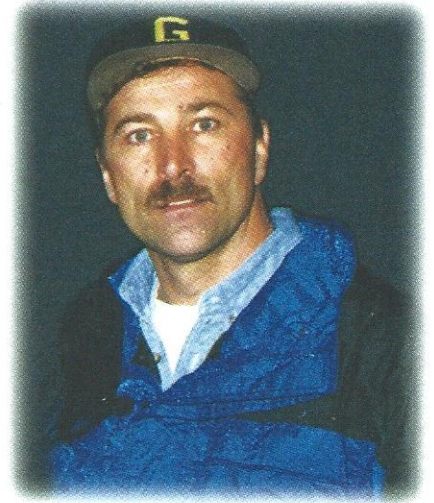


*In Loving Memory of*  
**Audie Sehl**

January 17, 1957 - January 18, 2006



The 2006 Fair is dedicated to Audie Sehl and at this time the Otsego County Fair Association would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest sympathy to his wife Janet and his children John, Jenna and Jamie.

Audie held a very special place in many hearts and now that place is empty, because of his unforeseen death. We miss him tremendously and we know that you, his family, miss him even more. We will all go on with our normal routine and do our best to accomplish what Audie had been working so hard for; The Very Best Otsego County Fair. We really have to; he is watching and guiding all of us!!! AUDIE, YOU WERE AN EXTREMELY GOOD FRIEND.

Audie was a 1975 graduate of Gaylord High School. He later enlisted into the U.S. Army. In 1979 he married Janet Oliver. He was most recently employed as a dispatch/traffic coordinator for Tandem Transport.

He served on the fair board for sixteen years and over the years he had several responsibilities and was vice president for the past four years. Audie was the go to guy, no matter what it was; he had those sixteen years of experience under his belt, which helped us newbies. If you needed something done, you could count on Audie handling it without a complaint. He would say, "I've got it handled, don't worry about it" and you never worried, you just knew he had it handled. You would see him at many of the fair events, whether it was being a judge for the chili and rib cook-off, maybe the recklessness of the rodeo, the silliness of the donkey race or the dirt and grime of the demolition derby. He was always at the fairgrounds to help with whatever needed to be done.

Audie was a huge fan of Gaylord sports in which he and his children were very active. He often refereed for various sporting events. Only Audie didn't just referee, he made it a learning experience for the kids. He took a great pride in Otsego County and was active in many community events.

Carnival life was instilled in Audie at an early age, his grandparents, Pete and Pearl, owned Sehl's Northern Show. That experience gave us an upper hand with the carnivals since he could talk their talk.

In closing, Robbie Heska said it best - "THE FAIR WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT AUDIE."