



## Roy James Dietrich

October 5, 1940 - October 26, 2024

Roy Dietrich, born October 5th, 1940, passed away in the early morning hours of Saturday October 26th with his family by his side.

Few men are able to live a humble life that makes such an impact on their family and community like Roy did. Even fewer are able to leave behind a legacy that's larger than themselves. Those who had the privilege of spending time with Roy to any degree can attest to his willingness to share some piece of wisdom, a snappy motto he minted, or a story from days gone that related to the task at hand.

Roy moved with his family from the neighborhoods of Chicago and settled on a small forty acre farm near Gobles at the age of eight. He remained on the family farm for the next seventy-six years. He often joked of having moved into four different homes, but never off the farm.

Roy met his one and only love Dianna, shortly after high school and the two were soon married on October 28th, 1961. Together they built a life, a business, and a family that emulated their love and commitment for one another.

In the summer of 1972, Roy and Dianna decided to sell their only vehicle to generate the \$1,000 of seed money to start their business, Roy's Home

Center. With their two young boys, James age 7 and John age 4, the family of four set out together for the American dream. Roy and his sons handled the daily labor, while Dianna was in charge of the office and home front. For the next 52 years Roy and Dianna delivered over 3,000 homes to families across Southwest Michigan. Today, the business continues on with the next two generations still running all aspects of the company.

Roy enjoyed many things during his life; collecting classic cars and coca-cola memorabilia, watching high-school athletics, taking care of the family farm and gardening with Dianna. But few things brought him more joy than his six grand children: Josh, Kyle, Greg, Alex, Lauren, and Macy, and eventually, his 19 great-grandchildren.

He and Dianna (Papa and Gami) spent their golden years surrounded by the warmth and love only children can provide. Together they never missed a birthday party, sporting event, dance recital, or an un-announced “we’re just stopping by for lunch” moment with their grandchildren. They also enjoyed philanthropy and giving back to those in their local community which they cared for deeply.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Bernice Dietrich, sister Gloria Stanley, son John Dietrich and wife Dianna Dietrich. Also surviving are Roy's siblings; George Jr., Gary, and Diane.

Roy’s passing leaves a large hole in the heart of his family, friends, and community. Home for Roy was being with Dianna, and we find comfort in knowing he is home again with her in Heaven. Just in time for their 63rd wedding anniversary, October 28th 2024.

The family will be gathering to honor and celebrate his life privately.



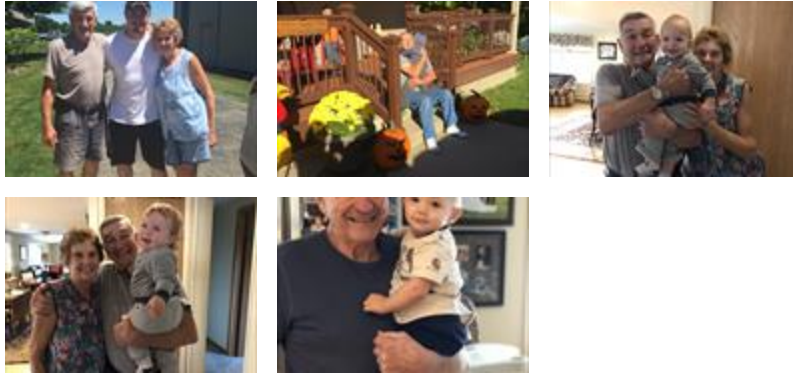
# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

# Tribute Wall

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“ *He was the best Papa*



Nichole Dietrich - October 31, 2024 at 12:48 PM

JD

“ *Jill (Bailey) Dwyer lit a candle in memory of Roy James Dietrich*



Jill (Bailey) Dwyer - October 30, 2024 at 06:25 PM

VH

*I only knew Roy for a short time but he left a lasting impression. RIP my friend, you will be missed. Vicki*

Vicki Henry - October 31, 2024 at 08:47 AM

GM

*You will be missed my friend. Spent a lot of time on the porch thinking we were solving all the world's problems. Rest in peace !!*

Greg & Margaret Muck - November 04, 2024 at 09:01 AM

SS

*I moved away from Gobles twice in my life; once to join the Marines back in '84, and the last time in '12 for a job in Atlanta. In my years away my mind goes back to the place in my youth and young adulthood where I was happy and surrounded by family and wonderful friends and great neighbors. Coming home and driving past Armstrong Corners and then Roy's Home Center meant I was home. Playing in sports with Jamie and John all those years ago I was immersed in what Gobles really was- solid families, loving parents, great friends, and of course awesome memories. Roy and Diane exemplified everything that was good about where we are from- a great place made better because they were integral supporters and contributors to our great way of life. God bless you, Roy Dietrich , charter member of the BRCA, long time businessman, son, father, and grandfather. You will be missed, but not forgotten.*

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**Steven D Sherburne** - November 04, 2024 at 04:46 PM