



Douglas Gay

December 25, 1953 - October 22, 2017

Douglas Gay, age 63, of Bad Axe, passed away on Sunday October 22, 2017, at McLaren Bay Region Hospital in Bay City.

Douglas was born in Bad Axe on December 25, 1953, son of late Charles and Elizabeth (Morneau) Gay. He married Linda Rifenbark on July 5, 1996 in Bad Axe.

Douglas is survived by his wife Linda Gay of Bad Axe.

3 Sons-Charlie Gay of Mt. Pleasant, Patrick Paicz of Bad Axe and David (Mendy) Paicz of Kalkaska.

2 Brothers-Dan Gay of Kansas City, KS and Dave (LouAnn) Gay of Montana.

5 Grandchildren.

In keeping with Doug's wishes, cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe.

Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas Gay*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *i realy had fun with my grandfather i will never forget him his grandkids are damon bradley david kanbre kenidy rane anabellei love u gramppy*

damon paicz - May 13, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ *Doug was such a great person. When my wife and I were newly married and lived across the street, he helped us so many times! Whether it was helping us mow our lawn, snow blow our driveway, or lending me garden tools, he was always ready to help with a smile on his face. He was a great neighbor and friend. God Bless you Doug!*

Jeremy Roth - October 27, 2017 at 08:58 AM



Thank you Jeremy. God bless you and the whole Roth family!

linda gay - November 19, 2017 at 10:23 AM



“ *Hi Linda. It's Bonnie Micklash. I am so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. Please take care.*

bonnie micklash - October 27, 2017 at 08:45 AM

LG

Thank you Bonnie! God bless you and your family!

linda gay - November 19, 2017 at 10:26 AM

AM

“ *Dear Doug, such a nice person. May you rest in peace.*

Ann Minnick Massey

Ann M Massey - October 26, 2017 at 05:11 PM

LG

Thank you Ann. God bless!

linda gay - November 19, 2017 at 10:32 AM

LL

“ *I am so sorry Doug is gone-really hit's you when it's a person so young. His suffering is over-may he rest in peace.*

Lora Lerash - October 26, 2017 at 12:15 AM

LG

He's in a much better place! God's in for a treat with that man. Lol! God bless

linda gay - November 19, 2017 at 10:34 AM

HW

“ *God speed Doug! My thought prayers to your family. Remembering you friendly smile and kindness. Rest In Peace.*

Heidi (Steinhardt) Walker

Heidi Walker - October 25, 2017 at 08:30 PM

BH

“ Another North Stanley "kid" expressing how deeply sorry I am to read this news. Doug was always a great guy, both when we were kids, all though high school and during the several occasions I ran into him (usually at the grocery store) these last few years. My condolences to the entire Gay family. Doug will certainly be missed.

Bill Holdship - October 25, 2017 at 05:23 PM

JR

“ Doug was a very special friend and co-worker. His heart was full of compassion. He made the work day fun. His sense of humor and quick wit always left us amazed. During one of our Board of Commissioners luncheon he replaced my baked potatoes with rocks wrapped in tinfoil because he wasn't invited to lunch. He was a dear special person and he made my heart smile. He will be missed by his family and friends. Thinking of the family and keeping you in my prayers.

Jeanette Renn

Jeanette Renn - October 25, 2017 at 12:48 PM

BP

Linda, I am so sorry to hear about Doug.. my thoughts & prayers are with you.. xoxo

Barbara Jean Paicz - October 25, 2017 at 01:58 PM

BL

“ Linda, Dan, & Dave;

Our condolences to the Gay family on Doug's passing. Doug was always a great person. to talk too! He had a witty sense of humor about him that will be sorely missed. His playful laughter as I recall was quite infectious. I know Doug's friends were very important to him and he was always there to support them. When my brother Garth passed away in 2007 Doug was their to pay his respects to our family. Now it is my turn to pay my respects to Doug and his family.

Please know you are all in our prayers!

