



Darwin Lee Maurer

August 25, 1945 - October 28, 2020

Darwin Lee Maurer, affectionately known as "Gabby" because he had the gift of gab, died October 28, 2020 in Bellevue, MI at the age of 75. He was born in Coldwater, MI on August 25, 1945 to Clyde and Lena (Houck) Maurer. Known for his gift of entertaining others, Dar loved to make people laugh and was often the life of the party, and was a master of the "Pull my finger" trick, as well as telling great stories. Dar cared deeply about his friends and family, he had a big heart and would do anything to help others.

During his working career, he held various jobs at fairs and other venues, working with stage and sports audio equipment. His favorite job that he loved to tell stories about was the photo finish job and working as a sound tech. Also an avid sportsman, Dar enjoyed hunting, fishing on the pier at Frankfurt, and being an "armchair" athlete for many different sports on TV.

Darwin is survived by his daughters, Kristen (Kenneth) VanDalsen, Shannon (Israel) Hansen, and Sara (Vincent) Shepherd; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Alice Dean; former wives, Bonnie Ferazzi and Joy Maurer; as well as good friends Ray and Crystal. He was predeceased by his sister, Francis Bressler; and his parents.

If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Make-A-Wish Foundation. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Darwin

on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ RIP old friend. You will never be forgotten!

DIANE BRENTON - January 24, 2021 at 09:45 PM

MT

“ I worked with Dar @ Stage & Sports Audio. He was great to work with and after the work was done, to hang out with. We had many great times and memories. You will be surely missed. He was one of the kindest people I know. I was very fortunate to have him as a friend. Thank you for your service and Rest In Peace, my friend !



Mark Tubbs - November 02, 2020 at 06:02 PM

KK

“ I worked with Dar at Coast to Coast Hardware. He was so helpful and fun to work with.

Karen Krumm - November 02, 2020 at 05:15 PM

GS

“ R.I.P. Dar, will miss our conversations at the Florida State Fair and Strawberry Festival....

Gary Sastamoinen - November 02, 2020 at 05:04 PM

RT

“ Time moves on but your memory will stay forever. R.I.P.

Ron Toloday - November 01, 2020 at 09:47 AM

KH

“ Thank you Dar for your service in Viet Nam🇺🇸🇺🇸 We know you were proud of your service💕💕 Camp will never be the same at Coolwater without you! So glad you came to our home for the Bluegill fish fry & campfire. And thanks for the moral mushrooms. Would love to know all of your "hot" spots Dar. You're safe now. We will miss you at every campfire🔥 RIP our friend❤️ Condolences to all of your family, he loved you all & talked of you often💕💕

Kitty&Nick Hayes - October 30, 2020 at 08:00 PM

BD

“We are so deeply saddened by the News of Dar's passing. We have camped with him the past 4 years. From hunting Morel Mushrooms to night time camp fires and laughs. Dar was family to us. We looked for him every Friday night when we pulled in and were sad every Sunday when we left him. Coffee in the morning will never be the same at Coolwater Campground without him. Are Prayers are with his family as you mourn the loss of such a wonderful person. Brian and Ashley DeLoof”

Brian & Ashley DeLoof - October 30, 2020 at 06:53 PM

RR

“ Our campground neighborhood won't be the same without him. Thank you my friend for the shots of peanut butter whiskey, all the stories and laughs, you will be greatly missed.



Ray Russon - October 30, 2020 at 06:03 PM

JH

“*Dar you will be forever missed at camp. Thank you for all the fun stories, and I will never forget your line to me, "It's good to be seen." RIP my friend.*

Joelle Hanley - October 30, 2020 at 04:50 PM