



Rolland G. Steele

March 21, 2012

Rolland Garner Steele, 63, of Fife Lake, formerly of Belleville, passed away Wednesday March 21, 2012 at his home in Kalkaska County. Born in Flint, Michigan on July 3, 1948, Rolland was the son of the late Donald and Lena (Burgess) Steele. A graduate from Genessee High School, Rolland received a gymnastics scholarship to Eastern Michigan University where he continued his education and later retired from Ford Motor Company in Ypsilanti, MI. He had a great love of hunting, fishing, canoeing and spending time with his nieces and nephews. Rolland loved to join good friend Dana Waxler at The Ole' Barn in Grayling. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, where he served in the U.S. Army. Rolland is survived by his wife Shelly (Hendricks), sisters Linda (Steve) Miller and Judy Neeley; nieces and nephews Shelia (Rick), Sharol, Tina, Eva, Julie, Craig, Gaylla, Julie, Jimmy, Jeffrey, Krystle, Sadie, Bryce, Ashley, Michia, Brittney, Cameron. Sister in law's Kitty May, Patsy (Everett) Ebeler, Rhonda (Tim) Compau and Tami Burke; and their families Tonya (Ronnie), Kenny & Vinny Oliver, Art (Candy), Peter, Eric, and Shelby Ebeler, Shawn (Quincy), Ashton and Ayden Ebeler, Niki and Bobby Burke, Jenny (Matt) and Elyse Hinckley. Rolland was preceded in death by his parents, brother Gaylord Steele, and parents in law Arthur & Irene Hendricks. A private family service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718. Please sign and share memories with the family on Rolland's online guestbook at www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and
Cremation Services, 152 S. Cedar St., Kalkaska, MI 49646.

Tribute Wall



“ Sympathy to all the family and friends.##imported-begin##Walt Jarrell##imported-end##

April 07, 2012 at 04:53 AM



“ Were so sorry for your loss as Rollie was always fun to be around with. There never no words that can really makeing a passing easy. We all shall have good memories of him. Are thoughts and prayers go out to you and his family.##imported-begin##Mike & Patty Winslow##imported-end##

April 06, 2012 at 12:35 PM



“ So sad to hear about Rol's passing. He was honestly one of the nicest and warmest people I have ever met. He always made you feel welcome and that he was glad to know you. Laughter, kindness, and sincerity were synonymous with Rollie. I will always have great memories of visiting him and Shelly and having fun times. Thoughts and prayers go to Shelley and his family.##imported-begin##Natalie Heath##imported-end##

April 01, 2012 at 09:29 PM



“ We were very sorry to hear of Rollie's passing. We had a special friendship that went back many years. We will remember him fondly. Our paryers are with you Shelly.

Love & Hugs,
Ron & Sandy Tandy##imported-begin##Ron & Sandy
Tandy##imported-end##

April 01, 2012 at 08:56 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Rollie's death. He was a "one of a kind guy" I worked with him as soon as I hired in at Ford's and have been friends with him ever since. He and my husband were "good buddies" at the plant. I'm sure they're together now in Heaven!He was our "bartender" at our wedding reception and a GREAT FRIEND of both of us.##imported-begin##Juanita Bunce##imported-end##

March 31, 2012 at 01:15 PM



“ It's so sad god took him so soon from us. I really wish he could have met my son. But I know he will be watching over us from heaven. Now I have a guardian angel. He is not suffering anymore and in a much better place. Love you Uncle Rolly. Stay strong Shelly &t;3##imported-begin##Brittany Miller##imported-end##

March 30, 2012 at 09:57 PM



“ I am truly sorry for your loss. The following are scriptures that have helped me in dealing with the loss of my loved ones.
Eccl. 9:5 For the living are conscious that they will die; but as for the dead, they are conscious of nothing at all, neither do they anymore have wages, because the remembrance of them has been forgotten.
Rev. 21:4 And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.
*God and His Son, Christ Jesus, have a plan set in place that will reverse the ongoing condition of death that Adam inflicted upon us. This plan will revert everything back to its original purpose, to live on Earth forever, without dying again. In a paradise. This plan will take place in the near future.##imported-begin##D
Shillingburg##imported-end##*

March 30, 2012 at 07:05 PM



“ Sorry for your loss Shelly, Will always remember how well Rollie treated me at the plant. Your in our prayers Love Donnie & Monica##imported-begin##Red and Monica Deyo##imported-end##

March 30, 2012 at 11:10 AM



“ Our prayers go out to all that Rollie has left behind, we are certain he is in a better place God Bless you all##imported-begin##Bob & Linda Main##imported-end##

March 25, 2012 at 09:59 PM



“ Rollie Truly Was One Of The Nicest People I Have Ever Met. Rollie Didn't Know a Stranger, He Was Happy To Talk With Anyone. He'd Always Greet You With A Big Smile. My Life Was Enriched By Knowing Him. And, Shelly His Wife, Is A Warm, Kind, Loving Friend. Rollie, You Will Be Missed Deeply By Many, Many People. Especially Your Nieces and Nephews, All Of Them Adored You ! Shelly, You Are In My Thoughts. I Wish The Best For You. You Have a Wonderful Loving Family That Will Be With You. Love To You, Doris##imported-begin##Doris Gilbert##imported-end##

