



Duane L. Goss

May 18, 1931 - December 30, 2017

Duane L. Goss, a long time resident of Bangor was taken to his new residence with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, December 30, 2017.

Duane was born on May 18, 1931 to Boyd and Hazel (Havener) Goss in Bangor Township and moved to Mishawaka, IN where he graduated high school and took classes at Indiana University. He then married Thelma (Miller) Goss on May 26, 1951 and moved to Bangor where he lived his entire adult life. Duane was an electrician and owned Goss Electric in Bangor for many years before taking a job with The Michigan State Police as a Fire Safety Executive. Duane was active in the Bangor community serving as the Bangor Building and Electrical Inspector, City Manager, member of the school board, City Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority, Economic Development Corporation, County Planning Commission, and the Bangor Fire Department for 35 years, 12 of those as Chief. He was also an adjunct instructor for the University of Michigan, Southwestern Michigan College, and The National Fire Academy, and served as the construction coordinator for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources developing the Kal-Haven Trail.

Duane loved camping, traveling to all fifty states, all provinces of Canada, and 14 foreign countries. He also loved sports; officiating high school and college basketball for many years. He was a member of the Bangor Free Methodist Church where he served in many capacities for over 60 years.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Thelma, two daughters, Linda (Steve) Schiele of Schoolcraft, Debbie (Jack) Miller of Cadillac, two sons, David (Sally) Goss of Bangor, and Brian (Marie) Goss of Nolensville, TN, nine grandchildren, four step grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren, one brother, Garold (Diane) Goss of Bristol, IN, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ernest Melvin Goss and Elmer Goss.

Services will be held at the Bangor Free Methodist Church on Wednesday, January 3 at 11:00 a.m.

Visitation will take place at Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 2 from 6-8 p.m. and at the Bangor Free Methodist Church on Wednesday, January 3 at 10-11 a.m.

Memorials can be made to the Bangor Free Methodist Church or to Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan at www.hospiceswmi.org.

Cemetery Details

Arlington Hill Cemetery

56838 - 28th Avenue
Bangor, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bangor Free Methodist Church
304 W. Douglas
Bangor, MI

Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bangor Free Methodist Church
304 W. Douglas
Bangor, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Very sorry to hear of your loss. Duane was a great man. One of the best firefighters I've ever known. He will be greatly missed. Blessings to you all- Barry Tourtellotte and family*

Jessica Tourtellotte - January 04, 2018 at 07:20 PM



“ *Love you all so much, my cousins.*



Jennifer Miller - January 03, 2018 at 06:28 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss, Thelma and family; our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Karl & Ruth Hewitt*

Karl & Ruth Hewitt - January 03, 2018 at 02:40 PM



“ *To the family of Duane Goss,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Duane gave me a great deal of initial guidance and insight during the early years of my fire service career. Thank you for sharing him with the Michigan fire service. Rica and I are unable to attend the funeral but will be there in thought. God bless your family.*

Rica and Deward Beeler (Retired Region Supervisor, MI Fire Fighters Training Council)

Deward B Beeler - January 03, 2018 at 01:25 AM

KH

“ *Kathy Hite lit a candle in memory of Duane L. Goss*



Kathy Hite - January 02, 2018 at 01:15 PM

PK

“ *To Thelma, Linda, Debbie, David, Brian and families. So sorry for your loss. Your dad was a very kind and caring man. I know that family was very important to him and that he loved each one of you very much. Have been praying for all of you. With much love, Mark & Pam Kapenga*

pam kapenga - January 02, 2018 at 10:24 AM

CG

*May the Lord bless you in the days ahead and may you feel His comfort and love. know you will be missing your husband/dad/grandpa every single day! Thankful for heaven!!
Love you, Colleen Glass*

Colleen Glass - January 24, 2018 at 08:08 PM

BB

To the family of Duane Goss. I send my condolences to your family. I have often thought of the years growing up in Bangor and attending the Free Methodist Church and your-Baker lovely family. I used to babysit for Linda, Deb and David. God continue to bless you, Beverly Harris-Baker.

Beverly Baker - February 02, 2018 at 03:22 PM

MB

“ *Maggie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Duane L. Goss*



Maggie Brooks - January 01, 2018 at 10:03 PM

MB

with deepest sympathy to the Family of Duane. He was a great man with a big Heart! RIP

f

Maggie Brooks - January 01, 2018 at 10:16 PM

NP

“ *With deepest sympathy to Thelma and family. Duane never met a stranger. He will be greatly missed.*

