



Richard Vail Ward

November 28, 1963 - August 17, 2025

Richard Vail Ward of Mesick passed away, Sunday, August 17, 2025 at home. He was 61.

Richard was born November 28, 1963 in Reed City, Michigan to Gailen Vail and Marilyn Louise Maguire and they preceded him in death.

After high school Richard attended Grand Rapids Junior College and served in the United States Army. He retired from the Teamsters trucking and enjoyed his retirement hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting and tubing. Family was the most important to Richard; he loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his children: Rianna Trice (Gregory Richardson) of Mesick, Nathaniel Ward of Hersey, Zachary Ward of Mesick, Lance McGee (Mary Ott) of Hersey; grandchildren: Yolanzo, Alex "Anthony", Zahkkaarriah, grandson due October, Riley, Emilia, Cameron, Robin, Eoghan, Adian, Jamareinm; two nieces and two nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by sisters, Gail and Elaine and a brother, Duane.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will take place at a later

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