



Joshua Aaron Gottschall

October 30, 1972 - April 15, 2023

Joshua Aaron Gottschall of Cadillac passed away Saturday, April 15, 2023. He was 50.

Josh was born October 30, 1972, in Pontiac. He graduated from Cadillac High School in 1991.

He proudly served in the United States Army and in the First Battalions-75th Ranger Regiment. He also served in Co F 425th Infantry Ranger Airborne LRRP/ LRS. At the time of his death, Josh was employed with Prein & Newhof as a Construction Project Manager.

On February 26, 1993, he married the love of his life, Beth Ann Speelman, and she survives him along with their daughters, Megan and Allie. Josh's most important life mission began the day Megan and Allie were born and he was an extraordinary provider and role model to his girls.

Josh and his family attended Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing, and shooting. Josh shared his love of the outdoors with his nephew, Brandon Angel, and it was his honor to teach and share many of these activities with him.

Josh was a man who eagerly helped anyone in need and was widely known in

the community for his generosity. He never hesitated to share his practical knowledge and skills with everyone on a wide variety of topics. Josh was a true renaissance man.

Josh lived every moment of his life to the fullest and enhanced the lives of everyone around him. He had a magnetic personality and made friends everywhere he went with his quick wit and never-ending humor.

Josh is also survived by his mother, Sally Thompson; siblings: Dawn (Tim) Coon, Will (Kerrie) Gottschall, Melissa (Brad) Coyne, Steffanie (Kenny) Childers; step-mother, Linda Gottschall; in-laws: Wendy (John) Divozzo, Becky (Eric) Gustafson, Jack (Julie) Speelman, Desiree (Mike) Lumbert; mothers-in-law, Gale Speelman, Peg Speelman and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Gottschall; stepfather, Bruce Thompson, and father-in-law, Jack Speelman.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Jeremy Gomez officiating and with full military honors under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. Friends may meet the family on Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hard Rock Charlie Foundation, Inc. (hardrockcharliefoundation.org), which was founded to create and support programs maintaining and preserving Ranger heritage and culture, and to address education, social welfare, and health issues with special emphasis given to programs for Rangers, surviving spouses and children of the 75th Ranger Regiment. Josh was involved with this group and had future plans to continue support for these important issues.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services
205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

Funeral Service

APR **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene
8450 S 29 Road
Cadillac, MI 49601

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Jennifer Baughan-Fuzi lit a candle in memory of Joshua Aaron Gottschall



Jennifer Baughan-Fuzi - April 27, 2023 at 02:37 PM

BM

“ Brian Mathias lit a candle in memory of Joshua Aaron Gottschall



Brian Mathias - April 23, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ My heart is breaking for all of you. You've been in my thoughts and prayers all week and I'm sorry I couldn't be there in person to pay respect and say goodbye to my friend and support you all. Josh was definitely one of a kind! He will be missed. May God bless you Beth. Love and prayers to the whole family ~Michelle Schopieray

Michelle Lumbert-Schopieray - April 23, 2023 at 08:55 AM

SR

“ Beth, my deepest sympathies to you and your daughters and all of the family. Josh was a great guy.
Sheena Ranville

Sheena Ranville - April 22, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.



April 21, 2023 at 01:06 PM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.



April 21, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.



April 21, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.



April 21, 2023 at 09:11 AM

KH

“ *The Wexford County Road Commission extends deepest sympathy to his family.*

Josh had incredible knowledge and work ethic. There was deep respect for the way he dealt with problems and people. He was an asset to both the construction industry and our community—an all around great guy. He will be greatly missed.

Karl Hanson

Karl Hanson - April 21, 2023 at 05:45 AM

ME

“ *Love, hugs, and prayers to all of you. You're in our thoughts.*



Mike, April, Samantha, Jamie, and Ernest - April 20, 2023 at 11:31 PM

MS

“ *Rest in peace Josh. Until Valhalla brother!*

Mike Speelman - April 20, 2023 at 11:27 PM

LP

“ *RIP Brother God Bless*

Larry Pezza - April 20, 2023 at 11:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.*



April 20, 2023 at 10:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.*



April 20, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ *All of us at the Missaukee Road Commission want to express our deepest sympathy. We very much enjoyed working with Josh. We are praying for peace, comfort and strength for all of you during these tough days. We made a donation in Josh's honor to the Hard Rock Charlie Foundation to honor his life and memory.*

Missaukee Road Commission - April 20, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *Peter Meyer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.*



Peter Meyer - April 20, 2023 at 08:44 AM

PM

“ Beth, I'm so sorry! I'm not gonna make the funeral. I'm out of town. I'm down at Fort Benning for my son's graduation from Air Borne School. I'm so sorry. I just saw him last ski trip a Caberfae. I'm shocked. I'm gonna miss him very much. He is a great friend and he was awesome to serve with the company at co.F 42t INF (LRS). If there's anything you need, please let me know...

Pete Meyer - April 20, 2023 at 08:43 AM

GR

“ GREG & RON purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.