Respectfully;

Bradford & Carol Langley

Bradford W. Langley - October 25, 2017 at 10:33 AM

SE

“ *My deepest condolences go out to Douglas Gay and his fine family. Doug was very kind, genrorous, fun loving, and was super talented gifted person. I remember feeding him basketballs at the rim and he would stuff it through the hoop. Hope that your still soaring like you did then. Will miss him.*

Steven Eilers - October 24, 2017 at 11:33 PM

JD

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about this. Doug was one of the neighborhood gang, and I've often looked back at my childhood with him and his brothers. Too young to have passed away so soon. God speed, Doug.*

Jim Dawe - October 24, 2017 at 07:45 PM



“ *All the great memories growing up across the street from Doug. Sandlot baseball, trips to the west pit, and so much more. The lives you touched will always remember you fondly, and your presence will be missed.*

Robert Swackhamer - October 24, 2017 at 07:19 PM

DG

Robert thank you for your nice comments. You brought back some good memories great to hear from you

Dan Gay - October 24, 2017 at 10:29 PM

JJ

“ *I bowled with Doug for many years played softball with him partied with him never a bad time was a kind gentle soul I truly learned a lot from you Doug ,,,rip my friend*

john jewett - October 24, 2017 at 07:12 PM

MN

“ *My condolences to your family. Many good memories growing up in Catholic school, Little league and High School. Rest in Peace brother.*

Matthew Ney - October 24, 2017 at 06:50 PM

SL

“ *So very sorry to hear this. Prayers for Linda and all the family..*

Sally Lapka - October 24, 2017 at 05:48 PM

AH

“ So many memories, I can't pick one. We had so many good times together... Football, Baseball, Basketball, Track, Swimming in the pits around Bad Axe, doing all kinds of crazy things. I enjoyed your company so much and I'm so glad you were a part of my life! My sincere condolences to the family and to his many friends!



Alan Hewens - October 24, 2017 at 04:59 PM

JF

Lived right across the street. I remember Doug as always happy go lucky and a good athlete. RIP

Jo Anne (ToddO Froelich - October 24, 2017 at 10:23 PM

CK

So very sorry to hear of the passing of Doug, deepest condolences go to Linda and family, so very sorry.

cheryl L Kritzman - October 25, 2017 at 08:53 AM

KB

“ RIP my friend 🙏 Many memories growing up on North Stanley Street.

kay murray brunette - October 24, 2017 at 03:44 PM

Mary
Essenmacher

“ Our deepest condolences and sympathy to Doug's family and friends...We had some great times together dear friend...you will always be part of my growing up years, and remembered with fondness...you will be missed...

Mary Essenmacher - October 24, 2017 at 03:24 PM

LA

“ Remember Doug as a leader.he organised fellow classmates at Sacred heart school to ask priest to form a basketball team for junior high. And it was well received and foformed!

Larry - October 24, 2017 at 03:18 PM



God speed Doug

Donald Joseph - October 24, 2017 at 07:12 PM

D(

“ I remember meeting Doug long time ago.. He's always been a sweet caring kind man.. Always smiling and telling his little jokes.. He truly loved Linda they were so cute together.. He will be missed by all of us.. Rest in peace Doug.. Sending lots of love and hugs to the family .. God bless you all.. Love always Donna.

Donna Arn (Apley) - October 24, 2017 at 02:18 PM

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Last name is Arn now

Donna Arn (Apley) - October 24, 2017 at 02:19 PM

DH

“ I have many memories of Doug as we played High School Basketball together. I have not seen Doug in many years but have thought of him often. God bless his family in this trying times.
Dick Harner

Dick Harner - October 24, 2017 at 12:05 PM

SG

“ I see my father so much in Doug. May he and his family find peace and comfort. He is now with his father and mother.

Shelly Gay - October 24, 2017 at 11:19 AM

WW

“ We send out deepest sympathy to Doug's family. He was a great person and had such a wonderful smile. He will be missed by many friends. Walt and Sarah Wilson

Walt & Sarah Wilson - October 24, 2017 at 10:55 AM

LS

“ I always enjoyed talking to Doug. He was so comforting when our dad was ill and shared some really nice memories of him. I will be keeping Doug's family in my prayers.

Lori Stone - October 24, 2017 at 10:44 AM