



Russell Roy DeBolt Jr.

May 24, 1938 - March 6, 2019

Russell Roy DeBolt Jr. of Kalkaska, passed away on March 6, 2019. He was born on May 24, 1938 in Saginaw to the late Russell and Katherine (Meyer) DeBolt. He proudly served in the United States Marines and worked for General Motors as an engineer. He was known for being very meticulous and abiding by the Golden Rule.

After retirement Russell enjoyed being involved in the Maritime Heritage Alliance where he was a mate on the schooner Madeline. He also was a member of the Eagleville Cowboys, a cowboy action shooting group, where he won awards for best shooter. He was an avid hunter and took great pleasure in the outdoors. Russell loved his family and friends dearly and will be missed by many.

Russell will be lovingly remembered by his wife Sharon (Ewald) children; Scott (Brenda) DeBolt, Marcy (Sheldon) Green, Sean (Laura) DeBolt, grandchildren; Dana DeBolt, Lukas DeBolt, Faith DeBolt, Jenai Green, Ciara Green, Alyssa (JR Hill) Wolpert, Amanda (Ryan Brown) Garza great grandchildren; Brooklyn DeBolt, Kennedy Green, BayLee Brown, Brodee Brown and RyLee Hill, siblings; Kay McMillian, Duane DeBolt Sr, and Jennette Govitz. Russell is preceded in death by his parents and brother LeRoy DeBolt.

A memorial gathering will be held for Russell on March 30, 2019 at the Kalkaska Funeral Home from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project on Russell's behalf. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Comments



“ I will cherish the memories from holidays at grandpa and grandma’s in the kitchen as kids and finally graduating to the adult table. The fun at family reunions and laughs on the water. Thank you, Michelle

Michelle Burks - March 09 at 07:50 AM



“ The first mate on Madeline who made me feel as if I really belonged on the boat...he was invariably kind and patient. Sailed with him on his last Madeline sail...loved getting to know his goofy side as well. I miss you, Russ.

linda posler - March 09 at 07:16 AM



“ My love and prayers to my sister Sharon, to my nieces and nephews and children. Russell was a wonderful brother-in-law who was dearly loved by all who had the privilege to know him. My late husband and father spent wonderful times with him bear hunting near Newberry in the UP of Michigan. Russ and Sharon were also with Mike and I on the boat “the Bishop” in June 1989. We were fishing outside of the harbor of Elberta on Lake Michigan. The salmon in the picture was around 25 pounds and did not want to be caught. We pulled into the harbor and Russ was determined that the fish was not going to get away. So, he was over the back of the boat with the net. He finally landed the salmon, and the swivel hook was bent open. What a glorious memory of both Mike and Russ. Love you Sharon, Chris



Christine Grove-Carlson - March 09 at 05:29 AM



“ I worked with Russ for a few years at the Kaliseum, he was kind, encouraging, helpful, and a joy to be around. I am so sorry to his family and friends and will keep you all in my thoughts in the coming days.

Lynn Eckstein - March 08 at 12:43 PM



“ The best coworker ever! You will be missed my friend

Dana - March 08 at 02:36 PM



“ I love you dearly big brother!! Kay McMillan

kay mcmillan - March 07 at 06:26 PM



“ I sailed with Russ on the Madeline from Marquette to DeTour one Summer. He was a great guy to sail with, just a great guy all around.

Sue Taylor - March 07 at 04:56 PM



“ Russell was my oldest brother and I will continue to pray for him. I will continue to pray for Sharon and all of their children and love them dearly. It's a sad thing that ever happened. I love you Sharon and will see you soon. I love you.

Kay - March 09 at 12:17 AM



“ Will always remember the way Russ choose his words and spoke of adventures. ...enjoyed shooting with him. Glad to call him my friend. Keep yer powered dry buddie.

Steve Byers "BloodyHawk" - March 07 at 04:12 PM



“ Remembering all our years as neighbors and friends. Heaven gained a true gentleman and he will be missed here on earth by many. Our heartfelt sympathy to all the family, especially you Sharon, the children and grandchildren. Remember all the good times and cherish them forever. Hugs and love to all.

John & Louise Nuffer - March 07 at 04:07 PM



“ Pam Anthony lit a candle in memory of Russell Roy DeBolt Jr.



Pam Anthony - March 07 at 03:36 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Pam Anthony - March 07 at 02:43 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Pam Anthony - March 07 at 02:41 PM



“ He was a dear and trusted friend. Our many hunting and fishing trips will never be forgotten. He brought me through the hard times and was responsible for many laughs and good times. May our Merciful Lord hold him close and grant his entire family the miracle of peace and comfort.

Dennis Bender - March 07 at 02:38 PM