



Jay "JayBird" Durling

February 27, 2015 - September 8, 2015

Jay "Jaybird" Durling,

Benzonia, formerly of Brighton, MI, 67, died Sept 8, 2015 at home. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1970.

Jay retired from Ford Motor Company. He traveled near and far to hunt and fish. Jay never missed a chance to swap stories with friends or families.

Survived by wife, Genette; children Jason (Kirsten), and Max (Rachel); grandchildren Emma and Jack; mother Alice Durling and sister Judy (Gary) Boyer; many friends.

Visitation will be held at 6 to 8PM Thursday Sept 10 at Jowett Family Funeral Home in Benzonia. A celebration of Jay's life will be held at 11:00AM Friday Sept 11 at the funeral home. Burial in Benzonia Twp. Cemetery. Contributions may be directed to the Benzie Animal Welfare League. Arrangements by Jowett Family Funeral Homes in Benzonia, MI.

Cemetery

Benzonia Township Cemetery

MI,

Events

SEP 10 **First Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Jowett Family Funeral Home - Benzonia
7223 South Street, Benzonia, MI, US, 49616

SEP 11 **Funeral** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ TIM Feskorn is following this tribute.

TIM Feskorn - September 11, 2015 at 08:43 AM



“ Jay your my friend. We didn't see each other much. But whenever we did it was like we just saw each other yesterday. You helped me find my first Pointer. You said a good name for her would be tracer. So that's what I named her. I remember out on the boat the fog got real heavy a couple miles out, and you said "Tim you drive" I said I never drove a boat in fog so thick and you said to keep it heading North on the compass so I did. I think you didn't feel like drivin the Minky in that soupy crap. You guys caught a bunch of fish that day. I drove the boat. Didn't catch dittley. It was OK with it though I always had a great time up there with you hooligans. Became a pretty good Hooligan myself, and of course you always shared the bounty. I had filets till spring. I have shed a tear today for you my friend as I'm sure you would do for me. I'm sure your directing an angel North to good fishing grounds. I will hoist a stiff Whiskibeer to honor you and all the great memories I have of you. My heart goes out to all in the family. Especially you Jannette. Please let Sharon and I know if there is anything we can do for you. Love.

Tim and Sharon Feskorn
810-923-9198 cell

Tim Feskorn - September 10, 2015 at 03:43 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jay "JayBird" Durling.



September 10, 2015 at 11:46 AM



“ We would like to send our heart felt condolences to the family. Listening to Jay's outdoors adventures was always a fun and interesting conversation. He will be deeply missed on the river. Pat Green and Tommy Young

Pat Green - September 10, 2015 at 10:25 AM



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Jowett Family Funeral Home & Cremation Service - September 09, 2015 at 05:25 PM



“ Jay, I'll miss the times we'd run into each other, a five minute hello would turn into 3 hrs. Hours later my sides would still be hurting from laughing so hard, your passion for life was unmatched. You will truly be missed.

Dave and Kathy Hudyma

David Hudyma - September 10, 2015 at 12:06 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Jay was a great soul who extended his kindness, stories, and friendship over the years when we would come up and join him fishing. It was always a high point of each year to come up and share with him his little piece of Heaven up there, tell lies, and solve the problems of the world as the river rolled by. He will be greatly missed by me, and by us all. We will stop by soon to personally extend our sincerest condolences, but share the great memories we had with our time with Jay.

Chip Bodie- The "Toledo Boys"

Chip Bodie - September 09, 2015 at 03:09 PM