



Douglas James Hanks

October 6, 1958 - October 22, 2025

Douglas “Dug” James Hanks, 67, of Kalkaska, passed away on October 22, 2025. He was born on October 6, 1958, in Ferndale, Michigan, to James and Jane (Ratkowiak) Hanks. Affectionately known as “Dug,” he had a lifelong passion for working on engines—cars, motorcycles, quads, lawn equipment—anything with a motor. He was always tinkering. Dug lived life on his own terms and was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. In the late 1990s, Dug moved to Kalkaska, where he truly found his home and enjoyed many happy years. He is survived by his mother, Jane Hanks; his children, Colleen (Robert) Charbonneau and Douglas (Alexis) Hanks II; his grandchildren, Cash Hanks, Weston Hanks, Charles Charbonneau, Lincoln Hanks, Douglas Hanks III, and Baby Hanks on the way; and his siblings, Diana Hanks, Phillip (Janet) Hanks, and Patricia (David) Matheny. He was preceded in death by his father, James Hanks. Private services will be held. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Tribute Wall

AJ

“ Ann J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas James Hanks.

Ann J. - November 10, 2025 at 02:19 PM

KW

“ I have so many memories with Dug that it could be a book. We met in kindergarten and by 6th grade in Mr. Browns class we both got paper routes delivering the Detroit news. We would ride our bikes together almost everyday to pickup our papers & stop over at Farmer jacks to pickup pop to get a sugar rush to do our routes & play around for a bit before we completed our work. So much fun! 😊
I moved to Tn. in 1973 but we always kept in touch thru the many yrs.
We always got together every time I made it back & he would come to see me in Tn. We went camping & caveing & danceing & fishing & tubing in the Smokey mtns.& when I got married he got ordained as a minister to perform my wedding. Thats LOVE ! We enjoyed each others company for so many yrs. It is so hard to believe he has left us! 😞
I like all his friends & family have been crushed and shocked by his sudden event. I have called some of his friends in 6 states and thats only the few dozens I knew. He always went out of his way to help anyone who needed it ... Even at his own expense...
The world has lost another 1 of a kind gem of a person.
My heart is broken 💔 again... This time I dont have him to call.
God bless you my brother. I will Love you forever. 🙏

Kevin Walters - November 04, 2025 at 09:59 AM

DW

“ I first met Doug many years ago thru one of Doug's best friends Kevin W.
I live in Tennessee.
Doug called me by my nickname Burny, back in the day.
Although I have not seen Doug in many years, I still remember his heart of gold.
What a GREAT person and HUMAN BEING Doug was.
I wish to extend my most heartfelt condolences to all of Doug's family, and friends too.
I pray that GOD will be with you all.....
now.....and forever more.

David Whitehead - October 27, 2025 at 07:59 PM

US

“ One of my fondest memories of you is a chubby little red haired boy running around the front yard on Chopin St. wanting to climb up the apple tree in the front yard and your Mom saying no that you might get hurt. All boys climb up trees. Rest in Peace my Nephew..



Uncle Sam - October 26, 2025 at 10:43 AM

LS

“ Dug's personality was contagious. He was so much fun and always made me laugh. He enjoyed being at family gatherings, and seeing his great smile was a special moment for me. My heart is heavy with sadness but I will always treasure the times we shared.
Aunt Laurie

Laurie Stormzand - October 25, 2025 at 05:55 PM