



Stephen Michael Horvath

December 27, 1946 - March 25, 2013

Stephen (Steve) Horvath, 66, of Kalkaska passed away peacefully at his home on March 25, 2013, with his wife and friends at his side. Steve was born on December 27, 1946 in Lansing, Mi. He was raised by his adoptive parents Frank and Peggy Horvath, who precede him in death. Steve graduated from Waverly High School in Lansing in 1966. After high-school he joined the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era. He reached the rank of Sp4 corporal and was stationed in Korea and Germany. Upon returning in 1969, he worked for a private security company. Steve married Kathy (Watts) on June 25, 1977 on the MSU campus in East Lansing. They moved to the Kalkaska area in 1982. He worked for Factory Direct and Hamilton Farm Bureau as a delivery driver. He spent the last ten years working for Sara Lee Bakery. Steve enjoyed outdoors, cutting wood, camping, fishing and hunting. His favorite time of year was from October thru December, deer hunting season. Steve is survived by his wife Kathy of over 35 years; sister, Shirlian (Chuck) Lumbert; mother-in-law, Vivian Watts; sisters-in-law, Patricia Watts, Joyce Watts, and Susan Goldsborough; brothers-in-law, Mike (Jeanette) Watts, Murl (Kellie) Watts, Richard Watts, and Rusty (Fran) Watts. Also surviving are his many nieces and nephews. Steve will be greatly missed by all. Visitation for Mr. Horvath will be at Kalkaska Funeral Home, 152 South Cedar St., on Monday, April 1st from 1 to 8 p.m., with Rosary at 7:00 p.m., and Scripture reading at 7:30 p.m.. A Mass will be held at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2nd with Reverend Norman Dickson, S.J. officiating. Memorial

contributions will be appreciated to his wife, care of Kalkaska Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1457 Kalkaska, Mi 49646. Please leave condolences at Steve's online guest book at www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com . Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

TO

“ I worked with Steve at the Sara Lee Bakery Plant. He was a very pleasant soft spoken man. He was willing to try any job asked of him, he NEVER said no, he always tried to do it. We often talked during work about current events and changes in the plant. My sympathy goes out to his family. He was a good honest man.
Twyla Osborn

Twyla Osborn - April 01, 2013 at 08:29 AM

AM

“ Prayers to the family and friends.. Steve worked with us on 2nd shift before lay-off ..He was telling tales of hunting frequently ;Steve was ready for the 2 weeks of hunting and very happy to be laid off just in time to not miss his adventure and love for hanging out to claim his passion of hunting ..He will be missed ..Sorry for the loss of a very friendly co-worker..God Bless you and your family. : Alan & Pam Myers.....

Alan & Pam Myers - March 31, 2013 at 11:41 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Michael Horvath.



March 31, 2013 at 08:54 AM

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“ Shirlian (Horvath) Lumbert, Steve's sister recalls memories from their childhood when they lived in a house on Main Street in Lansing. Their Dad made wooden swords for them to play with but they soon learned not to be too vigorous with their play with the swords. When Shirlian and Steve were quite young, the Horvath family were shopping in downtown Lansing and Steve came up missing. After a frantic search, Steve was found at the Lansing Fire Station where he was happily eating a bowl of ice cream. Shirley remembers an incident when they were teenagers. Shirlian was working as a car hop at Sulley's Drive In restaurant and tried to go in the out-door as someone else was going out. The door hit her big toe and lifted her big toenail. A couple weeks later, Shirlian was riding with Steve in his car and the toenail was lifted again. Shirlian told Steve "Take me to Grandma!" Upon seeing the injured digit, Grandma went "Plink" and took the nail completely off. To this day, Shirlian squirms like crazy when I trim her toenails. Because we live in Battle Creek, about 200 miles from Steve and Kathy, we attempted to meet halfway between our homes each summer for a meal and visiting. Among the meeting places were Big Rapids, the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival, and Lansing where we visited Mom, Dad's and Grandma Schrader's graves. Although we sometimes had trouble finding Grandma's grave, Steve would always walk right to it. We were shocked and dismayed when Steve told us of his illness in December and Shirlian has wept many tears at the loss of her beloved brother.

Chuck and Shirlian (Horvath) Lumbert - March 28, 2013 at 05:02 AM

RE

“ Kathy,
Our thoughts and prayer are with at this
difficult time. Steve was a good man and we
know how much he loved being outdoors and
in the woods. He will be truly missed!!! Camp
Lollipop will never be the same!!



Richard and Michele Edwards - March 27, 2013 at 06:49 PM

LN

I have lived in the apartment building where Steve and Kathy live...I will miss his friendly smile and conversations. On cold, windy snowy mornings, you could always find Steve..up and outscraping snow off everyone's car...always willing to help anyone who needed it...he will be missed...Liane Nusse

Liane Nusse - April 01, 2013 at 02:42 PM