March 25, 2012 at 07:09 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of the passing of my old friend. I always looked up to Rollie, but of course I was holding him up as he was doing a handstand during our HS cheerleading years. I can still remember the look of if you drop me,,,, We had many great times and his memory will always be with me. Thank you for your service to our country and will see you again one day..##imported-begin##Bill Drake##imported-end##

March 25, 2012 at 04:21 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Rollies passing. I had the great pleasure of knowing him in our high school years when he was a cheerleader with me. He always had a big smile for everyone and a special place in our hearts. He will be missed by many. My heart goes out to both of his sisters and his wife. May the lord keep you in the palm of his hand. Rollie is now in a good place without pain. Rollie your the best...##imported-begin##Candy (Ice) Burt##imported-end##

March 25, 2012 at 12:56 PM



“ Rollie meant so much to us all. We are all so very thankful he did not suffer and that he will be forever in our hearts and memories. We will miss him dearly, but understand it was time to share him with the big guy! Shelly, you were so strong through this and we hope you will continue to stay strong! He knew you loved him and he was as thankful for you as you were for him! Please remember that and all that was good. We love you.##imported-begin##Art, Candy, Peter, Erik, & Shelby##imported-end##

March 24, 2012 at 09:51 PM



“ IT IS HARD TO KNOW WHAT TO SAY AT A TIME LIKE THIS. WHEN I THINK OF ROLLIE, I ALWAYS THINK OF THE TEASING HE DID. I WAS ALWAYS TELLING HIM TO QUIT HANGING OUT WITH EVERETT, HE WAS GETTING AS MEAN AS HE WAS. IT WAS ALWAYS FUN TO SEE ROLLIE BECAUSE OF THE TEASING HE DID. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT ABOUT HIM. I JUST WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW I AM THINKING OF YOU ALWAYS AND WISH I COULD BE THERE WITH YOU. JUST KNOW I LOVE YOU GUYS. I AM ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU SHELLY AND ALL THE REST OF THE FAMILY. ME AND GEO##imported-begin##GEORGE AND DORIS SHEEKS##imported-end##

March 24, 2012 at 05:55 PM



“ What a great guy Rollie was and is still > He always made me feel welcome and like he thought of me as family , but you know that Shelly , because you did too . I am so sorry for your loss and feel bad I am not there for you , but I know your sisters and their families are . I will always remember his smile and laugh and how he would do those flips WOW could he ever do those flips . We love you and will be there, if you need us in the future. God Blessed you and the rest of us with Rollie, and now has him in his home . God Bless and watch over you <3 Love always###imported-begin##Gail and Tim Swope###imported-end##

March 23, 2012 at 08:19 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss, Shelly and Family. Remember the good times and memories they will help get you through this.###imported-begin##Fred & Kathy Ebeler###imported-end##

March 23, 2012 at 06:23 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear that Rollie has passed. I would like to express my deepest sympathy on the passing of Rollie. Rollie & Shelly lived a couple of doors down from me at the Holiday West Mobile Home Park. Rollie always had the BEST lawn in the park! He also always had his yard deck out with mechanical ghosts n goblins for Holloween. I think every kid in the park tricker treated there to see his apparitions and to get their treats oh course. Lastly, thank you for your service as a vietnam veteran. Untill we meet again!

John M. Watson III###imported-begin##John Watson III###imported-end##

March 23, 2012 at 05:00 PM



“ Shelly, Family, and Friends our deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. May your sorrow lessen with time and Rollie's memory shine through.

Prayers are being said to lessen the pain of the living and clear Rollie's path to our Lord.

Love Rick and Kim DeWitt##imported-begin##Rick and Kim DeWitt##imported-end##

March 23, 2012 at 01:59 PM



“ We were very sad to hear of Rollie's passing. What a great cousin, and friend. He will really be missed. Our deepest sympathy to Shelly.##imported-begin##Doug and Diane Burgess##imported-end##

March 23, 2012 at 08:42 AM



“ Memories of Rollie will always warm our hearts. He always brought smiles and laughter to our conversations. I will always treasure my visits to Rollie and Shelly's home where I felt so WELCOME. Rollie loved and lived his life to the fullest. He fought his battle against cancer with great strength, dignity and courage. It was an honor to know and love him. Rest in peace dear one and remember to "save me a seat". THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY... Our deepest loved filled sympathy to Shelly and the family.##imported-begin##Ray and Carol Blackburn##imported-end##

March 23, 2012 at 08:11 AM



“ We are sorry for your loss##imported-begin##Eric and Kristi Hamlett##imported-end##

March 23, 2012 at 05:38 AM