



Mr. Gary Michael "Dobe" Galbraith

June 9, 1946 - December 28, 2016

Gary Michael (Dobe) Galbraith Sr., 70, of Amadore, passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 after a struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He was the second born to the late Howard Sr. and Magdalena (Kautz) Galbraith on June 9, 1946 at the family homestead in Amadore. Gary was one of four baby boy Kautz cousins born 9-10 months after his dad returned home from WWII. He had a wonderful childhood.

Gary was a lifelong parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Croswell, where he received all of his Holy Sacraments. He had many lasting friendships that went all the way back to the country school in Amadore. Dobe graduated from Cros-Lex High School in 1964, served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged. After working and commuting daily to Buick in Flint, he retired after 30 years in 1994 and became a man of leisure, always ready to lend a helping hand. He married Kathy Durecka on July 8, 1996.

He loved U of M football, the Detroit Tigers, fried chicken, lots of coffee, playing euchre, daily crossword puzzles, deer hunting, beer, hanging out with his family and buddies, "weinie roasts", watching old war movies, anything Alaska, his beard and History. He had a great memory until Alzheimer's took its toll, and always asked a lot of questions. He started the family tradition of celebrating "Buckhunterman's Eve" every November 14th. Dobe had a loveable and comical quirkiness about him, was polite, kind, honest and spiritual and will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Gary is survived by his wife, Kathy; children, Gary Jr., Eric and Angel; grandchildren: Cassandra, Hannah, Maverick, Kayla, Dacie, Amber, Chelsey and Zachary; stepchildren: Anna (Dan) Zeller, Ben (Kim) Parraghi and Ryan (Margot) Parraghi; ten step-grandchildren and one great step-grandchild; brothers: Larry (Lynn), Jim (Mary) and a sister, Vicki (Mike) Arnold all of Amadore; sisters: Margie (Bob) Zidell of Melvin and Judy (Chuck) Van Eenoo of Croswell and a Godson, Charlie Van Eenoo. He is also survived by many Durecka brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and a large clan of Galbraith and Kautz cousins he grew up with and learned the ways of the world.

Dobe was preceded in death by his parents, older brother, Ace and the mother of his children, Eve.

A Funeral Mass will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at St. Edward's on the Lake Catholic Church, 6945 Lakeshore Road, Lakeport. The Rev. Lee Acervo will officiate.

Visiting hours will be held Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the church. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Croswell following services.

A Rosary will be said Tuesday before Mass in the church.

Pallbearers will be Tom Hurley Jr., Charlie Van Eenoo Jr., Mike Arnold Jr., Dominic Arnold, Ryan Parraghi and Ben Parraghi.

Croswell American Legion will conduct Military Honors.

Arrangements are in care of Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Ave., Port Huron.

He was truly one of a kind, Godspeed Dobe, we love you.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Edwards on the Lake Catholic Church
6945 Lakeshore Road
Lakeport, MI 48059

Funeral Mass

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ A pot of coffee was ready for him at his place at the table for every get together. Oh the stories he reminisced with Larry and I. We will miss our brother Dobe...”

Lynn and Larry - January 01, 2017 at 07:13 PM

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“ I spent many years with Gary as my brother in law and friend.Crickett/ Da. Gary Eve my brother RANDY and myself raised our children as one family. Yes he always asked ,a million questions. The last time we were together he still did. To all Gary family and friends my prayers are with you .

crickett - January 01, 2017 at 03:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Michael "Dobe" Galbraith.



December 31, 2016 at 03:18 PM

RJ

“ Rose Jones purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Gary Michael "Dobe" Galbraith.



Rose Jones - December 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ What a Great Man & Friend! Known since childhood where has Time gone! How as an Adult I can remember all the Great Times in Growing up Horse Back Riding, Winter Snowmobiling, the Old Hill accross Black River to have nite Snow Tobaganing & Bond Fire. But Best of All The Old Amadoe Store!! All the times to walk the ditch picking up glass bottles to make enough money to buy ice cream at the store. Your Family "The Galbraith's" were and still are Great Friends and Always Will Be Forever!! Will'll miss you Gary but may God Grant You "PEACE"!! RIP OLD FRIEND!! Alway Our Love The Jones Rosie & Ed (Ramage)

Rose Jones - December 30, 2016 at 11:51 PM

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“ He was my grandfather who I respect and adored ill forever hold the memory's we shared close to my heart man was a humbled loving tyrant and I wait to see him again I love you dobey

Shane zeller - December 30, 2016 at 06:41 PM



“ I Gary's stepdaughter Anna had so many memories with Dobie. He liked coming to my house and having coffee we could talk fot hpurs.He loved me and my children as if we were his own. He was always so kind and thoughtful.And boy did he love to clesn!! My kitchen was always spic and span when Dobie was over. I feel si bad over his illness. But I know he is at peace again. I love you Dobie you wete and slways will be one of the very best fathers and grandpa.

Anna Zeller - December 30, 2016 at 03:18 PM

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“ *My love and prayers are with you all! Dobe always was such a kind man! When I came home from Alaska he couldn't wait to hear about all we did there! He was loved and will be missed!* ”



Laura Detary - December 30, 2016 at 02:01 PM