



Bryon John Pankow

August 16, 1961 - April 5, 2013

Bryon John Pankow, 51, of Traverse City, passed away at his home after a lengthy battle with a crippling disease on April 5, 2013, surrounded by his family. Bryon was raised in Northern Michigan and he was a veteran of the United States Army. Bryon was a very loving, generous man and he always wanted to make his family and friends happy and proud. He always told great jokes and stories. He loved to be outdoors. He was a hard physical worker and loved wood working. His imagination was a true gift from God. He was the beloved husband of Peggy Buchholz for 17 years; loving father of Delores “Dee Dee” (Joshua) Goodman of Nevada, Chelsea Buchholz and Madison McClain both of Traverse City; son of Gerald Pankow of Traverse City; brother of Denise (Jim) McClain and Lorri (Steve) Habitz of Petoskey. He is also survived by his nieces Crystal, Donna and Anne; nephews Joshua and Mitchell; and his great nephew Wade and great niece June. He was preceded in death by his mother Delores Pankow and brother Wade Pankow. A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m., on Saturday, April 13, at The Salvation Army, 1239 Barlow St. Arrangements were entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

Salvation Army Church
1239 Barlow St.
Traverse City, MI 49684

Tribute Wall

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“ With COVID-19 I've done a search to reach out to those I've know. I was very sad to see Bryon passed. I knew Bryon during his last year in the military. He was fun loving and very much a free spirit at that time. Not sure if you knew he had a leg cast on before he left the military. He enjoyed the outdoors and was at the lake often. Several of us were out there to celebrate his birthday...little did anyone know his name was spelled Bryon and not Brian. We ALL heard about it. We laughed and let him know only PANKOW is what he was known by mostly 24/7 due to being in the military. Again, I am truly sorry to hear of your loss, but I'm so glad there are many treasured memories that all of you have if Bryon. Be kind, loving and generous and you will honor his memory.

Tina Bailey (Osterman) - April 26, 2020 at 10:59 AM

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“ I am so very sorry about the loss of your love one. I hope you will find comfort in the memories that you have shared with your love one. Also, please find comfort in knowing that God is near to those who are broken at heart. Psalms 34:18

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