



Dale "Duke" Allan Casto

September 3, 1951 - October 20, 2022

Dale (Duke) Casto, 71, of New Port Richey, FL passed away peacefully with his bride by his side, and a final "Love You More", on October 20, 2022.

Duke was born on September 3, 1951, in Benton Harbor, MI to Dale and Alice Casto. He married his bride, Kathy Harrington on May 14, 1977.

Duke graduated from Grand Blanc High School in 1969. He attended Ferris State University until he says he "was kicked out". Duke was truly a "Jack of all Trades". He worked as a Police Officer for several departments, a mechanical draftsman, a warehouse manager, a member of the GTCSR, and the owner of Duke's Sport Shop. He would say his favorite occupation was being retired.

Duke and Kathy settled in Traverse City, MI in 1986, where they raised their three children. They moved to New Port Richey, FL in 2018 because he "wanted no more to do with the snow and cold".

Duke was known for his funny jokes, sense of humor, and open arms. When things got too serious, he would interject with a funny quip to lighten the mood. If ever he was needed, he would do anything he could to help.

In 2012, Duke underwent a kidney transplant and received a kidney from his

bride. It gave him almost 10 years added to his life. Duke enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was involved with the Boy Scouts of America for many years. He also was a proud American and loved the flag and everything it stood for.

Duke is survived by his bride of 45 years, Kathy; his children Angela Mikowski, Jennifer Casto, and Charles (Crystal Lane); grandchildren Keaton (fiancé Adam), Devon, Cole and DJ; adopted children George and Tracey Bullard and their sons, Harry and Henry. Sister and brother by choice, Sharon and Dennis Christman and their children Amanda and Andrew, who loved "Uncle Duke" very much. Siblings Gale Bristol and Sue Casto, his mother-in-law Verna Smith and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Last, but not least, his most recent four-legged addition to the family, Lilli, who is still watching the door to see when Grandpa is coming home.

Duke was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law Phil Smith, and Adam Christman.

Arrangements are being handled by Kalkaska Funeral Home, 152 S. Cedar St, Kalkaska, MI. Visitation will be Friday, November 4, 2022 from 1-4 pm and 5-8 pm at Kalkaska Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at Kalkaska Funeral Home with final visitation beginning at 10:00 am until the time of service. There will be a luncheon to follow downstairs in the community room.

Memorial Contributions can be made to the Michigan State Police Troopers Association (MSTAF) online at unionly.io or St. Mary's Foundation, Attn: Kidney Transplant Program, 200 Jefferson Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Visitation

NOV 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Final Visitation

NOV 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Funeral Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Kalkaska, MI 49646
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Tribute Wall



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale "Duke" Allan Casto.



November 04, 2022 at 09:16 AM



“ Your family and friends at Patrick AP purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dale "Duke" Allan Casto.



Your family and friends at Patrick AP - November 03, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dale "Duke" Allan Casto.



November 01, 2022 at 07:01 PM

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“ Jeff & Karen Bayless purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dale "Duke" Allan Casto.



Jeff & Karen Bayless - October 31, 2022 at 03:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dale "Duke" Allan Casto.



October 26, 2022 at 12:32 PM

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“ To the Casto family: I remember Dale as a very kind and thoughtful gentleman when I knew him from working at GTSO Records Division. My deepest sympathies and prayers of comfort go out to Dale's family. May his soul be at rest in God's heavenly kingdom of kindness and love. Margo

Margo Thorpe - October 25, 2022 at 06:22 PM

KW

“ What a great neighbor for many years. May he Rest In Peace. Prayers to all the family.



Kandee Wyatt - October 25, 2022 at 05:05 PM