



Duane A. Kobielush

February 25, 1949 - December 10, 2019

Duane Allan Kobielush, 70, of Traverse City passed away on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at The Villa at Traverse Point. Duane was born on February 25, 1949 in Westboro, Wisconsin to the late Alfred and Emily (Zutavern) Kobielush. He married the love of his life Diane Poniatowski on September 2, 1978 in Denver, Colorado. She survives him. He enjoyed watching college football and was huge a Wisconsin Badgers fan. He was also a fan of the Milwaukee Brewers.

Duane is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Diane, two sisters and a brother; Marleen (Jerry) Vogt, Debera Kobielush and Calvin Kobielush.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Eleanor Ditmars.

A funeral service honoring Duane will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2019, with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth St., Traverse City, MI 49684.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to the American Cancer Society.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Duane's family at his tribute page at www.reynolds-jonkoff.com.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 10:00AM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

DEC **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 18, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ I remember meeting Duane when I moved to Colorado to live with Diane and another friend from Michigan. Diane said she had met her mountain man in Colorado and was moving there. We hung out at his apartment quite often. When they moved to Traverse City, Michigan a few high school friends of Diane's stayed at their house. Duane did well with all of us chatting so much while staying with them and he liked to talk maybe as much as us. He was a great cook. He will surely be missed by all who knew him.

Lynne - December 19, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ beautiful video to share the life of Duane (and his life with Diane) - he is at peace!
love Debby

Debby Camalo - January 02 at 04:57 PM



“ Duane was a super brother in law, friend, companion and often employee. I have so many memories of our times together I know they will be coming to me for a long time. Diane was always right there with him and I know she will sorely miss him too. I know I will.

don ditmars - December 31, 2019 at 04:11 PM



“ It is hard to choice just a memory of my visits to my uncle and aunt's home in Colorado. So many Christmas, random visits, birthdays that it is easier for me to talk about the love and admiration I have for them. Every visit my mom, his oldest sister, and I took was something I looked forward to. I still remember the day when my mom told me that my Uncle Duane and Aunt Diane were my God Parents. At that age I didn't know what that implied but I was happy to know they had a "special" place in my life. Not only are they special to me but also influential. I went to college for photography, a love that started when I was about 16, on one of my many visits, when I learned that my uncle was a photographer and he showed me his work. That Christmas I received my first SLR Nikon camera, film, and a starter book on the art of

photography. I still have both. Because of my Uncle, photography has become so much more to me than just an art, it is a voice and something I will always share with him. I love you both. And thank you for being you Uncle Duane. This is a photo I took and I regret you never saw.



Julie Ditmars - December 31, 2019 at 03:30 PM



“ Growing up in Westboro Duane and I were together a lot throughout grade school and high school. We played sports together, fished, hunted. But we never had contact after that but that doesn't mean that the video didn't stir a lot of memories. I wish I would have reached out to him at some point. It looks like we both loved trout fishing, too. So I was sad to see this news, to realize again how quickly life can pass, and with it family and relationships. My prayers for peace and comfort go out to the family.

Bruce Kobielush
Franklin, TN

bruce kobielush - December 25, 2019 at 01:03 PM



“ Diane, Conrad and I are so sorry for your loss. Diane was such a gentleman when we visited you in Colorado. The video memorial was so well done. I will be praying for you.

Joan Zabor - December 22, 2019 at 10:50 AM



“ Lynne lit a candle in memory of Duane A. Kobielush



Lynne - December 19, 2019 at 04:19 PM



“ I remember meeting Duane on a trip to Colorado back in the 70's. He offered to take Diane, her roommate and friends dancing, We were in our early 20's. He was a gentleman and patient with all of these gabbing women. Nice man. So sorry. He will be missed. God bless Diane and family.

Marla Sebu - December 12, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ Diane ... Duane will certainly be missed. Loved having conversations with him when we visited. So wish I could be with you during this difficult time. Our deepest sympathy, Love Terry & Mark

Terry Cynowa - December 16, 2019 at 02:42 PM