



Randolf "Randy" Forster

July 21, 1943 - January 22, 2020

Randolph "Randy" Forster, age 76 of Bad Axe, passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at McLaren Bay Special Care after a brief, but hard-fought battle with pulmonary issues. Randy was born on July 21, 1943 in Warren, MI, to the late Otto and Betty (Rolph) Forster. He attended Laker High School. On a snowy November 30, 1979, he married his wife, Jean (Nugent) at her parent's farmhouse in Bad Axe.

Randy dedicated many years working as an officer for the Bad Axe Police Department, and retired from the Huron County Sheriff's Office, where he was a supervisor for the Community Work Program. He had a true ability for giving sound, life advice on many occasions, and made it a point that others knew their full value and potential. He could connect and build quality relationships with anyone. Among his many interests were hunting, fishing, ham radio, coffee crew, and spending countless summer days finding garage sale treasures with his best friend of many years, Ed. His true passion, however, was his family. He was a proud brother, uncle, God-father, and most importantly, Papa. He lived and breathed for his twin granddaughters, whom he affectionately referred to as "his girls."

Surviving are his wife, Jean; four children, Becky (Tim) Stephan of Bad Axe, Debbie (Dave) Stringer of Ubyly, Steve (Kristie) Forster of Bad Axe, and Dave (Nicole) Forster of Tampa, FL; seven grandchildren, Harper, Baylee, Leah,

Nicole, Eric, Sara and Josh; one brother, Scott Forster of Elkton, and many nieces and nephews. Randy was preceded in death by two brothers – Ron and Rod Forster.

Services to celebrate Randy's life will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 11am, at the Bad Axe First United Methodist Church; with Rev. Phil Tousley officiating. Burial will be in Colfax Township Cemetery. Friends may call for visitation on Friday, January 24, 2020, from 2-8pm at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe, or Saturday at the church from 10am until service time at 11am.

Cemetery Details

Colfax Township

Bad Axe, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JAN **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
216 E. Woodworth
Bad Axe, MI

Service

JAN **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Randolf "Randy" Forster*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Randy, Ron, Rod and Scott, my first Cousins were there for us during the passing of my dad, brother and most recently my mother. I only wished that I had known , I would have been there for him too, R.I.P. Randy.*

Brad Rolph

Brad Rolph - April 07, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *Dear Jeannie- can't tell you how how devastated we are about your loss. What a great human being he was. Everyone loved him and that is the greatest legacy ever. Love you- Lora and Dick Humbarger*

Lora A Lerash - January 28, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ *Randy was an awesome man, neighbor and friend. Always caring about others and their problems. Will greatly be missed. RIP my friend.*

Dan Thompson - January 28, 2020 at 04:03 PM

AH

“ *Ann And Don Herford lit a candle in memory of Randolph "Randy" Forster*



Ann and Don Herford - January 28, 2020 at 02:50 PM

AE

“ *Randy was an AMAZING man who never failed to bring a smile to my face. Ive never had someone love me just because I remember how they like their coffee. I will miss you always Randy. Thank you for everything you and Jean have done for me. <3*

Autumn Eremia - January 26, 2020 at 02:31 PM

KW

“ *Randy and I were good Friends for most of my life in Elkton. High school we would hang out often. Always Love his 56 Ford, had many good times in that car. We had a lot of conversions, After leaving Elkton didn't see him much. Did talk with him awhile back I was flying making some low passes over my Uncle Phil's shop on the west city limits. Randy stop in and talked with my cousin Ed wanting to know who that was . My cousin Ed said Ken Wiederhold. I called about that time and we had a good conversation. Always Loved Randy he was a great Friend. He will be missed. to the Family sorry for your lost.*

Ken Wiederhold

Ken Wiederhold - January 26, 2020 at 11:17 AM

TS

“ Randy was a heck of a nice guy and a really great friend. I met Randy a few years ago through another great friend Roy Ratcliff, Roy And I did some work for Randy and since then Randy and i became great friends i would see him and or his wife at Walmart in Bad Axe where i work and i would see him at McDonald’s Restaurant having coffee and i would say hi and he would say hi back. R. I. P. Randy you will be forever in our hearts, prayers and thoughts

Thomas Michalski Sr - January 25, 2020 at 12:26 PM

RK

“ Randy was one of my favorite customers at Walsh Packing. He always had a smile, a laugh and could take a joke. I shall truly miss his smile laugh - him. So sorry for your loss Scott. Sending prayers.

