



Larry W. VanWelden Sr.

September 18, 1951 - January 16, 2013

Larry W. VanWelden, Sr., age 61, of Gobles, passed away Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at his home. Larry was born September 18, 1951 in Kalamazoo, the son of Walter and Constance VanWelden and had lived in the Gobles area the past 20 years. He loved cars and had worked many years doing auto body repair. He especially loved spending time with his family and friends. Surviving is his wife of 34 years, Shirley; 6 children, Roxanne Bennett, Michael VanWelden, Lisa Davis, April (Philip) Miller, Ashley and Andrew VanWelden; 5 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Sherry Williams, Wendy Doherty; his mother-in-law, Shirley Sager; a brother-in-law, Dwayne Sager. He was preceded in death by his son Larry Jr., father-in-law, Dale Sager, and a brother-in-law, Gerry Williams. Following his wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial service will take place Thurs., Jan. 24, 2:00 PM, at Journey Family Church, 313 Depot St., Gobles, Pastor Gary Napp officiating. The family suggests memorial contributions to the National Kidney Foundation. Arrangements by BLOOMINGDALE CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Larry almost 40 years ago, when a bunch of guys hung out on Friday/Saturday nights with our cars. We met at what once was a Car Wash/Gas Station across the street from South Westnedge Elementary, in a rite of passage that was normal for a teenager. Larry had a Dodge Dart Swinger, I had a Malibu SS. My car was not as pretty as everyone else's, but that didn't matter to Larry, for we all shared the same bond-a love of our cars. Crusin' Westnedge was what we looked forward to every week, afterwards we would raise our hoods and talk cars! Those are innocent days I look back on often and smile every time I do! Rest in Peace Larry, glad to have known you and thankful that you took the time to hang out with me as a kid. My deepest sympathies to the family.

Gerrit Vander Kamp - January 23, 2013 at 11:25 PM