



Morris "Morry" William VanZanten II

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Morris "Morry" William VanZanten II, age 72, passed away on Tuesday morning, April 14th, 2026 at Lake Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Muskegon. He was born June 26th, 1953 in Muskegon to Morris William VanZanten I and Edna Rose (Adams) VanZanten.

Morry was a man of diverse talents, a relentless sense of humor, and a deep love for his family and pets, he spent his life building and creating. His time in the automotive industry sparked a lifelong passion for NASCAR and model-building, a hobby he balanced with his skilled woodwork and craftsmanship by creating birdhouses. Music was the heartbeat of Morry's life; he was a talented guitarist who appreciated everything from country classics to the energy of rock-n-roll. His entertainment center was a shrine to his favorite heroes from Marvel and DC, particularly Thor. Above all, Morry was a devoted animal lover, mainly with birds and dogs. He has gone to join his beloved four-legged companion, Bruno, and will be waiting patiently for Taco to join them once he has finished causing chaos here. He will be deeply missed by all who knew his creative spirit and kind heart.

Survivors include his significant other, Gail (Tomlinson); 2 children, Morris W. VanZanten III, Rachel L. (Rick) Josephson; Gail's daughter, Lydia; 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Andy VanZanten, Mark VanZanten; and 1 sister, Jan (Dan) Gomez. He was preceded in death by his parents and step-mother, Monica VanZanten; and his brother, Dan VanZanten. In honoring Morry's wishes, while having Scrib's pizza, there will be private family services. Arrangements handled by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. Sign the online guestbook at <https://www.sytsemafh.com>



Events

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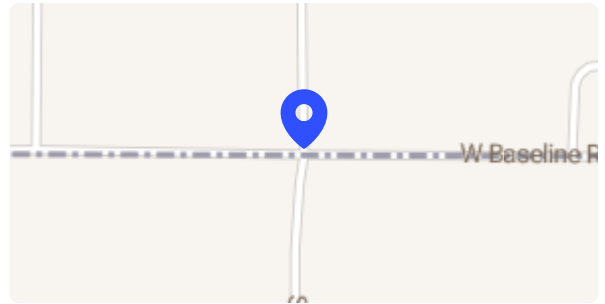
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Cemetery Details



E. Hesperia Cemetery

M20 @ Dickinson Rd. (one mile east of town),
Hesperia MI





Tribute Wall

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Lydia Grihorash posted:

He's been in my life since I was 16 years old he made sure I went back to high school after I dropped out and when I graduated he go me the class ring he had promised me I have so many amazing memories with him he was an amazing teacher and dad to me are favourite song to sing together was picture by Kid Rock and Sheryl Crow when he would play it on his guitar we would both sing I love you and will always miss you dad

April 18 at 11:38 PM



Judy Yonkers posted:

Morry, my heart is so heavy hearing of your passing. We were so close growing up, and I will always treasure the memories we shared. I spent so many nights at your home growing up, where there was always so much love, laughter, and the beautiful sound of our dads playing guitars together, I'm sure that had an influence on you growing up too, in your love for music and playing the guitar. Those are moments I will never forget. Your mom held such a special place in my heart, and your home always felt like a second home to me. I'll never forget us playing 'Run My Good Sheep Run' together with Jan and Mark—those were such happy, carefree times that I'll always hold close to my heart. Though life took us in different directions, I will always hold onto those precious memories and the bond we shared. You will forever be in my heart, Morry, and you will be deeply missed.

April 18 at 9:51 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Morris "Morry" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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