



## Duane Michael Bird

September 7, 1971 - May 23, 2016

Duane Michael Bird, 44, of South Boardman, passed away on Monday May 23, 2016. He was born on September 7, 1971 in Traverse City to Kenneth and Emma Jean (McTaggart) Bird. Duane's big heart and sense of humor will be fondly remembered. He enjoyed fishing, collecting records, music, concerts, and of course San Diego Chargers Football. Duane is survived by his daughters Taylor and Ashley and his mother Jean. He was preceded in death by his father Ken. The funeral will take place on Friday, May 27, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the chapel of the Kalkaska Funeral Home, final visitation with begin at 12:00 pm. Pastor Rich Unger will be officiating and burial will follow in Lodi Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Lodi Cemetery

5219 M-66  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Previous Events

## Final Visitation

MAY 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Ashley Bird lit a candle in memory of Duane Michael Bird



Ashley Bird - June 12, 2016 at 11:11 AM

GT


“ I grew up with Duane and we were best friends at Evergreen, I remember one time he threw a highlighter cap at me and Mr. Meztger made us sit outside the classroom, we laughed and talked, he had a great sense of humor, R.I.P my friend you will be missed. Gary.

Gary Tracey - May 30, 2016 at 09:37 AM

DS


“ RIP Duane, gone to soon. I worked with Duane many years ago. I remember his great sense of humor and his love of the Doors. Condolences to the family.

Deb Sternaman - May 27, 2016 at 09:13 AM

  
Autumn  
Grayc

“ Condolences to his friends and family. I wish I had known you better before you got sick it sounds like you was a pretty neat guy. Rip duane

Autumn Grayc - May 26, 2016 at 07:31 PM

 Renee  
Pelkey  
Ashcraft

“ *The first time I met you at work I was Like. OMG you look like the  
WWF Ultimate Warrior... And a Friendship formed and memories  
were built...*

*You will be missed my Friend, The Ultimate Warrior*

*Renee Ashcraft <3*

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**Renee Pelkey Ashcraft** - May 25, 2016 at 04:47 PM

 Tom  
Tanner

“ *The memories I have with Duane... East Lake Party store and biking  
down to the lake to hang out. Working with him baling hay for Ken.  
Playing Monopoly with him and Jean until 3 am. Enjoying the guitar  
mastery of Eddie Van Halen. Playing defense together on the  
soccer team. Driving around in that old Scout... A lot of my youth  
involved Duane, and I treasure those fun memories. Praying for  
Jean at this time.*

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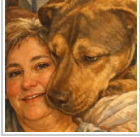
**Tom Tanner** - May 25, 2016 at 04:45 PM

 CW

“ *Many years ago, Duane was in eighth grade, and I was his teacher  
for history and English. As the obituary says, he loved humor and  
fun. I still remember his crooked smile when he enjoyed the joke,  
whatever it was. I think he learned stuff, too! His mom was / is my  
friend, too. I hope Duane's daughters can value their memories of  
their dad, and that Jean, you can deal with the loss of your son. I  
am so sorry for your loss!*  
*Cheri Williams*

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**Cheri Williams** - May 25, 2016 at 02:34 PM



“ *Very sorry for your loss Jean I am not sure if you remember me or not but I went to school at Evergreen school with Duane. I will be praying for you and your family.*

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**Angie McCullick- Williams** - May 25, 2016 at 06:49 AM



“ *Duane was a very good friend as well as a co-worker. He always had a smile on his face, even when faced with the roughest day. Spent some time with him learning about his passion of music especially the Doors. Until we meet again.*

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**Renee Snyder-Galla** - May 25, 2016 at 12:57 AM

DA

“ *Dana lit a candle in memory of Duane  
Michael Bird*



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**Dana** - May 24, 2016 at 06:32 PM

LP

“ *I have lots of memories of us from school. When we were younger it seemed like I always got stuck sitting between you and Doug Webb and you two annoyed me :) The older we got, the better we got along...I remember we had a bet to see who's car was faster...we waited till we got past Stuarts house and then we took off. Our parents probably wouldn't find it funny but we did and I never let you live it down that a girl beat you :) I will always remember the good times. R.I.P Duane.*

*Lori Houghton-Pickard*

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**Lori Pickard** - May 24, 2016 at 05:42 PM



*I have known Duane through many years.. He has always had and always will have a special place in my heart.. He was a very caring, loving, kind, respectful, gentle, young man and he left me with many fond memories. He was very devoted to his family and is close friends..Thank you Duane for sharing your soul with me with our many talks..You will be missed by many..Be at Peace through your next journey, and know that you were loved.*

*Patti Wagner*

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**Patti Wagner** - May 25, 2016 at 11:19 AM