Rana Karl - January 24, 2020 at 12:36 PM

NJ

“ Nadine Janik lit a candle in memory of Randolph "Randy" Forster



Nadine janik - January 24, 2020 at 07:48 AM

NJ

So sorry to hear of Randy’s passing. I’ll miss him saying “hey kid” followed by the biggest hug ever. I feel very blessed to have known this great man. Hugs and prayers for the family.

Nadine janik - January 24, 2020 at 07:52 AM

EK

“ Dear Jean and family,
It is with a heavy heart we find that we lost Randy. We remember him well as a young man. He was always friendly and managed at least a hello or a "Hi" to us. May Our Lord give you peace and grace in these trying times. God bless.



Carl and Evelyn Krohn

Evelyn Krohn - January 23, 2020 at 08:02 PM

SM

“ Dear Jeannie and Family,
My sincerest condolences to you all on Randy's passing. I will miss him. Always kind to me. He had a way to make you feel special. He would give the best hugs!! Always bringing out his phone to show me the latest pictures of the twins!! We lost one of "the good guys". I pray God gives you the peace you deserve, along with the knowledge of how blessed everyone he met was.



Sue McAuley - January 23, 2020 at 06:12 PM

TY

“ Terry and Barb Yageman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Randolph "Randy" Forster.



Terry and Barb Yageman - January 23, 2020 at 04:53 PM

GL

“ Jean and family,
Sending our sincere sympathy, thoughts and prayers to all of you, at this time of your loss of Randy. He was a great guy, and, am sure that he will be missed by many that knew him. May God bestow His great love and peace upon all of you, now and always.

Gloria and Jerry Laughlin

Gloria and Jerry Laughlin - January 23, 2020 at 12:10 PM

MS

“ Mick And Marge Schott lit a candle in memory of Randolph "Randy" Forster



Mick and Marge Schott - January 23, 2020 at 11:42 AM

KF

“ He was always such a kind and loving man. Always loved to visit. I've know him forever .. his family was a great group of people. So sorry for your loss. He will be missed..

Kim Dubey Fritz - January 23, 2020 at 11:22 AM

KH

“ Prayers to the entire family. Randy was such a friendly man and always enjoyed talking with him.

Karen and Duey Holz - January 23, 2020 at 11:06 AM

DS

“ Randy always had a smile for us. He will be missed.

David and Janis Stein - January 23, 2020 at 10:59 AM

BH

“ This news really saddened me this morning. I just saw Randy a little over a month ago in the parking lot at the Bad Axe hospital. We had a nice talk. I was glad to make contact with him again after all these years at Vince Pearl's summer fish fries a few years ago. We laughed a lot talking about his police work (and some of my crowd's teenage antics) back in the day. My sincerest sympathy and condolences to the family. He will be greatly missed.

Bill Holdship - January 23, 2020 at 10:42 AM

AS

“ Deepest condolences to the family. One of the "good ones", a true gentleman.

Andy & Jean Sommers

Andrew Sommers - January 23, 2020 at 09:42 AM

DL

He had a smile on his face all the time, and we loved having him at the gun club. We will miss him.

Dan Little - January 23, 2020 at 11:52 AM

PD

I am so grateful I was able to meet Randy last summer when he worked with me on memory discs of my husbands work to give his family. I was having a memorial service for him and Randy made my job his priority and did such a wonderful presentation we will all cherish, he was so kind. What a sad loss, my prayers are with his family

Pat Davis - January 23, 2020 at 06:20 PM

BP

Jeannie, i am so sorry for your loss, i met Randy way back in the early 70's when he was a police officer, and came into the Nicohols restaurant all the time for coffee, where i was working at the time.. he was always nice to everyone who worked there. R.I.P. Randy.. thoughts & prayers are w/you Jean & the family... Barb Paicz

Barb Paicz - March 08, 2020 at 06:01 PM