



Charles S. Rife

July 25, 1953 - June 18, 2022

Charles S. Rife, age 68, of Gobles, passed away Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Rose Arbor, Kalamazoo. Charlie was born July 25, 1953 in Grand Rapids, son of the late Corwin and Elizabeth Rife and had lived his entire life in the Gobles area. Charlie was a man who could fix anything but dinner. He shared his father's dream of self-sustainability. He was a very knowledgeable man and loved to share what he knew with anyone. Charlie was very mechanically minded, fixing watches and clocks from the age of 8. From there it was on to motorcycles, then cars, he was willing to work on anything. He was a farmer and gardener always striving to stay organic. Charlie was a wonderful friend and neighbor and was willing to give anyone the shirt off his back. He also served as a Cub Scout leader. Charlie was a lover of Civil War reenactment and had led the local VFW post members in the Gobles and Otsego / Plainwell Memorial Day Parades for many years. Even during the covid shutdown, Charlie still marched through Gobles playing his drum. Charlie could be a talker and met a stranger only once. More than anything though Charlie loved his family and cherished every moment they spent together.

Surviving is his wife of nearly 22 years, Deb; children, Careen Rife, Catie Rife, Colton Rife, Jennifer (Joe) Coudron, Trisha Winkler, Rachel Nuyen; 12 grandchildren; siblings, Spencer (Dr. Lynn) Rife, James (Karen) Agopian, Sandy (Joe) Leonard; his first wife, Lourene Rife. He was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Gretchen Olan, and his parents.

Funeral services will take place on Friday, June 24th, 11 AM at the Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com. Interment will follow in Earl Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to gbmresearch.org

Previous Events

Service

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gobles Chapel
208 West Main Street
Gobles, MI

Tribute Wall

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“ *Annette, & Steve and Yuko Rife purchased the Best of California Wine Gift Basket for the family of Charles S. Rife.*



Annette, & Steve and Yuko Rife - June 23, 2022 at 05:39 PM


Francesca
Preston

“ *Hard to believe you are not physically with us anymore - but your spirit lives on - both in Heaven as in our hearts. I remember that hearty laugh, that strong and proud drummer, that Mr.Fixanything and can do attitude, the strong and stubborn streak that saw you through many a trial - that zest for life you had. Thanks for the love and the laughter through the years. Looking forward to seeing you again in Heaven, cousin mine. ~Annette*

Francesca Preston - June 23, 2022 at 05:16 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charles S. Rife.*



June 23, 2022 at 07:30 AM

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“ *To one of the nicest people ever. What a drummer. RIP Charlie!*

Sue Hultquist - June 22, 2022 at 02:06 PM



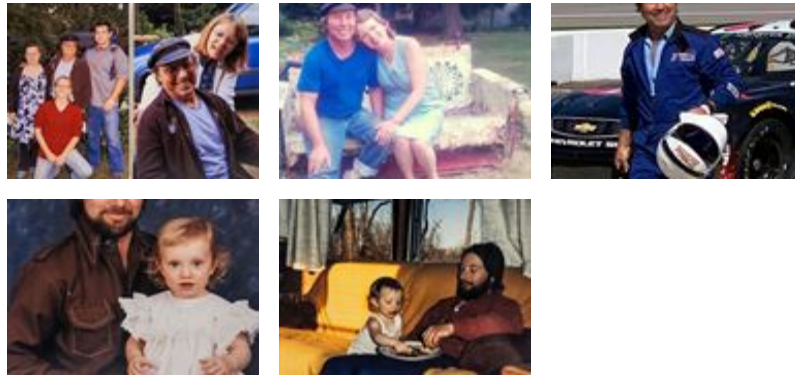
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Charles S. Rife.



June 21, 2022 at 10:17 PM



“ 40 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



D.L. Miller Funeral Home - June 21, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charles S. Rife.



June 21, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles S. Rife.*



June 21, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I've known Charlie for many years, having grown up around the corner from each other by Alamo. My thoughts, prayers, and love go out to the entire family. May your memories and support of family, friends, and each other help you get through this time of grief.* Joyce Hiemstra Hunt

Joyce Hiemstra Hunt - June 20, 2022 at 09:24 PM



Deb, I am so sorry for your loss. May God's peace and understanding surround you, and memories be of comfort my friend ❤️

Christine Hollaway - June 21, 2022 at 07:46 AM



Charlie - A kind, spirited, creative man who always brought a smile.

May peace be with you,

Rick & Kelley DePauw

RICK DEPAUW - June 22, 2022 at 11:49 AM



Just about the best person I ever met. You are loved and will be missed. Rest In Peace my friend.

Dirk Scheerenberg - June 22, 2022 at 03:41 PM