



Gary Allen Smiltneek

April 20, 1941 - August 23, 2014

73, of Channing, MI, died Sun. August 23, 2014 at his home in Channing. Gary was born in Daggett, MI , the son of the late Edward and Mary (Garrigan) Smiltneek. He moved to Channing in 1966 and worked for John Sivula Logging. He also owned and operated his own logging business for many years, retiring in 1991. Gary knew the woods and had a tremendous knowledge of the backwoods areas of Dickinson, Iron and Marquette counties. He loved to hunt and fish. He also enjoyed gardening and had a green thumb for growing everything. Many of his neighbors in Channing benefitted from his vegetable garden. He especially loved spending time with his grandchildren who were the love of his life.

Gary had been a member of the Sagola Twp. Sportsmans Club.

He is survived by his children, Gary Smiltneek Jr. of Channing, Ronald "Buzz" Smiltneek of Channing, Steve Smiltneek of Green Bay, WI and Crystal Smiltneek of Phoenix, AZ; a brother, Leroy Smiltneek of Nadeau, MI; sisters, Mercedes Anno of Topeka, KS and Maureen (Dave) Faccio of Hermansville; grandchildren, Ryan Smiltneek, Katie Smiltneek, Ellie Lovell, Ava Lovell and Quinn Smiltneek; a special daughter in law, Andrea Smiltneek of Channing and a close friend, Linda Smiltneek of Merriman; many nieces and nephews

Gary was preceded in death by two brothers, Cecil and Keith Smiltneek.

Visitation will be Friday, August 29th from 9:00-11:00am at Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola. Funeral services will be at 11:00am on Friday at the church. Rev. David Anderson will officiate. Burial will be in the Channing Cemetery.

A memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Gary Smiltneek Sr. can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Channing Cemetery

Byers Rd.
Channing, MI 49815

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Presbyterian Church
309 First St.
Sagola, MI 49815

Funeral Service

AUG 29 (CT)

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309 First St.
Sagola, MI 49815

Tribute Wall

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“ Gary and his father Ed, lived across the street from my family when we were growing up. I remember Gary as being fun loving, happy. as well as, a very hard worker. As young kids, we remember that Gary always had the fastest, and coolest hardtop Chev Impala cars! We are so sorry for your loss and send our sympathy.
Louise Rounds and the Spehar Family,
Carney, Michigan

Louise Spehar Rounds - 5 minutes ago

Louise Rounds - August 30, 2014 at 02:32 PM

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“ Wendy & Conley, Alan & Missy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Allen Smiltneek.



Wendy & Conley, Alan & Missy - August 27, 2014 at 05:11 PM