



October 5, 2009

Dear Friends,

Just about everyone knows Marshall Merle; he wears so many different hats. Maybe you know Marshall from tractor pulls or from working on your farm machinery with Goodridge farm Supply, or maybe as Assistant Chief of the Alexander Fire Department. No matter which hat Marshall may have on, you can bet that he is trying to do whatever possible to help. Marshall has been in the fire department and has worked at Goodridge Farm Supply for 25 years. Marshall generally responds to any and all calls with the fire department, no matter what is needed or when. He has been there to help within his community and neighboring communities. What you may not know, Marshall found himself in need of assistance too. This summer after the Fire Departments' tractor pull, he found himself very ill. He was soon admitted into United Memorial Medical Center where he stayed for weeks with pneumonia. After little improvement, his doctor transferred him to Buffalo. Marshall almost lost his fight for life on his way to Buffalo, but was saved and after a few more weeks in ICU, was finally able to come home. Unfortunately the Merle family still had to pay bills, and the bills from his medical expenses would soon start pouring in. With Marshall out of work from mid-July to the end of September, they would not have his paycheck to cover these expenses.

So the Friends of Marshall Merle have joined together hoping to help Marshall and his family. To offset medical and other costs, we are organizing a fundraiser to be held on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. The benefit will be held at the Alexander Fireman's Recreation Hall. A Chinese auction will be held, along with a live auction, and 50/50 raffles. Tickets will be \$10.00 that includes food and pop. The doors will be open for the Chinese auction only from 12 noon to 5 pm. Doors will re-open at 6pm for those with a ticket. A cash bar will be available. Anyone with items or baskets to donate for either a live auction or the Chinese auction are asked to contact Lance Scharlau at (585) 409-5399. For Tickets see Any Alexander Fire Department Member.

Hope you will come and support Marshall Merle in his time of need. I'm sure Marshall has been there for you when you needed his help!

Thanks,

Friends of Marshall Merle