, 2026

John A. Janisse, 86, Goshen, Indiana, formerly of Mancelona, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at Goshen Hospital following a brief illness. He was born on February 28, 1940, in Detroit, Michigan, to Walter and Elizabeth (Jones) Janisse.



continued serving his community by working as a custodian in the local schools. He was known for his strong work ethic, humility, and willingness to help wherever he was needed. An outdoorsman at heart, John enjoyed cutting

firewood, spending time outdoors, and tending to his yard. He especially loved feeding and watching birds and found great joy in the simple pleasures of nature. Above all, he cherished time spent with his family and friends. John was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church, Kalkaska, Michigan.

Friends and family began visiting at 9:30am until the time of service. Services were held 10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 15, 2026, at Calvary Baptist Church, Kalkaska, Michigan. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery Memorial contributions may be given to Calvary Baptist Church 815 W Dresden St, Kalkaska, MI 49646.

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On June 6, 1964, he married the love of his life, Muriel Prince.

Surviving are his beloved wife of many years, Muriel Janisse; his children, David (Joely) Janisse, Goshen, and Marie (Michael) Rintelman, Florence, South Carolina; and grandchildren, Jennifer Rintelman and Gabriel Janisse. Other survivors include a brother, William Janisse, and several nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Along with his parents he was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Rintelman and a sister-in-law, Peggy Janisse.

John was a hardworking man who spent his career as a truck driver. Following his retirement, he

Dawn A. Guitar

July 8, 1962 ~ August 4, 2026

Dawn A. Guitar, 64, of Rapid City, passed on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, in Grand Rapids, MI after a massive heart attack. She was born on July 8, 1962, to the late Patricia Buchanan and Howard Schemke.



Tamy and Tina; sisters, Gail and Jaine; brothers, Tony and Ronald; 8 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Dawn in death are her parents; her brother, Howard; and sister Kathy.

Dawn dedicated her life to her family. She poured her heart into creating a warm welcoming home for her children. Dawn is best known for her love of cooking and will be missed for her kindness and generous spirit.

Dawn is survived by her children, Honistie, Lawrence, Tera, Troy,

We will have her Celebration of Life on September 12, 2026, starting at 4:00 pm at 5464 Snowshoe Lane, Rapid City, MI 49676.

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