



## Mr. Gary A. LaForge

January 30, 1961 - September 28, 2011

LaFORGE, GARY A.

Eaton Rapids

Age 50, passed away Sept. 28, 2011. Gary was born Jan. 30, 1961 in Lansing, MI to the late Louis and Georgia Lou (Briggs) LaForge. He owned and operated Gary's Auto in Grand Ledge and Potterville. Gary was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and canoeing. Gary will always be remembered for his compassionate spirit and selfless acts of generosity that he shared with his loving family, friends, and community. He is survived by wife Susan, children: Charlene (Dave) Smith of California, Carrie (Jeremy Neff) LaForge of Grand Ledge, Tim Sanders of Ann Arbor, Jeffrey (Kari) Sanders of Idaho Falls, and Holly (Randy) Cobb of Plymouth, grandchildren Zachary Neff and Ashley Smith, brothers John (Sara) LaForge and Tom (Doris) LaForge all of Williamston, sister Cat (Barry) Damon of Mason, many nieces, nephews, cousins, 6 brothers and sisters-in-law. Gary is preceded in death by sister Brenda Rose, brother Ron LaForge and niece Brandi. A Funeral mass will be celebrated Monday, Oct. 3, 2011, 10:30am at St. Michael Catholic Church Grand Ledge, Rev. Fr. James Eisele Celebrant. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday 2-4 & 6-8pm at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge, Vigil 7:30pm. Memorial contributions may be made to GL SDA Food Bank, 4980 Burt Ave. Grand Ledge, MI 48837 or Potterville UMC Food Bank, 105 N. Church St. Potterville, MI 48876.



# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
406 N. Bridge Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
(517) 627-2531  
jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com  
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## Visitation

OCT 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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OCT 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church  
345 Edwards Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Charlene Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary A. LaForge*



Charlene Smith - November 06, 2011 at 09:25 AM

KH

“ *Karen Hosey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary A. LaForge*



Karen Hosey - October 16, 2011 at 01:29 PM

CS

“ *Charlene Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary A. LaForge*



Charlene Smith - October 15, 2011 at 11:40 AM

KH

“ *Karen Kaye Hosey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary A. LaForge*



Karen Kaye Hosey - October 11, 2011 at 06:49 AM

KH

“ Karen Kaye Hosey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary A. LaForge



Karen Kaye Hosey - October 10, 2011 at 07:00 AM



“ Gary made a difference in everyone's life that he touched. He will be missed and remembered by all that knew him as a kind, generous and caring person.

Karen Hosey - October 08, 2011 at 09:46 AM



“ Karen Hosey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary A. LaForge



Karen Hosey - October 08, 2011 at 09:43 AM

CS

“ Charlene Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary A. LaForge



Charlene Smith - October 07, 2011 at 11:14 PM

BJ

“ *Until we meet again old friend.*

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**Bill Jury** - October 07, 2011 at 04:21 PM

CS

“ *Charlene Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary A. LaForge*



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**Charlene Smith** - October 06, 2011 at 08:13 PM

MJ

“ *Michele Jolie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary A. LaForge*



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**Michele Jolie** - October 06, 2011 at 04:32 PM

CS

“ *Charlene Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary A. LaForge*



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**Charlene Smith** - October 05, 2011 at 06:12 PM

TM

“ As customers, we recieved outstanding service from Gary, but mostly, we were treated as friends. Taking your car to Gary's Auto also meant seeing old and trusted friends. We knew him to be a generous and caring man. We have heard of the times he found ways to help those with limited resources with their car problems and of other ways he lent a helping hand to individuals and organizations. A friendly, caring, honest, and hard working man, Gary will be missed very much. Our community was blessed to have him. A man to be remembered, a man to be emulated, our world needs more men like Gary LaForge. May he rest in peace.

*Terri and Bill Moore, Grand Ledge*

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**Terri and Bill Moore** - October 03, 2011 at 09:01 PM



“ I will always miss having coffee with Gary at the McDonald's in Potterville. For the short time I knew him, I found him to be a very good and decent person. Me and my wife found him to be a great mechanic who was honest. He will be missed by many of us in Potterville. Praying for his family during this time of loss.

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**Tom Winters** - October 02, 2011 at 10:18 AM

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“ Gary will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was taken too early. To all of Gary's close family members who are grieving this hard loss, you are in my prayers.

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**Debbie Yeary (LaForge)** - October 01, 2011 at 07:42 PM

LD

“ Gary was a great person. He was so honest and helpful - just the best. I will miss his kindness. Bless you Gary, and all those who cared for you. God now has someone special at his side.

Laurel Drake - October 01, 2011 at 12:42 PM

KF

“ He was a wonderful man, who helped us Girl Scouts whenever we needed the help...He could make you smile all day with his own smile and sense of humor...I pray for sympathy for the family especially Cat.....your good buddy,, Kathy



Kathy Felton - October 01, 2011 at 10:33 AM

KR

“ Kristinlangin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary A. LaForge



kristinlangin - September 30, 2011 at 05:59 PM

DF

“ Dave & Ann Newton Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary A. LaForge



Dave & Ann Newton Family - September 30, 2011 at 04:02 PM



“ *Judy Barbour lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary A. LaForge*



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**Judy Barbour** - September 30, 2011 at 03:49 PM



*Dear family of Gary;  
Gary was love very much, and was a happy man..I loved Gary as if he were one of my own children. He and my kids grow up together, and have been best of friends all their lives. I am so very sorry for your lose, I can only fathom your sadness. We will all miss him, Bless you all, I will be Praying for you all. Rick Curtiss mother, Judy Barbour*

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**Judy Barbour** - September 30, 2011 at 03:55 PM

CF

“ *We have only known Gary for a short part of his life and spent a little time with him, but when he came into the life of our dear Sue, her life changed so wonderfully that it is obvious what a caring and sensitive man he was. He just emanated those qualities when he spoke and smiled. His laughter was a gift. We thank God for the gift of Gary.*

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**Chris and Frank Fleischmann** - September 30, 2011 at 10:58 AM

SL

“ *Susan & Dennis Langin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary A. LaForge*



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**Susan & Dennis Langin** - September 30, 2011 at 08:57 AM

LM

“ We were frequent customers of Gary's in Grand Ledge. He was always very kind and helpful to us, and always did great work on our vehicles. So sorry for your loss.

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**Lisa McConnell** - September 30, 2011 at 07:57 AM

TS

“ Gary would never let me forget that I left the soda at the beginning of our canoe trip. <3 and miss you big brother.

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**Tonya Carr- Schram** - September 30, 2011 at 01:39 AM