



## Douglas A. Bell

August 21, 1955 - May 15, 2017

Douglas A. Bell, age 61, of Clare, passed away suddenly on Monday, May 15, at MidMichigan Medical Center in Clare. He was born the son of Hugh and Mary Therese (Dobos) Bell on August 21, 1955 in Clawson, Michigan. He married Debra (Dent) on August 24, 1991 and she survives him. Doug had a Masters degree in Biology from CMU but had worked in government planning as the Director of Planning for Saginaw County and had served briefly as the City Manager for the City of Clare. He lived nearly all of his life in Clare and still resided in his boyhood home. He was an "Extreme Detroit Tiger's fan". Doug loved spending time with his grandchildren and was an animal lover, especially his dogs. His favorite quote was, "I tell you, we are here on Earth to fart around, and don't let anybody tell you different!"

Doug is survived by his wife, Debra, his daughters, Mary Schmidt of Lansing, and Ashleigh Bell of Mt. Pleasant, and his grandchildren Sullivan and Rowan. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 18, at 3 PM at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home with Pastor John Kasper officiating. Friends may meet with his family at the funeral home Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to his family for a future memorial consideration. If you are unable to attend, you are invited to leave the family an online condolence message on Doug's tribute page at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Events

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**MAY**   **Visitation**            01:00PM - 03:00PM

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Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)  
1005 North McEwan St., Clare, MI, US, 48617

**MAY**   **Service**                    03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Doug please R.I.P. You were so kind to me when I joined Saginaw Planning Commission. The year time I been their, I appreciate your time and information you shared with me. May the good LORD have mercy on your soul. May your family find comfort and peace.

Charles A. Sledge and Family



Charles A. Sledge & Family - May 25, 2017 at 06:50 PM

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“ Word of Doug's passing has just reached some of us in Saginaw. This is crushing news.

Debbie and the girls are in our prayers. I hope that our maker will bless you with peace and comfort to carry you through these awful days.

Doug has left a long legacy of sound thinking, good humor and patient hope among the public servants of this whole region. It is gratifying to know that he'll be able to watch from Heaven as the seeds he has planted sprout and flourish here below, but it saddens us to realize that we'll have to wait to share the satisfaction of his "Great moments in planting" with him.

Bill Wright - from Bay City and Saginaw

Bill Wright - May 25, 2017 at 04:42 PM

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“ I have very fond memories of the intelligent amusement Doug took in observing the high school drama going on around us every school day. Always kind, always calm, but always, always chuckling about it. He was a good, wise soul even in his youngest days. I can only imagine what a wonderful adult he must have become and I'm so sorry for your huge loss. My deepest sympathies to you.

Sally Meek Dunlop - May 18, 2017 at 11:12 AM

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“ So Sorry to see this, We were cousins I do have distent memories, all good, His farther and mine were brothers, I believe I was named after his father, God Bless and R.I.P.

**Hugh Bell** - May 17, 2017 at 04:41 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Douglas A. Bell.



May 17, 2017 at 03:50 PM

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“ I am so terribly sorry to hear of Doug's passing. Many prayers are offered to you sweet Debbie and your beautiful family. may God rest His hand on you. Love and Peace, Sally

**Sally Renner** - May 17, 2017 at 03:34 PM

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“ Debbie so sorry for your loss. Doug was a great and kind person, one of a kind. Lots of love and prayers being sent your way.

**Debb Keelean McDonald** - May 17, 2017 at 08:46 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Doug and I were high school buddies but lost touch after graduating. I have thought of him often and wish we would have reconnected. Guess we will reconnect with the Lord.



**Rick Irwin** - May 17, 2017 at 07:49 AM

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“ I grew up with Doug in school, Sunday school, and confirmation classes. He always knew the answers to every question. He was a kind soul and will be missed. Prayers and deepest condolences go out to you and your family.

**Julie Rande** - May 17, 2017 at 04:38 AM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas A. Bell.



May 17, 2017 at 01:30 AM

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“ Debbie and family- so sorry for you loss of Doug. It had been so nice to have reconnected with many of our cousins thanks to Facebook. Loved seeing pictures of him and his dogs and following the Detroit Tigers.

**Marion Greenlee Valerio** - May 16, 2017 at 07:51 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas A. Bell.



May 16, 2017 at 07:11 PM

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“ Julie McCoy lit a candle in memory of Douglas A. Bell



**Julie McCoy** - May 16, 2017 at 06:13 PM



“ My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

**Julie McCoy** - May 16, 2017 at 06:15 PM

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“ Debbie and family I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you and the family. Doug was a great guy. He will be greatly missed.



**Ellyce Brinkerhoff** - May 16, 2017 at 06:08 PM

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“ When my Mom would visit for any family event, and, per usual Deb & Doug would be there, she would always have to kiss him on the cheek. She noticed his shy, sweet soul.. loved to make him grin & blush.  
I'm sure she will do the same up in heaven.

anne groves - May 16, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Keeping you in my prayers.

Marge - May 16, 2017 at 05:24 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss.

amy Koch - May 16, 2017 at 06:13 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Douglas A. Bell.



May 16, 2017 at 04:30 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family. He was a really nice guy.

Barbara Brown - May 16, 2017 at 03:48 PM

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“ Debbie and family, I am so sorry for you loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs to all of you during this difficult time. Sending you our love.

Kristin, Dan, Kail, Kendra and Henry

Kristin - May 16, 2017 at 02:56 PM

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“ Dean & Judy lit a candle in memory of Douglas A. Bell



**Dean & Judy** - May 16, 2017 at 09:18 AM



“ Perfect pic Doug in a Tigers cap and looks like at a game. Hugs Deb and family.

**Judy & Dean** - May 16, 2017 at 03:24 PM

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“ Jen Hopp lit a candle in memory of Douglas A. Bell



**Jen Hopp** - May 16, 2017 at 08:00 AM