



Wayne Rinkevicz Sr.

March 10, 1965 - October 25, 2021

Wayne Michael Rinkevicz Sr. aged 56 of Branch passed away peacefully on Monday, October 25, 2021. Wayne was born on March 10, 1965 in Ludington, the son of Ronald J. and Donna (Petersen) Rinkevicz and graduated from Mason County Central High School with the class of 1983. Following high school, Wayne proudly served in the United States Air Force where he worked as a Crew Chief on F-15's in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

His time in the Air Force only intensified his love of flying. He was a member of the Experimental Aviation Association and recently completed his lifelong desire of becoming a pilot by earning his sport pilot license in 2018. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 76 in Ludington, the AmVets Post 1988 in Baldwin and the Arborist Tree Society.

Wayne loved being up in the air off the ground and worked 18 years as a Journeyman Lineman for Great Lakes Energy before starting Totally Trees, a tree trimming business in 2004 with Michael Johnson. Totally Trees, served both Michigan and Florida. Always looking for something to do, Wayne also enjoyed fabricating and building work equipment around his home.

Wayne was preceded in death by his father Ronald, his brother Dale, and his 2nd dad - Gordon Briggs. He will be greatly missed by his wife Terri Bogner; his sons Wayne Rinkevicz Jr. (Shayla Savich), and Jordan Rinkevicz of

Branch; his stepdaughter Rosemary (Chris) Rapes of Walkerville; his granddaughter Sarica Savich; his mother Donna (Hank) Heynen of Florida; his siblings Ruth Rinkevicz of Grand Rapids, Janet (Jim) Shinsky of Ludington, and Mark Rinkevicz of Grand Haven; his brothers and sisters-in-law Cheryl Bogner of Mt. Clemens, Roger (Christine) Bogner of Ludington, Ronald (Rhonda) Bogner of Muskegon, and Mitchell (Toni) Bogner of Branch; his special friends the Briggs Family of Scottville, his apprentice employees at the tree service and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, many great friends and his faithful Giant Schnauzers, Zsa Zsa and Daisy.

A ceremony to celebrate Wayne's life will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 6 at Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services in Scottville with gathering of friends & family starting at 10:00 am. The family will hold a celebration of Life in 2022 and notice will be printed in the newspaper. Those who wish to remember Wayne with a memorial donation are asked to consider the Scottville Pop Warner Football program (201 North Reinberg Avenue, Scottville, MI 49454), or any youth recreation program as Wayne loved working with and teaching kids the love of the game.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends & Family

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

TL

“ Hey Wayne and Terry. Really shocked to hear Wayne had passed. I meet someone i can hang out with when I go north. Wayne was always free with the beers and just hanging out and talking. Really enjoyed joyed that about him. We will meet again my brother. Love you miss you !!

Tim Larabel - November 01, 2022 at 03:20 PM

DF

“ To Wayne's family, My name is Don Furmanski and I served along side Wayne at Holloman . We shared many great memories one in particular was building our own black powder rifles and going deer hunting in the mountains around Alamogordo New Mexico. I lost touch with Wayne over the years but thought of him often. RIP my friend AIM HIGH.

Don Furmanski - September 15, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

It's so good to get to grow up in Wayne's company. He was there at all my birthdays, and even gave me my first puppy, and was so full of love and laughter! 💜 You will be dearly missed.

💜💜 Until We Meet Again 💜💜

Rick Hill - November 04, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne Rinkevicz Sr..*



November 04, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ *Friends - Grand Valley State University purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Wayne Rinkevicz Sr..*



Friends - Grand Valley State University - November 03, 2021 at 07:51 AM



“ *Hey Wayne , last we had talked, you were doing better. I was saddened to hear that had changed. My condolences to your family n friends. Fly high ! Rest In Peace Young Man, your friend H. G.*

H G - October 30, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ *Wayne was such a gentle giant to me. He protected Tim on his 50th Birthday when party goers wanted to get Tim more intoxicated. Just Wayne putting his hand on U and stating STEP AWAY FROM TIM LOL. WAYNE also put the Eagle in our Tree & him n TIM just loved this project. We are sad to see such a Great Guy leave us so soon 🙄🙄*



Tracy Sebastian - October 29, 2021 at 08:37 AM

LV

“ I worked with Wayne on a lot of projects over the years, and of course he always did great work. I always enjoyed seeing him, having conversations, light hearted arguments, and I considered him a friend as well as someone I worked with. He was a very good man. I will miss him. Peace to his family.

lisa vogel - October 28, 2021 at 07:43 PM

BK

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Belinda K. - October 28, 2021 at 06:46 PM

BK

My deepest sympathy and condolences to Wayne's family and friends. I'll remember Wayne for his generous spirit, twinkling eyes, patience in explaining what needed work and why, and the care he brought to his work. It's hard to imagine anyone touching his expertise and skills in wielding saws while also working the basket. Wayne will be missed.

Belinda K. - October 28, 2021 at 06:49 PM

MR

“ I would like to send my sympathy to all of Wayne's family and friend's. He worked for us a couple of times, and done a great job....He will be greatly Missed..

Marry Ann Ransom

Mary Ann Ransom - October 28, 2021 at 05:48 PM

RN

“ We had Wayne and his crew out a year ago to cut down a missive tree he was a great guy with a big heart we are sorry for the families loss I’m sure he will be missed Russ & LouAnn Anible



Russ & LouAnn Nible - October 28, 2021 at 12:44 PM

JG

“ Jack and Lauri Gilmer purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Wayne Rinkevicz Sr..



Jack and Lauri Gilmer - October 28, 2021 at 11:14 AM

SB

“ Wayne was like a brother to me. Almost like twins, except he was a lot bigger. We hunted together, fished together, camped together, and got into trouble together. I have so many memories of Wayne that I could probably write a book. I probably should because some of the things we did would seem like a story in fiction and may become a best seller. One memory I think is safe to share is the memory of taking his large brown car as young teenagers and going chipmunk hunting. We went out to the back roads near Whiskey Creek and would try to hit chipmunks with his car, sometimes leaving the road in our attempts. Driving like a race car driver around those curving, bumpy roads, our bodies tossing back and forth, up and down inside the car, laughing our heads off. For all you animal enthusiast out there, the chipmunks were quit safe, I don't recall ever hitting one, but it was sure fun trying. When I think back on this I realize what busy guardian angels we had. We were very fortunate we never met a car coming from the opposite direction. To be young and dumb again! What great times we had. I will miss Wayne terribly, but he lives on through my memories of him. Love you Wayne, rest in peace, say hi to Dad for me!!

*My prayers and thoughts are with all of Wayne's family and friends.
Take comfort in knowing he is in a better place.*

Love,

Scott

Scott Briggs - October 26, 2021 at 09:15 PM

BB

Terri, Wayne Jr., Jordan and family and friends. I am so very sorry for your loss. We have memories going back to 1998. I will always remember his daisy duke shorts. LOL He did so much for us. I shall always remember his generosity and his ability to help anyone in our campground.

Wayne we all loved you and hope you are flying high in the sky. I'll miss your cooking and your stories. Memories are forever.

Boelter's Campground, Oshkosh WI

Bunny Boelter - November 01, 2021 at 06:09 PM

TE

WOW, what a shock, terrible to hear. Wayne cut down many tree for us, last we ran into him was a few years ago at beer festival.. Great guy..

Teresa Eiben - November 06, 2021 at 04:21 PM