



Lewis Ephraim Hillard

August 7, 1966 - December 3, 2024

Lewis Ephraim Hillard, woodcrafter, outdoorsman, and tractor lover, died unexpectedly December 3, 2024 at the age of 58. Lewis was born in Charlotte, MI on August 7, 1966 to Herbert and Florence (Satterly) Hillard and was the baby brother of the family (sometimes known as the pain in the butt annoying little brother by his siblings). He graduated from Lakewood High School in 1985, and married Kim (Root) Hillard on June 21, 1991. He was employed at Spartan Motors for many years, and also worked at Plaslabs. His favorite job was being a tow-truck driver at I-96 Speedway from 2018-2024 where he made many friends and enjoyed watching the races. Lewis loved being outdoors and loved his tractors, but the true love of his life was when he became a grandfather. Lewis would do anything for his grandson, Layton. Time spent at Lakeside Resort in Ionia, taking the kids for golf rides were some of his most enjoyable moments to relax and spend time outdoors.

Lewis is survived by his wife, Kim; daughter Emily Hillard (Josh McAnany); grandson, Layton; brother, Jay (Deana) Hillard; sister, Tina (Lee) Buckmaster; father-in-law, Ken Root; brother-in-law, Ken Root II; and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and mother-in-law, Bonnie Root.

Friends are encouraged to support the Hillard family by sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. A

Celebration of Life is being planned for a later date. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the family. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Family Farm
6990 N. Ainger Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall

AN

“ *Many memories of Louie, Herb and Florence!! Especially poison ivy in jan helping cut wood lol.*

Andrea - December 22, 2024 at 07:11 PM

JA

“ *I am very sorry to hear this and my heart goes out to Lewis' family. I know you have so many memories of such a great person.*

Jay - December 08, 2024 at 01:39 PM

JS

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Lewis' passing. He was a friend from Sunfield Elementary through Lakewood. Your family is in my thoughts. I remember him as always happy and smiling when we were kids.*
Joni Schray Steinhaus

Joni Steinhaus - December 06, 2024 at 11:23 AM

CW

“ *Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Lewis Ephraim Hillard*



Chad & Carol Walker - December 06, 2024 at 10:26 AM

TL

“ Kim and Jay and family so sorry, boy I know the Hillard's long time first met Hillard's way back in late 70's when our family used to go canoeing lots Herb was kind to let us park our cars at there house to keep eye on them for us and Lewis and jay was kind to help us put canoe in. Then their whole family would come to my dad Napa store for all their projects they was working on and all the many stories we use to talk about there when getting parts. Their whole family are wonderful I will cherish all the stories and laugh we had over those years. My thoughts and prayers are with you guys RIP Lewis

Todd Lahr - December 05, 2024 at 06:37 PM