

Benjamin R. Rorabacher, 33, of Saginaw Township, passed away Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, at his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born Oct. 31, 1980, in Livonia. He married Tara Smith Sept. 18, 2010, in Midland.

Ben was a member of the Churchill High School Class of 1999. He attended Schoolcraft College where he received an Associates degree in Culinary Arts. He enjoyed cooking and was the executive chef at the Saginaw Club. He was also a member of the American Culinary Federation. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. He loved sports, especially the Detroit Tigers. Spending time with his family and friends was very important to Ben, especially being with his loving daughter, Adalyn.

Ben is survived by his wife, Tara Rorabacher of Saginaw Township; a daughter, Adalyn Rorabacher of Saginaw Township; mother, Patricia Mallette and special friend, Richard Riley of Westland; father, Randall Rorabacher and his wife Nora of Plymouth; a brother, Adam Rorabacher of California; a sister, Sarah (Colton) Hurley of Anchorage, Alaska; in-laws, Geri and Marcia Smith of Bad Axe; paternal grandmother, Doris Rorabacher of Plymouth; two nieces, Marina and Lily; two brothers-in-law, Matthew Smith of Bad Axe and Adam Smith of Bad Axe; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by maternal grandparents, Louis and Marcella Mallette; and paternal grandfather, Herbert Rorabacher.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Interment will be in Colfax Cemetery in Bad Axe.

Visitors may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Kaufman Funeral Home, or from 10 a.m. until the time of service Tuesday.

Memorials may be offered to the Adalyn Rorabacher Education Fund.