



# Louis William Gula

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On April 16, the feast of St. Bernadette of Lourdes, Louis William Gula of Remus died. Louis, the youngest child of Joseph and Mary Gula, was born on February 13, 1939 and Baptized on March 15, 1939. Lou attended St. Joseph minor seminary in Grand Rapids and graduated from major seminary in 1964, moving eventually to the Mt. Pleasant area and then Klackling Creek where he met his wife, Arlene. In 1973, Lou married Arlene (McKay) Gula moving to Remus in 1977, raising their daughter and Arlene's children. Lou and Arlene loved to travel by RV, planes, trains, and especially their Honda Gold Wing. They also instilled a love of camping on the family, the kids carrying on the long tradition of spending time in the out of doors; Lou had a particular knack of visiting the campers exactly at meal times. He also loved discovering the treasures of his basement and property through the eyes of his grandchildren, leading them to find all sorts of mischief. Lou's brother lured him into family genealogy by the late 80's and they both traveled to the Old Country to meet with long-lost cousins and relatives. Lou happily returned several times, the last with his daughter after the death of his wife in 2015. In 2017, following major heart surgery, Lou passed on his love of travel when he accompanied the youngest grandsons to Italy, carrying on the mischief when he was discovered purchasing their first beer. In 2019, Lou married Alice Mary (Annis) Gula where the newlyweds laughed, played cards, prayed the Rosary, and watched the deer roam outside while the world shut down around them, a light in their home for each other. With the love and support of his daughter, stepdaughters, and stepsons, Lou recovered from a broken pelvis, learning to walk again with the family by his side. Louis was preceded in death by his brother, Joseph; wife, Arlene; son, Jeffrey, and daughter, Sharon. Carrying on his memory are his bride, Alice Mary, sister Dorothy Stark, children from his first marriage: Kristina (Robert) Beers, James (Mary) McKay, John (Toni) McKay, Jerry McKay, Dorothy (Steve) Simon; Children from his second marriage:



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Veronica (Bob) Costie, Deena (Mike) Anderson, Jim (Sue) Annis, Doug Annis, and Mary Jenkins; 3 nieces, 13 grandsons, 8 granddaughters, and 22 great grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Michael's, Remus, on Thursday, April 22nd, at 11:00 am. Visitation will be held at the church Wednesday evening, April 21st, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, with a Rosary Service at 6:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Michael's School Foundation or Mel Trotter Ministries, Grand Rapids.



## Tribute Wall

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**Malissa Flachs** posted:

Malissa Flachs posted a condolence My dearest friend Kris, Bob and boys. I am so so very sorry of the loss of your dad. I just now am finding out. So, so, so many memories at your house with your wonderful parents. He is reunited with "mom" and they are having a hay day!! I love you Kris, please let me know if you need anything. My thoughts are with you my friend.

April 22 at 8:00 PM



**Jack Jr, Miwa And Johnny Hipple** posted:

Jack Jr, Miwa and Johnny Hipple donated to HOPE GROWS HAITI INC To Alice Mary and Lou's family, We were saddened to hear of Lou's passing. Thoughts and prayers. Jack Jr , Miwa and Johnny Hipple

April 20 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

3 trees were planted in memory of Louis Gula  
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Plant a Tree

April 20 at 8:00 PM



**Patricia Millis** posted:

Patricia Millis posted a condolence Dear Alice Mary, and family. Ron and I are so sorry for your loss. We enjoyed getting to know Louis, and will miss hearing his laughter at Euchre. Ron and Pat Millis

April 19 at 8:00 PM



**George Groll** posted:

George Groll donated to ST MICHAELS SCHOOL FOUNDATION INC

April 18 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

The family of Louis William Gula uploaded a photo

April 18 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Louis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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