GREG & RON - April 20, 2023 at 08:17 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.



April 20, 2023 at 07:04 AM

GJ

“ Condolences to his family. Didn't know Joshua, but I'm a Viet Nam-era LRRP/Ranger so we have something in common ...RIP Joshua.

Gary Joyce - April 19, 2023 at 09:45 PM

RF

“ Snap To.... Salute... To Ranger Joshua Gottschalk. TY for your service. Well done. S) Taps RIP. From Army Ranger Sgt. R. Foti RVN N75 9/68-6/70

Robert Foti - April 19, 2023 at 09:24 PM

DT

“ Josh, Seems like I was just getting to know you, even though that time actually has been 30 years. Couple years ago you introduced me to hunting.
What a scholar you were. On top of your game. I will always cherish our guys weekend at my cabin and time spent on the Dunes. Those memories will never be lost. It's absolutely devastating you are not with us anymore.
May God watch over you. My heartfelt condolences to Beth and the girls.
Dan Troy.

Dan Troy - April 19, 2023 at 04:40 PM

DS

“ Dan Troy and Mary Steeno purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.



Dan Troy and Mary Steeno - April 19, 2023 at 04:26 PM

GB

“ Dear Dawn Coons and family,
So very sorry and heavy hearted to hear about your brother Josh. Sending prayers of support and comfort with loving memories to ease the pain.

Gerry & Della Bundle - April 19, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ So sad to hear this. I attended grade school with Josh and Beth, and my husband worked with Will. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers!



Christine Dzikowicz - April 18, 2023 at 09:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.



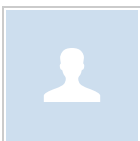
April 18, 2023 at 09:40 PM



“ The Cecil & Geneva Thompson family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.



The Cecil & Geneva Thompson family - April 18, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.



April 18, 2023 at 07:06 PM

AW

“ From everyone at Crawford Contracting, Inc., we send our deepest sympathy. Josh was great to work with on construction projects. Our prayers go out to his entire family and colleagues, he will be truly missed.

Andrea Wetherbee - April 18, 2023 at 12:55 PM

GB

“ Our community is saddened to hear of your passing brother. Now that we are older we realize how mortal we are. Peace of mind to your family. Rest easy now. RLTW.

Greg Balloid - April 18, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.



April 18, 2023 at 09:08 AM

AH

“ Josh exuded such warmth, generosity and good humor.

Beth, Allie and Megan: May you feel the love and care of this community surrounding you.

Ashley Hanson - April 18, 2023 at 09:02 AM

AC

“ I am so saddened to hear about Josh. He always had a smile on his face and he was everyone's friend. Such a terrible loss.

Ann Clous - April 18, 2023 at 08:39 AM

NV

“ I was so very saddened to hear of this. My memories of Josh always bring a smile to my face. The love he gave to Beth spread to his entire family and was obvious in every thing he did. He will be greatly missed.

Nancy Vollmar - April 18, 2023 at 08:20 AM

DP

“ From everyone at the Gladwin County Road Commission, we want to send our deepest sympathy. Josh was an incredible person, both as a colleague and a friend. Words cannot describe how much he will be missed.

Dave Pettersch - April 18, 2023 at 07:35 AM

HS

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Josh's passing. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. He sure loved his family. He will be missed by many.

Hannah Stewart - April 17, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.



April 17, 2023 at 08:33 PM

DC

“ *Danny and Tammy Campbell purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.*



Danny and Tammy Campbell - April 17, 2023 at 08:28 PM

CP

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Josh's passing. He was a great guy. I recently sat next to him at Coyote Crossing and we had a good discussion about the usual topics like football and our kid's and their activities. I'll definitely miss running into him and my heart goes out to his family.*


Chad Phillips - April 17, 2023 at 08:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.*



April 17, 2023 at 06:48 PM

 Theresa Coon

“ *Josh was one of the good ones. He will be dearly missed. My love and prayers to all the family.*

Theresa Coon - April 17, 2023 at 05:27 PM

RL

“ i will miss my discussions with Josh about a variety of things from construction to hunting and how our families were getting along..... he was a great guy. i was very sad upon hearing of what happened to him.

Rick Liptak - April 17, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.



April 17, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.



April 17, 2023 at 03:04 PM

HF

“ Hardrock Charlie Foundation purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joshua Aaron Gottschall.



Hardrock Charlie Foundation - April 17, 2023 at 02:53 PM

 Glenda
Reeves

“ Beth You and Josh were one of the first couples to welcome me into Ranger Wives. Gooch was one of the best! I'll never forget the spiderman surprise party we threw at your house for Rex. Many prayers my friend.

Glenda Reeves - April 17, 2023 at 02:53 PM

EK

“ I still think of Josh every time I run and how he motivated me to stick with it back in Battalion. I'll still think of him and am sorry I didn't reach out to tell him how much he meant to me. I'm sorry for your loss, he was a great man.

Ed Kelly - April 17, 2023 at 02:11 PM