



Thomas Neil Stanke

October 8, 1956 - October 26, 2019

Thomas Neil Stanke, a generous neighbor that would give you the shirt off his back, died unexpectedly on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at home. Tom, 63, of Charlotte was born October 8, 1956 in Charlotte, Michigan to Raymond and Mary (Clarke) Stanke. He graduated from Charlotte High School, and remained in Charlotte working on the family farm for his entire life. He enjoyed talking with his neighbors, cutting wood, taking care of his many barn cats, and farming...the family farm was 200 acres. He was a big supporter and former member of the Future Farmers of America in Charlotte. His family fondly reminisced that "Tom was Tom," right to the very end.

Tom is survived by his siblings, Lynn A. (Cindy) Stanke, and Bonnie S. (Pete) Raut; nieces and nephews, Mike (Katy) Stanke, Brad (Jen) Stanke, Christie (Nate) Omo, Joshua (Kayla) Raut, Kathryn Raut; and 8 great-nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Tom's family at a Celebration of Life on Thursday, October 31, 2019, 2-5:00 PM at the Chester Township Hall. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The Charlotte FFA Alumni Scholarship Fund. Friends and family are asked to share memories of Tom on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **31**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Chester Township Hall
4785 Mulliken Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall

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“ Tom was one of a kind, always with a smile on his face and a kind word. He was more than a long time customer, but a friend who always had time to talk and reminisce. He will be missed by all that knew him. Happy trails, Tom !
All of us at Albins Honda

Albins Honda - November 02, 2019 at 11:45 AM

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“ Very sorry to hear the passing of Tom.. Thoughts and prayers go out to immediate family and friends.. Thanks for the combine rides Uncle Tom.. Cherish the memories...

Abe Stanke and Family - October 31, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Thomas Neil Stanke.



October 31, 2019 at 12:16 PM

DR

“ I will always Remember asking for fireballs that Tom always had in the trunk of his Honda four wheeler. His great laugh the draw in his voice always made for a great time talking with Tom. Prayers go out to his family sorry for your loss. RIP Tom

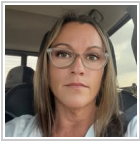
Dusty Roll - October 30, 2019 at 10:31 AM



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“ So many good memories before I could drive and after if you felt like visiting you just went to Tom's shop he was always there working on something or reading the newspaper. There was never a shortage of conversation from farming tractors quads the weather and Friends . Tom was a great friend and neighbor RIP TOM WE WILL MISS YOU

Darin Roll - October 29, 2019 at 11:22 PM



“ Tom was always the first one to show up to help in the Maple Syrup process. Tom was always there to help, talk, or to bring me a new Schwans catalogue. I was in shock to learn of his passing. He will be so deeply missed!

Naomi Diamond - October 29, 2019 at 08:43 PM



DR

“ You're going to be greatly missed Tom. I'm still in shock about your sudden passing. I'll always remember your laugh and smile and your friendly wave. The Honda ride's with all of our friends we used to do. And all the conversations we had over the years that could last for hours. And the many other good times. Rest in peace my friend.

Doug Roll - October 29, 2019 at 02:26 PM