



## Merle Ivan Purchase

April 4, 2012

Merle Ivan Purchase, 69, of Interlochen passed away Wednesday April 4, 2012 at Munson Medical Center surrounded by his loving family and friends. Born in Reed City, on August 25, 1942, Merle was the son of the late Ivan and Lois (Smith) Purchase. He had a great love for camping, fishing and spending time at the casino. Merle spent many evenings enjoying baking his specialties, "Pumpkin Rolls" and "Banana Bread" for his family, friends and coworkers at Cherry Growers. He is survived by his wife Nancy (Gatzke), children Elaine (Keith) Landgraf, Paul Purchase, Kenneth (Lisa) Purchase, Shannon (Julie) Purchase, David (Rhonda) Purchase, Brenda Purchase and stepdaughter Carolyn Anderson, 23 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, siblings Robert (Linda) Purchase and Marilyn Foerster, in-laws Gary (Teresa) Gatzke, Wayne (Ginny) Gatzke, Deb (Butch) Waffle, Sue (Ross) O'Connor, and Sandy Gatzke, many nieces, nephews and extended family. Preceded in death by his parents, infant son Jerry, stepchildren Scott and Gregory Grubb, and brother in law Steven Gatzke. Per Merle's wishes cremation has taken place. The family invites all of Merle's family & friends to come and celebrate his life with them on Saturday, April 14th at 1:00 PM at the Eden Bible Church, 7991 Worden Road Beulah, MI 49671. Pastor Chuck Towersey will be officiating. Please sign and share memories with the family on Merle's online guestbook at [www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com](http://www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com). Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 152 S. Cedar St., Kalkaska, MI 49646.



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“ Primary [autoverzekering vergelijken](http://verzekeringen.igoedkoopste-verzekering.nl) insurance coverage signifies "no intermediaries. Inches This is actually the simplest method to describe the particular promoting of insurance, mainly to the community even without the an intermediary.##imported-begin##goedkope verzekeringen##imported-end##

April 17, 2012 at 03:54 PM



“ I had a lot of fun with my uncle Merle when we were young. He made the Paris bar my favorite stomping ground!! I could never beat him at pool!! He thought that was hilarious!! I miss those times##imported-begin##Deb fulmerhouser##imported-end##

April 11, 2012 at 02:59 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family at this time. I have many memories from when Merle and his family lived down the road from me. God Bless all of you.##imported-begin##Peggy (Bearss) Windquist##imported-end##

April 11, 2012 at 12:56 PM



“ I am sending my sympathy to all you children of Merle's. Both my parents were buried from the funeral home in Kalkaska. My dad's funeral was held there. My mom's funeral was in Reed City. But the funeral home in Kalkaska took care of the arrangements so we could bury her ashes next to my father.##imported-begin##Eileen Donley##imported-end##

April 11, 2012 at 08:48 AM



“ I'm so sorry for the Purchase family's loss. You are in a difficult season right now. I am praying for your peace and comfort.##imported-begin##Kristi Bush##imported-end##

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April 11, 2012 at 08:44 AM



“ Your going to be miss dearly. We are bless for knowing you##imported-begin##Pat. And Jeff##imported-end##

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April 11, 2012 at 08:11 AM



“ Merle was a joy to work with and always there when ya needed a little help. Spoiled his co workers with all his baking. You will truly be missed my friend.##imported-begin##Rebecah Wiggins##imported-end##

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April 09, 2012 at 04:27 AM



“ merle was a good friend and co-worker. we are going to miss you alot.##imported-begin##marie and robert gray##imported-end##

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April 08, 2012 at 02:04 PM



“ Merle and Nancy were such an amazing couple. They could work side by side through stressful and trying days when the packaging equipment didn't want to cooperate and still go home at night best of friends. Merle was always there to help me with ideas and encouragement when the equipment didn't quite work right, even when it caused more work for him. There was always an interesting e-mail from Merle when I got home, with something funny, inspirational or a tribute to our troops overseas. He was a good friend to all and we will miss him greatly...##imported-begin##John Dahlke##imported-end##

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April 08, 2012 at 09:01 AM



“ Thinking of Merle, his family and friends at this time of your loss. Praying for God's Peace to each and every one of you. I know you will miss him.##imported-begin##Leeora Miller Wright##imported-end##

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April 06, 2012 at 02:39 PM