



Russell B. Hess

August 30, 1952 - September 17, 2024

The world lost an amazingly kind man when Russell B. Hess died peacefully on September 17th 2024.

Russ (“Hess Twin B” with his brother Ronald, “Hess Twin A”) was born in Highland Park, MI in 1952. His family moved to a farm outside of Holly when he was still in elementary school.

Russ and his family were very active in 4-H throughout high school. He was most known for showing Duroc pigs at the Oakland County Fair.

After graduating from Michigan State, he embarked on a career in Opticianry. Russ was a professor of Opticianry at Ferris State University for several years. After retiring from Ferris, he developed new products for the Gerber Baby Food Company and worked as a fly fishing guide.

Russ is survived by his daughter Stephanie, brothers; Dan, Ron, Robert; sister, Terry, sisters-in-law; Carol and Cheryle, brother-in-law Maynard and numerous nieces and nephews all of whom loved him dearly. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Scott, Ana, Liz and Hilary purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Russell B. Hess.



Scott, Ana, Liz and Hilary - September 28, 2024 at 04:44 PM

MK

“ I was honored to be Russ's personal Optician the past few years. Even though he had retired from the business, he always wanted to know what the latest technology was. He had a huge impact on my life and I always enjoyed our talks about Ferris, the Opticianry Program, and of course fly fishing. I hope all the streams in Heaven are full of big Rainbow's!

Matt Keiser - September 25, 2024 at 04:02 PM

LA

“ I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Russ Hess. His loss will undoubtedly be felt by many, especially those who had the privilege of knowing him during his time at Ferris.

Russ was more than just a mentor; he was an inspiration. He was known for his unwavering loyalty to friends and colleagues, and his commitment to helping his students and the optical industry as a whole. His dedication to his field and his passion for teaching were truly remarkable. He had a unique ability to connect with his students, making learning both enjoyable and enlightening.

I was fortunate enough to have been taught by Russ and to have worked alongside him. His life lessons, which I still carry with me today, were invaluable. He taught me the importance of hard work, perseverance, and striving for excellence. His guidance and support were instrumental in my personal and professional growth.

Russ's legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched and the positive impact he made on the world. May the memories of him bring comfort and peace to his family all during this difficult time.

lagasses - September 20, 2024 at 05:14 PM

AF

What a beautiful remembrance for Russ. Shawn-man we all were touched by his legacy. I credit him partially for me becoming an OD... the guy was legend. And I, too, will never forget him.

Andrea Fisher - September 25, 2024 at 07:23 AM

LP

“ I remember the twins, Terry and Dan. Went to school with them. Cool kids. Sorry for your loss. Linda Van Deusen

Linda pescinska - September 19, 2024 at 11:41 AM