



George Willard Strahota Jr.

December 13, 1953 - July 23, 2018

George Willard Strahota, Jr., age 64 of Grand Rapids and formerly of Farwell, passed away on Monday, July 23, 2018 at the Whispering Woods Retirement village of Grand Rapids. On December 13, 1953, George was born the son of the late George and Dorothy (Mitchell) Strahota, Sr., in Clare, MI. George was a graduate of Farwell High School and he later went on to attend CMU for a period of time before learning that entrepreneurship was his true path. He proudly started and operated his own machine shop Central Michigan Valves in Farwell, which he later moved to Gaylord and renamed as Northern Machine and Repair for a combined 32 years of operation. Eventually in 2012, George retired to the Grand Rapids Area to be closer to his children. George's other passions included hunting, fishing (especially the Great Lakes on his boat), and most importantly spending time with his family that will miss him dearly.

George is survived by his three children Nicole (Dorin) Constantin of Vail Valley, CO., George (Ann) Strahota of Rockford, MI., and Ashley Strahota of Door, MI. He is also survived by his four grandchildren Stella, Logan, Lumi, and Addison and his sister Cindy Filwock of Farwell. George was predeceased by his parents George and Dorothy Strahota, Sr. and his brother Dan Strahota.

A funeral service in honor of George will take place on Friday, July 27, 2018 at the Farwell Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home at 2:00 P.M. Friends may visit his family at the funeral home on Friday from 11:00 A.M. to

the time of service at 2:00 P.M. Those who are unable to attend may leave online condolences on the Strahota family's page at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)

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Tribute Wall

RY

“ Wow. I am so sorry to see this and be so late to the news. I was just thinking of George and looked on his facebook and learned what happened. I worked for George in gaylord at northern machine and repair when I was in high school. I can honestly say I wouldnt be where I'm at today if it wasnt for his help. I have a few memories of him I would like to share but would be to much to type. I am truly saddened to see this.

Ryan - July 02, 2020 at 11:58 PM

SH

“ Such a great neighbor, coworker, and friend. Many childhood memories include this guy. I'll remember him always with fondness and a smile!!!!

Sue Babcock Higgins - July 28, 2018 at 07:43 AM

JB

“ I am saddened to learn about the passing George. Many memories of hunting, welding and the little league fields with our children. Prayers to the Strahota family. May his Memory be Eternal
John and Inez Bartz

John Bartz - July 27, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of George Willard Strahota Jr..



July 26, 2018 at 08:17 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of George Willard Strahota Jr..*



July 26, 2018 at 04:14 PM



“ *To all the Strahota family: So very sorry for your loss. So much time has past after leaving the Alpine Village, I lost touch with George and his Uncle Ray Mitchell after his retirement. Praying for hearts to be healed and long fond memories of a good Man.*

*Mike & Kim Richardson
Gaylord MI*

Mike Richardson - July 26, 2018 at 03:15 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of George's passing. Sending my condolences and prayers to his family.*

Julie Hartgrove Tomich - July 26, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ *SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE LOSS OF OUR COUSIN GEORGE (WE A LL CALLED HIM GEORGIE HIS NICK NAME) HE WAS ALWAYS A HAPPY GO LUCKY FELLOW LOVED BY EVERYONE I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE FUN TIMES AT THE STRAHOTA/MITCHELL REUNIONS HE WILL SADLYBE MISSED BY EVERYONE LAURA MITCHELL MALOSH*

LAURA - July 26, 2018 at 11:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Willard Strahota Jr..*



July 26, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ *The sibs and I spent lots of summers and more than a few vacations with the Strahota family. George was always a big ole teddy bear to us younger kids. One time, in their woods, we all found a huge patch of of white morels mushrooms, never to ever be found again. Fun times. Sending my thoughts to the family.*

Pamela Willey Ockerman - July 25, 2018 at 10:08 PM



Sending my condolences to his family, sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers said for all

Terrie Roberts - July 26, 2018 at 03:28 AM



“ *Spent a huge part of my childhood at the Strahota household - while George always seemed larger than life - first with the largest Buck (11 point) shot in our section, but also a genuine person with a sense of humor and great laugh, but it really hit home the day our schoolbus slipped into the ditch and on its side - luck would have it, that George was across the isle from me (the high side)!!! Newtons law being what is was, sent George down upon me!!!! He was apologetic of the situation. Always a great guy loved by many!!! RIP ole friend more like family than neighbor!!*

Wally Robison - July 25, 2018 at 09:13 PM

MS

“ I have many many great memories of George. Growing up our families were good friends and we spent many weekends snowmobiling or just going to visit at their home! I'm so very sorry for your loss he truly was a good man. Prayers to all that you find peace in your memories.

Marge Smith - July 25, 2018 at 07:09 PM

RJ

“ All night hog roast for Mitchell reunion. George's marvelous mind and gentle giant persona, he has left all of us with big shoes to fill. RIP my brother from another mother.



Roy Mitchell Jr. - July 25, 2018 at 07:06 PM



So sorry to hear about George my thoughts and prayers are with you Kem often talked about their hunting trip out to Lindas. Now they are together.

Shirley Mitchell - July 25, 2018 at 08:12 PM

MR

Thinking of George's family. Many childhood memories of friendship and good times..R.I.P. George

Marylee (Willey) Raleigh - July 25, 2018 at 09:38 PM

JG

George was by far my best friend in high school. Between hunting, fishing, double dating and all the other things young guys do at that time of their lives we were the best of friends. He was best man at my wedding. I moved to Florida and unfortunately we lost touch. But my time with him will never be forgotten. Jim Gies

Jim Gies - July 26, 2018 at 08:00 PM