



Walter Puchlak

October 23, 1944 - May 1, 2010

Walter Puchlak

65, of Yale, died unexpectedly, Saturday, May 1, 2010 at Port Huron Hospital.

He was born, October 23, 1944, the son of the late Andrew and Anastasia Harris Puchlak. His marriage to Bonnie Lee Gleason was at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yale, October 1, 1967 .

Walt served his country for six years in the National Guards. He worked for Pontiac Motors for four years. He and his wife Bonnie formerly co-owned the laundry mat business and the "Dairy Hut" restaurant (now CJ's), both in Yale. Walt owned and operated both the former Shell and Total gas stations in Yale where he also did auto mechanics. He moved his auto repair shop, "Wally World", to a new building in Brockway Township in 1986 where he continued operating until his death.

Walt enjoyed caring for his farm animals at his home, liked racing cars with his son Tim, hunting and fishing, but, especially loved helping people.

Surviving in addition to Bonnie, his wife of over 42 years, are a daughter, Tammy Puchlak of Yale; three grandchildren, Ted, Crystal, and Brian Jones; a brother, Tony Puchlak, of Peck as well as many friends.

His son, Timothy, died tragically in 1996.

His family honors the memory of Walt and invites you to visit and share memories Tuesday 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Yale. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Mr. Darwin Fretenborough, pastor of Countryside Christian Church, Greenwood Township, will officiate. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yale.

Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

For information and Guest Book

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Previous Events

Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kaatz Funeral Directors - Yale
10 S. Main Street
Yale, MI

Tribute Wall



“ I am very sorry to find out by pure chance that Walter passed away. I am his cousin from his father's side (Andrew Puchlak was my mother's brother), but I have not had any contact with him or Tony since my family left Canada for Poland back in 1951. I now live a retired life in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss.##imported-begin##George Lepa##imported-end##

September 03, 2010 at 12:42 PM



“ Bonnie, Tammy and family,
We are so very sorry for this huge loss to you and the whole community. Walt went out of his way for us. He was so very kind and always wanted to help us out. Never did we see him that he didn't wave. He will be missed so very much. We are praying for God to comfort you and hold you in His loving arms during this difficult time.
Hollis and Lisa Clark##imported-begin##Hollis and Lisa Clark##imported-end##

May 07, 2010 at 08:52 AM



“ My prayers are with your family. Walt was a great guy and I have many funny-happy high school memories. (Class of 1963)
Ruth Ann
Lakeland,FL##imported-begin##Ruth Ann Palmateer Hartman##imported-end##

May 04, 2010 at 08:42 PM



“ We are so sorry for the loss of you family member Walt. He was a great man and a wonderful mechanic. He is going to be sadly missed by everyone is Yale.##imported-begin##C&ECONSTRUCTION##imported-end##

May 04, 2010 at 08:06 PM



“ My condolences go out to your family. Walt could always bring a smile to your face, he had a huge heart & was always there in a time of automotive crisis! He truly had the best tire prices I've ever seen. Bonnie, Tammy & kids we know your hearts are heavy, but you are surrounded by lots of love in that special place called Yale!##imported-begin##Cindy (Kaltz) Busch-Bartkowiak##imported-end##

May 04, 2010 at 10:11 AM



“ Dear Bonny, Tammy & Family We are sorry to here of your loss. Will keep you & family in our prayer. Walt's kindness will always be rembered.

Sincerely

Ron & Darlene##imported-begin##Ron & Darlene Meharg##imported-end##

May 03, 2010 at 08:46 PM



“ Dear Puchlak family, We am so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with our family.##imported-begin##John and Teresa Elliott##imported-end##

May 03, 2010 at 07:22 PM



“ Walt will truly be missed, he was one of the kindest people I have met. Has helped me out many many times. I and my family were sorry to hear of his loss. He will be in the thoughts, hearts and prayers of many in this community. Rest pain free.##imported-begin##Sara Borka Miller##imported-end##

May 03, 2010 at 05:53 PM



“ Dear Bonnie, Tammy and family
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May family, friends and your faith in God comfort you at this time.
We will always remember Walt for his cheerfulness and kindness. We are sure everyone will miss him.##imported-begin##Bob and Nancy Elston##imported-end##

May 03, 2010 at 08:50 AM



“ Walt was such a wonderful person and will be missed dearly. He always had a smile on his face and was so friendly. And you had to love the hats! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of need. God Bless you all and may Walt rest in peace.##imported-begin##Anthony & Tracy Cachola##imported-end##

May 03, 2010 at 05:18 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Walts family and friends... As a child I remember going to the gas station with my mom and seeing Walt, he was so nice and freindly... I grew up with his son Tim and daughter Tammy.. He was a very nice man. Rest in Peace.##imported-begin##Dawn (Prieskorn) Schroeder##imported-end##

May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Bonnie & Tammy thinking of you both with a heart filled with compassion and love. Wally was a truly wonderful and special person and he will be greatly missed. I am so sorry for your loss.

Love to you both,

Tammie##imported-begin##Tammie Miller##imported-end##

May 02, 2010 at 11:51 PM



“ My Deepest Sympathy to the family##imported-begin##Sue harvey##imported-end##

May 02, 2010 at 10:58 PM



“ To everyone in Walt's family, our hearts go out to you. Walt was a very kind spirit, and always ready to lend a helping hand to a friend in need. He will be greatly missed. You're all in our prayers,

Josh & Kelly Murray##imported-begin##Joshua Murray & Family##imported-end##

May 02, 2010 at 10:12 PM



“ Bonnie, Tammy and family
SO sorry to hear of walts passing! My thoughts and prayers are with you!
God Bless
Terri (Murray) Pulleyblank##imported-begin##Terri Pulleyblank (Murray)##imported-end##

May 02, 2010 at 08:00 PM



“ Thank you for your many years of service, your kindness will be remembered.##imported-begin##Linda & Wendy Wendt##imported-end##

May 02, 2010 at 07:32 PM



“ Bonnie, Tammy & family;
You are in our thoughts & prayers as you go through this difficult time. Walt was such a wonderful friend to so many. It was truly an honor to have him as a friend. We were blessed to know him for so many years and will always hold tight the wonderful memories of our dear friend.##imported-begin##Debbie & Jack Derouin##imported-end##

May 02, 2010 at 05:31 PM



“ Bonnie and family, wanted to let you know we are thinking and praying for you during this great lost in your life.##imported-begin##Rick & Marilyn Carr##imported-end##

May 02, 2010 at 03:37 PM