NanCe & Ralph Piper - January 01, 2018 at 05:33 PM

AE

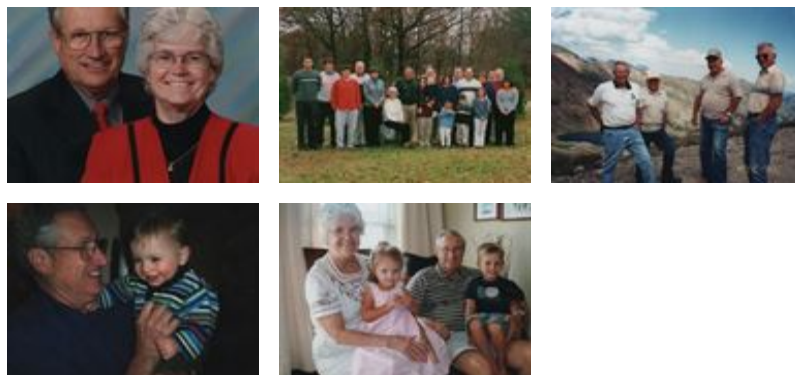
“ *Thelma I am so sorry that you are now dealing with the terrible loss of Duane. One is never prepared no matter how long you have. I Am sorry I can't be there to give him a good bye visit and a big hug to you. I will always be so thankful for Duane being a sub father to Marie and helping her see what a devoted husband and father were. He was a good example to so many. Hug the kids for me and let warm memories help all of you get thru the coming days. You are in my prayers and thoughts as always. May GOD bless you all and flood your mind with great memories and happier times. Love you Ann Eifler*



Ann Eifler - January 01, 2018 at 04:03 PM



“ *38 files added to the album Life Tributes*



D.L. Miller Funeral Home - January 01, 2018 at 01:42 PM

CF

“ So sorry to hear of Duane' s passing. I have so many memories of Duane from working with him for a summer, family camping, get togethers after church, being a neighbor and many other great times to numerous to mention. Norma and I are in Florida and will miss the celebration of his wonderful life. Our prayer will be with you during this difficult time.

God Bless

Chuck and Norma French

Chuck French - January 01, 2018 at 12:09 PM

RB

“ *Thelma & Family, We extend our sincere Sympathy! Was so special to visit you a few years back, and to have you in our home before that. Thankful we got better acquainted with Duane and part of your family.*

Eldon & Ruth Badertscher

Ruth Badertscher - January 01, 2018 at 12:02 PM

DL

“ Brian and family: It is with great sadness that we learn of the passing of Duane. He was my mentor during my early years in the Fire Service and helped me achieve my instructors certificate then. Many hours were spend discussing the fire service in general behind the fire station in South Haven and on the fire ground around the county. Duane, you will be missed by many and you will always be in my memory banks until one day I will join you again. To the family, "Don't be sad he died, be grateful he was with you for so many years. Be grateful he made his mark in the American Fire Service, and made it better he did. Chief Goss, your shift has come to an end, and thank you for showing us the way".



Dion and Lyn LeMieux, Paris, Kentucky

Dion C. LeMieux - January 01, 2018 at 11:48 AM

RE

“ We never got to know Duane so well, but our thoughts are with Thelma and the kids. Glad they have each other. So many memories of cousins from long ago.

Rex and Linda Helms

Rex - January 01, 2018 at 11:37 AM

LU

“ Luanne(Bregger)Reeves lit a candle in memory of Duane L. Goss



Luanne(Bregger)Reeves - January 01, 2018 at 11:26 AM

DD

“ *The Dearth family sends their prayers and thoughts. We all respected him immensely! Saddened to hear! May Jesus surround you and give you comfort and peace!* ”



Dr. Rev. Jack and Carol Dearth - January 01, 2018 at 10:45 AM

DL

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name* ”



Dion C. LeMieux - January 01, 2018 at 10:37 AM

TE

“ *Teresa Empson lit a candle in memory of Duane L. Goss* ”



Teresa Empson - January 01, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Duane L. Goss.* ”



January 01, 2018 at 10:18 AM



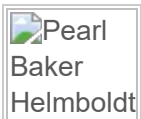
“ So sorry for your loss David and Sally Goss and the entire family. You can be so very proud of his lifetime contributions to the city of Bangor. Hold your memories close to help You through the hard times. God bless.

Laura Darr - January 01, 2018 at 08:55 AM

MZ

“ Heartfelt sympathy to the family and so many others! Duane was such a wonderful person, well respected and deeply caring. I have many fond memories of his laughter and fabulous stories. May his life well lived give you comfort during your time of sorrow.

Melanie Thompson Zeiger - January 01, 2018 at 05:39 AM



“ Pearl Baker Helmboldt lit a candle in memory of Duane L. Goss



Pearl Baker Helmboldt - December 31, 2017 at 11:13 PM

RD

“ Deepest condolences to the Goss family. Our prayers are extended to all of you. God speed Duane.

Rick & Deb Dillman - December 31, 2017 at 10:30 PM

SN

“ *Sandy Nelson-Wells lit a candle in memory of Duane L. Goss*



Sandy Nelson-Wells - December 31, 2017 at 10:07 PM

KL

“ *A well respected man of God devoted to a career in public service to others. May God bless him and his family. Rest in peace my brother in service.*



Kenny Lane - December 31, 2017 at 09:43 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Duane L. Goss.*



December 31, 2017 at 08:43 PM

RO

“ *Robin lit a candle in memory of Duane L. Goss*



Robin - December 31, 2017 at 07:10 PM