



Martin "Marty" William Harjes

December 30, 1962 - October 27, 2021

Martin "Marty" William Harjes aged 58 of Branch passed away on Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Marty had a Big Attitude, a Big Heart, and had a passion for the family tradition of driving semi-trucks. Some of his best days were teaming with his dad and driving across the United States. When not driving, Marty enjoyed cutting wood and in his spare time collected scrap metal for treasures and sometimes just cash. He was a man that would help out his family and friends any chance he could; and family time was very important to him. Usually if you saw Marty you would see his wife Renate by his side. He was a proud father and very much enjoyed watching his children succeed in everything they did.

Marty was preceded in death by his parents Burton W. Harjes and JoAnn (Gephart) Cram; and his brother-in-law and lifelong friend Tony Gonzales Sr.

Marty will be greatly missed by his wife Renate (Shaffier); his children Kayla Harjes, James Harjes, Brinton Riggs IV, and Austin Riggs; his stepmother Judy Holbrook; his stepfather Ken Ingells; his sisters Cheri Gonzales and Tammy (Jim) Leonard; and his in-laws Jerry and Karen Shaffier.

A graveside ceremony to honor Marty's life will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 6 at the Mears Cemetery with luncheon to follow. Those who wish to remember Marty with a donation are asked to please make them

to the Marty Harjes family to assist with expenses.

Marty you will be missed - but your drive will keep us going.

Cemetery Details

Mears Cemetery

6189 West Fox Road
Mears, MI 49436

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was an over-the-road truck driver for VanKampen in the 80's and 90's, and loved to run into Marty (and his father Burt).

There are so many lives Marty touched in a positive way. So many memories that bring a smile, and remind me of how wonderful he was. So many stories about how he made a difference, or made someone's day. So many hearts that are feeling sadness because he was here, because he was loved.

It was a gift to have known such a remarkable person.

*Sharing in Your Sorrow,
Beth*

Beth McLaughlin - December 09, 2021 at 01:44 PM

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“ I pray GODS healing grace to all family and friends of Marty. I have many fond memories of Marty from boy scouts ri Pirates cove and beyond. Marty was truly someone you could count on. Im really glad we reconnected years ago. Dewy , Dewy, Dewy . R.I.P Marty

Ken - November 03, 2021 at 11:45 AM