



## Daren L. Drake

July 4, 1969 - June 16, 2011

Passed away Thursday June 16, 2011 in Kalamazoo. Daren was born July 4, 1969 in Kalamazoo, the son of Robert and Nada (Griner) and has lived in Paw Paw the past 8 years. He was an avid outdoorsman that loved hunting, fishing and racing. He enjoyed his work building and fabricating race cars. Surviving is his wife, Jennifer, whom he married on July 22 of 2002; 4 children, Stephanie, Rebecca, Ryan, and Brody; his parents, Robert (Elaine); 2 brothers, Robert Cory (Jessica) and Derek (Jennifer); a sister, Danielle (Brian) Solak; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Nada Griner, and a sister, Laura. The family will meet friends Monday from 5-7 PM at the GOBLES CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. A private service will follow the visitation. The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel  
208 West Main Street  
Gobles, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ To the Drake Family,  
I'm very sorry for the death that you've experienced in your family recently. I've just been sharing a comforting scripture with you and similar individuals who have lost dear loved ones in death. John 11:25 says... "He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life."  
I also agree with the bible when it says at Acts 24:15... That "there will be a resurrection, of both the righteous and unrighteous"  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.. please know that I' am thinking of you and your family during this hardship.  
Thank you for your time,  
Sincerely,  
Caleb Aniol###imported-begin##Caleb Aniol###imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 08:16 AM



“ Jen and family, we will miss Daren much more than you know, the camping and hunting and just to know him was a joy.We are blessed to have had him in our lives, please know we are here for you.###imported-begin##Ron, Judy Dopieralski###imported-end##

June 20, 2011 at 09:03 AM



“ Daren you will be missed you were a great father and husband.###imported-begin##Angela Reidt###imported-end##

June 20, 2011 at 08:43 AM



“ Jen, so sorry for your loss. You fought a good fight. Thinking of you and your family.###imported-begin##Carol Daly###imported-end##

June 19, 2011 at 11:12 PM



“ Jen, please know we are so sorry to hear about Daren, you're in our thoughts now and for the days to come. We're thinking of you!!! Love, Joelle, Jeff, Anakin Hanley###imported-begin##Joelle Hanley###imported-end##

June 19, 2011 at 10:37 AM



“ Dear Jennifer and family, we are so very sorry for your loss and the pain you have all had to endure the last month. I was a dear friend of Nada's and have known who her children were their whole lives. Maybe you be comforted by the memory of Nada's funny stories and Daren's zest for life. Mary Jane and Del##imported-begin##Mary Jane Derhammer Newell & Del Newell##imported-end##

June 19, 2011 at 09:05 AM



“ Cory and girls, sorry about the loss of your love one.##imported-begin##Deb Douglas##imported-end##

June 19, 2011 at 01:12 AM



“ Cory and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prays are with you and your family. Ginger##imported-begin##Ginger Johnson (Cochran)##imported-end##

June 18, 2011 at 06:25 PM



“ Jenny and Family: Words cannot express the deepest sorrow I am feeling now as you mourn the loss of Darren. He was always there for my son Jim no matter what. Even though he was not feeling well, he came to the visitation for my husband last year. I know Darren is now in heaven and rejoicing to be free of his pain. May our Lord God give comfort and strength to each of you at this time.##imported-begin##Sharon A Cubitt##imported-end##

June 18, 2011 at 05:42 PM



“ Jen & Family - Words cannot express the feelings involved in this loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time - may the good memories will be there to comfort you.##imported-begin##Mandy Dixon##imported-end##

June 18, 2011 at 03:46 PM



“ Jen~  
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Anne Deaton##imported-end##

June 17, 2011 at 04:58 PM



“ Jen,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I'm so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Jennifer Benthin##imported-end##

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June 17, 2011 at 04:45 PM



“ My heart breaks for you all. Terribly sorry for your loss. He put up a very good hard fought fight. Love you all.

Aunt Laura, Ashley, Nathan and Bailey##imported-begin##Laura Weaver##imported-end##

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June 17, 2011 at 03:27 PM