



Peter Joseph Kautz

February 20, 1940 - April 30, 2019

Lexington- Peter Joseph Kautz, age 79, passed away of natural causes on Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Born in Croswell, Michigan on February 20, 1940 he lived in the area his entire life. Peter was drafted in 1963 serving two years in the armed forces. He co-owned the Lexington Shell station with his brother John for 21 years, repairing and towing cars, plowing snow in the winter, pumping gas and putting a smile on the customer's face every day. Peter was also a volunteer fireman on the Lexington Fire Department for over 20 years. In 1980 Peter and his wife Chris started a new chapter in their life and purchased the local bowling alley, currently known as Kautz Shore Lanes, which they renovated, expanded and made many changes to during the last 39 years. They purchased their second bowling alley in Brown City Michigan, which Peter renovated and operated for 16 years. Peter was a member of the Mid-Thumb Bowling Association, Bowling Proprietors Association and the Eagles organization. He loved to tinker and repair everything from old tractors to bowling machines. When his wife started CK Corral he helped cut and bail the hay for the animals, drive tractor for the fundraiser and clearing paths in the woods between the bowling alley and the farm. In the evenings he could be found sitting on the corner barstool watching over the bowling alley while he enjoyed a drink with friends at the bar. Peter believed in helping people have a good time and doing things the right way. Friends, family and the community will miss him. Peter is survived by his wife, Chris Kautz, brother Nick Kautz, son, Fred Kautz, daughter, Martha (Mike) Horak, grandchildren,

Tori Kautz, Megan Horak and Mitch Horak, many nieces, nephews and cousins as well as his extended family, Dale Swoffer, Joey Fretenborough and Mindi (Travis) Woolman. A Celebration of Life ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 1 -4 P.M. at Kautz Shore Lanes. Donations will go towards CK Corral Animal Rescue.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Pete was a wonderful man - always upbeat and said the key to happiness is having good people surround you. I cannot believe he is gone. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten.*
Diane Merriman, Port Sanilac, MI

Diane Merriman - May 07, 2019 at 09:34 AM

 Dawn
Vollmer

“ *I always remember his smile, & his kindness. Our prayers are with you & your family.*

Dawn Vollmer - May 05, 2019 at 07:36 AM

JW

“ *Condolences to the family. R.I.P. Pete.*



Jim Weller - May 04, 2019 at 10:20 AM

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“ John and Pete were always my go to guy's when they owned the gas station and did all the service on my auto's. I needed my auto to get to my job and one morning at 5 A.M. my car wouldn't start so I called and got Pete out of bed to come and help me. Well it turned out that my car had to be in park or neutral or the car would not start and I had turned the key off and left it in drive. Pete got in the car and it started for him, I asked, " what do I owe you?" he smiled and said , "have a good day, no charge." A few days later we went through the same dance, again Pete, with a smile on his face, again said, " no charge,: A week or so later, it happened again, this time he started the car turned to me before I could say anything without that beautiful smile and said, No charge BUT, if you get me out of bed again at 5 A.M. the charge will be \$100. and a possible broken neck. I took him seriously until I looked him in the eye and that twinkle was still there.

Connie White, At the time this happened, I was Connie Fowler. Rest in peace Pete.

Connie White - May 03, 2019 at 12:27 PM