



Apollo Shay Helsel

December 28, 1991 - February 20, 2026

Apollo Shay Helsel of Cadillac passed away Friday evening, February 20, 2026, at his home. He was 34.

Apollo was born on December 28, 1991, in Traverse City, Michigan. He graduated from McBain High School in 2010. Apollo was part owner and operator of Cadillac Lawn & Landscaping. First and foremost, Apollo loved the Lord and doing what he could to help others love God and feel the love of God. He loved reading and listening to scripture while he worked. In his spare time, he loved to cook for others, expand his horizons, and learn something new every day, and playing video games and watching movies with all of his girls. He could often be found working on vehicles and equipment and attending car shows and cruises.

On September 20, 2014 in Lake City he married Elisha Grace Kersh and she survives him along with their daughters: Anaiah & Eden Helsel; his parents: Tasha (Daniel) Strait, Bruce Helsel, and Doug Watson; his grandparents: Alroy Thompson, June (Keith) Helsel-Nedry and Ron (Mary) Watson; his in-laws, Frank (Zarina) Kersh and a sister-in-law, Anastasia Kersh and many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins. Apollo was preceded in death by a cousin, Shilo Chapman, Grandfather, Floyd "Lolly" Helsel, his uncle, Chris Clark, and his Grandmother, Wanda Thompson.

A celebration of life service will be held 11:00 AM Friday, March 6, 2026, at the Cadillac Christian Reformed Church with Pastor Mark Janowski and Pastor Todd Kuperus officiating. Friends may meet the family from 10:00 AM until services at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Elisha Helsel for a fund that has been set up for the girls. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cadillac Christian Reformed Church
1110 E Division St
Cadillac, MI 49601-8537
(231) 775-5291

Tribute Wall

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“ MY DEAR SWEET APOLLO,
YOU ARE THE GIFT FROM GOD THAT NEVER STOPPED
GIVING..
WHAT A WONDER FULL PERSON YOU ARE.. GOD IS VERY
HAPPY TO HAVE YOU IN HIS ARMS.
APOLLO
A .. STANDS FOR AMAZING GRACE..
P STANDS FOR POWER IN PRAYER,
O STANDS FOR THE OLIVE BRANCH,
L, IS THE LORD YOUR KING,
L. IS FOR YOUR LAUGHTER AND YOUR ADORABLE SMILE,
O IS FOR ALL THE OTHERS YOU PUT IN FRONT OF YOU
YOU.. THE WONDERFUL HUSBAND, FATER AND SON.. YOU
TAUGHT ME SO MUCH ABOUT THE REAL MEANING OF LIFE,
GOD..WHO GOD REALLY IS....
I LOVE YOU AND YOUR 3 GIRLS...
TEAGUE

Brenda Teague - February 26 at 09:22 PM

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*Hard working boy that grew into a Wonderful Man before my own eyes.
Heaven welcomes you into their fold, may his Soul rest forevermore.*

CWP

Christopher W Pattee - March 07 at 03:19 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Apollo Shay Helsel.



February 26 at 12:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Apollo Shay Helsel.

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“ The Chapman Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Apollo Shay Helsel.



The Chapman Family - February 23 at 06:16 PM



“ The Chapman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Apollo Shay Helsel.

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