



Jacob VanGelder Jr.

June 27, 1956 - March 29, 2016

Jake VanGelder, Jr., 59, of Charlotte, died from complications of cancer on Tuesday, March 29, 2016. Jake was born June 27, 1956 in Charlotte, the son of Jacob and Margaret Fern (Cooper) VanGelder. He worked 21 years for Gardner Management Group as a lawn and maintenance man. Jake loved rock music, especially the band Riff Raff, and dancing to the music of KISS. He was also a Harley Davidson motorcycle enthusiast and a member of HOGS, as well as a model car artist. He even drag-raced for 10 years. Jake had a special place in his heart for his pets. Many will remember him living a happy life, even despite many years of health hardship.

Jake is survived by his wife of 16 years, Dawn VanGelder; daughter, Jenni (Ray) Gill; granddaughters, Meghan and Alyssa Gill; sister, Yvonne French; brother, Greg VanGelder; nephews, Jesse (Tara) French and Cameron VanGelder; and niece, Jaime French. He was predeceased by his parents and his nephew, Gregory VanGelder.

Viewing will be from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. at Maple Hill Cemetery Chapel, Charlotte followed by a committal service at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the family in care of Dawn VanGelder. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Jake on his tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ Yvonne and Families, My sincere condolences to you and your family.

Jeanette (Bassett) Graham

jeanette graham - April 02, 2016 at 05:05 PM

MP

“ Marilyn Parker lit a candle in memory of Jacob VanGelder Jr.



Marilyn Parker - March 31, 2016 at 12:20 AM

DR

“ Some great times for all of us! Winners lane in 06 the last time down the track Jake and myself in the final round together.



Dave Reynolds - March 29, 2016 at 04:18 PM