



David A. Gabel

June 11, 1947 - April 15, 2020

David Anthony Gabel, age 72, of Clifford, Michigan passed away peacefully at his home on April 15, 2020. He was born on June 11, 1947 the son of the late Anthony M. and Bertha P. (Lowry) Gabel. He is survived by his loving daughter, Terry (Mike) Grant and three beloved granddaughters; Randy Hughes, Samantha Grant and Lindsey Grant; brother Dennis (Caroline) Gabel, sister Carol Gabel; nieces, Tracy (Dan) Young, Cindy (Nandor) Hernadi and Debbie Gabel; nephews Jeff (Paige) Gabel and Greg Gabel; and a host of other relatives and long-time friends.

David spent his life training, breeding and racing thoroughbred horses. His knowledge, patience and skill in his field helped him to condition and train these magnificent animals that are known for their spirit, agility and speed. His unbridled passion for anything equine was reflected throughout his home. David enjoyed being able to spend quality time with his daughter and granddaughters after moving to Clifford. He looked forward to relaxing in his favorite wooden swing on the farm and watching the girls ride their horses. He was a devoted "Soccer Papa" who loved to attend his granddaughters games. In his retirement years he refined the craft of discovering incredible bargains at local flea markets and yard sales. He was thrilled to find out that the family cottage that his parents had built in Lexington in 1949 was now a rental. He reconnected with a few old friends and for two summers shared a week of the joy of cottage life and swimming in Lake Huron with his family while building priceless new memories. His constant companion on all of his

adventures was his beloved dog, Jake. David's laughter, wisdom, stories, quick wit and his smile will live on in the memories of all those who had the pleasure of knowing him. He will be loved and forever missed. We're sure that he and Jake are once again embarking on some exciting adventures. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 P.M. on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Lexington. Visitation will be from 1-2 P.M. on Wednesday. Rev. Linda Fuller will officiate. Inurnment will follow in the Lexington Cemetery. Following the services at the cemetery a luncheon will be held at the Sanilac County Park #2 on Lakeshore Rd. north of Lexington (www.sanilaccountyparks.com/lexington). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in David's memory to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

Dennison St.
Lexington, MI 48450

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Lexington
5635 Main St.
Lexington, MI 48450
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Service

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Tribute Wall



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“ *Dave came into my life when I was a know it all teenager. So needless to say, we did not get along in the beginning. He married my mom and gave me a beautiful sister. As the years went on, I learn to respect and appreciate him. He was such a kind and giving man. He was always there for my family even after my mom and him divorced. I think that speaks for the kind of man he was. He was funny too, loved his horses. Our daughters experienced fun times on the farm with him and my mom. He took on a lot and never complained. May you rest in peace Dave, you will be missed.*

Cathy Jones - June 19, 2020 at 08:58 AM

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“ Uncle David had a joyful spirit. I'll always remember him for his ready laugh, easy smile, and that twinkle in his eyes. I have great memories of visiting his farm when I was young. He had beautiful horses (of course), a “unicorn” (his goat with one horn), and a snowmobile (on which he took us for thrilling, death-defying rides). I remember going to the track with him a few times and seeing him in his element. (He was always good for a few tips that let me walk away a few bucks richer!) I was also lucky enough to spend time with him, Aunt Carol, and my dad at the cottage. I loved listening to all the stories of life at the lake and the adventures of their younger years! Uncle David lived life with an infectious joy and he will truly be missed.

Cindy Gabel Hernadi - May 10, 2020 at 10:54 AM

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“ A brother, a friend, a confidant. Someone to share memories with, share meals with and share laughs with. He was my little brother but in many ways he was much more worldly than I ever will be. I will miss him and will always think fondly of him.

Dennis Gabel - May 02, 2020 at 10:30 PM