



## Daniel "Stretch" Henry Gardner

January 16, 1954 - January 17, 2023

Daniel Henry "Stretch" Gardner passed away on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 doing what he loved the most, driving truck.

He was born January 16th, 1954 to Robert Gardner and Elizabeth Lee in Bad Axe Michigan. On November 13th, 1982 he married the love of his life Clema Przemytski. Dan was a semi truck driver for 45 years currently employed by Buchholz transportation and Countryside transportation. His job was his hobby and it's what he loved doing the most, making many friends along the way. He loved riding his Harley, spending time with his family, and was always ready for a good meal. He will always be remembered and forever known for his great sense of humor and his famous story telling. He was quick to make a friend and always ready for a laugh, he will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Dan is survived by his wife of 40 years, Clema Przemytski. His Son Clement and his fiancé Amanda Tschirhart. His granddaughters Shelby Gardner, Layne Glaza, Alexis Brandt. He is survived by one Brother Jim Gardner (Julie) One sister Chris Gohlke (Dennis) Sister in laws Cheryl Gardner, Barbara Schmidt, Carol Johnson

Dan is preceded in Death by his brother Matt Gardner, Brother in laws Jim Johnson and Michael Schmidt and his beloved dog Lisa.

Services for Dan will be held Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 4 pm at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Visitation will held on Saturday from 10 am until the service time at 4 pm.

Buchholz Transportation will be conducting a Truck parade in Honor of Dan starting at Buchholz Transportation in Pigeon at 9am before the visitation begins.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Thumb Area Animal Shelter in Dan's name.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.  
84 Westland Dr  
Bad Axe, MI 48413  
(989) 269-3000  
kaufmanfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Daniel "Stretch" Henry Gardner

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ So sorry I can't make it for the service. Dan was a unique guy. The great story teller. Hugs to Clema and Clement and all the family. 🙏❤️

Kathleen Householder - January 27, 2023 at 03:25 PM



“ Jim And Tamara Fuller lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Stretch" Henry Gardner



Jim and Tamara Fuller - January 25, 2023 at 04:50 PM



Knowing this gentle giant for 37 years he became not only a friend but family. He had so many Canadian friends that always loved hearing his detailed stories. RIP my friend. Until we meet again.

Jim and Tamara Fuller - January 25, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ Jim And Tamara Fuller lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Stretch" Henry Gardner



Jim and Tamara Fuller - January 25, 2023 at 04:42 PM

PS

“ Pat And Dave Smith lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Stretch" Henry Gardner



Pat and Dave Smith - January 25, 2023 at 04:34 PM

PS

We will miss our friend who called home the thumb of Michigan love Dave and Pat Smith. RIP our friend.



Pat and Dave Smith - January 25, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel "Stretch" Henry Gardner.



January 24, 2023 at 03:43 PM

DM

“ Our deepest sympathy for Dan's entire family and coworkers. Dan was always so thoughtful and kind to everyone. God's Blessings and Peace. Fred & Margaret Family, David & Peg McCrimmon

david mccrimmon - January 23, 2023 at 09:52 AM

JJ

“ Stretch was one of the Kindest ,Sweetest,Generous people I have ever known He always had the best stories to tell and was the best listener ,always concerned about his family and friends . You will be sorely missed 💔 RIP my friend Love from 🇨🇦..

Jill Jaynes - January 22, 2023 at 08:11 PM

JJ

“ Jill & Bob Jaynes lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Stretch" Henry Gardner



Jill & Bob Jaynes - January 22, 2023 at 07:39 PM

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“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Daniel "Stretch" Henry Gardner.



January 22, 2023 at 03:13 PM

RM

“ Rhonda Matelski lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Stretch" Henry Gardner



Rhonda Matelski - January 22, 2023 at 11:55 AM

DE

“ Clema , Bone and family sending my prayers and hugs to you. Keeping you in my thoughts during this devastating time and after.....



Dee - January 20, 2023 at 08:42 PM

KM

Was a classmate of Dan's at good ol' Sebewaing High School ('72) I Saw him at our 50th Reunion last June. Was on our Cardinals Pony League baseball team when we were 8 or 9. God bless him!  
--Ken Marotzke

Ken Marotzke - January 22, 2023 at 03:38 PM

DC

Clema, my heartfelt condolences on the loss of Dan. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. God bless. Jim and Del Czewski

Delphine M Czewski - January 22, 2023 at 05:48 PM

SG

“ So sorry to hear about Dan.He was a great guy.Will miss him

Sue Gottschalk - January 20, 2023 at 05:49 PM

SJ

“ So very sorry for your loss. Dan was a great friend to many. Always had a smile and a good story to tell. He will be missed.

Stacy and Michelle Jarson - January 20, 2023 at 05:02 PM

DA

“ I'm so sorry Clema and Clement and the rest of the family for your loss. My heart is breaking for all of you. Sending you all prayers and lots of love and hugs. Donna Arn

Donna Arn - January 20, 2023 at 04:43 PM

KD

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dan's passing. Dan was a great guy. He and my Dad (Dick Champagne) were friends for years. Lots of memories of their stories.  
Dan's Goddaughter  
Kristine (Champagne)Diebel

Kristine Diebel - January 20, 2023 at 04:26 PM

WL

“ Westway Feed Products, LLC purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Daniel "Stretch" Henry Gardner.



Westway Feed Products, LLC - January 20, 2023 at 03:32 PM

JF

“ Jim And Tamara Fuller lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Stretch" Henry Gardner



Jim and Tamara Fuller - January 20, 2023 at 03:00 PM

JF

*RIP my friend. This gentle giant will be missed by his Canadian family.*



**Jim and Tamara Fuller** - January 20, 2023 at 03:03 PM

MB

*Clema and Clement, we are so very sorry to hear about Dan's passing. We wish you and your family strength in the coming time. His neighbors Sid and Marie Berridge*

**Marie Berridge** - January 21, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ *Condolences sent to family & friends.*

**Marylou Krueger** - January 20, 2023 at 02:31 PM

RB

“ *Clema and Clement, you have my sincere condolences. I am so very sorry to hear of Dan passing. He was always so pleasant and smiling. I am so sorry for your loss.*



**Rosalie Bucholtz** - January 20, 2023 at 02:28 PM

MN

“ *Mary Beth And Ron Nimtzt lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Stretch" Henry Gardner*



**Mary Beth and Ron Nimtzt** - January 20, 2023 at 01:50 PM

JJ

“ *Janice And Jim lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Stretch" Henry Gardner*



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**Janice and Jim** - January 20, 2023 at 01:48 PM

JJ

*Our sincerest condolences to Clema and family 🌸*

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**Janice and Jim** - January 20, 2023 at 01:49 PM

EL

“ *Enoch And Linda lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Stretch" Henry Gardner*



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**Enoch and Linda** - January 20, 2023 at 01:36 PM

EL

*Our deepest sympathies to Clema and family. Rest In Peace Stretch.*

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**Enoch and Linda** - January 20, 2023 at 02:20 PM

SF

*I'm so sorry to loose Uncle Dan, the gentle giant I remember. Sincere love and condolences to my sweet Aunt Kay and Clement and his family.*

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**Susie Fulton** - January 20, 2023 at 02:36 PM