



## Harold D. "Butch" Owens

May 18, 1941 - December 20, 2020

Harold D. "Butch" Owens, Jr., age 79 of Beaverton, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at the Pioneer Golden Estates Assisted Living of Clare. On May 18, 1941, Harold was born the son of Harold and Marie (Jenkins) Owens, Sr., on the Springer Farm in Coleman, MI and remained a resident of the Central Michigan area his whole life. He was united in marriage to Anna Brokaw on August 1, 1964 in Midland, MI, which was the beginning of a wonderful fifty-six years of marriage together. Immediately following his high school graduation, Harold served in the U.S. Army for four years during the run-up to the Vietnam War. After his enlistment concluded, Harold began working for the Dow Chemical Company, where he would eventually become a fabricator and serve an impressive thirty-one years. As proud as he was of his career with Dow, Harold was even more so with his other path he walked in life—that of a Pastor with the Church of God. What began with his involvement in the Kingdom Builder's team that helped to grow and build new congregations, led to becoming an ordained minister within the denomination, having served as the pastor at the Clare Church of God from 1989 to 2002 as well as many other area congregations. In his later years, Harold enjoyed his role as a Hospice Chaplain for Clare and Gladwin counties. When he wasn't tending to church matters, Harold could usually be found hunting, fishing, or carving one of his unique, hand-made canes or love spoons.

Harold is survived by his wife Anna Owens of Beaverton, and his two children Michele (Marty) DeRocco of Clare and Michael Owens of Beaverton. Other survivors include his grandchildren Joshua (Tiffany) DeRocco of Bradley, IL., Ryan (Heather) Owens of Gladwin, Adam (Julie) Owens of Royal Oak, MI., James DeRocco of Clare, and Emily Owens of Grand Rapids, MI., his three great grandchildren Tanner and Brodie Owens and Harper DeRocco, and his sister Lydia Middleton. Harold was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Marie Owens, Sr. and his brother Steven Owens.

Funeral services in honor of Harold will take place on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 3:30 P.M. at the Clare Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Chris Slosser officiating. Burial will take place at the Geneva Township Cemetery on Tuesday the 29th at 11:00 A.M. Friends may visit Harold's family at the Nazarene Church on Sunday the 27th from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and again on the 28th from 2:30 P.M. to the time of service at 3:30 P.M.

Memorial contributions in honor of Harold may be directed toward the Eagle Ridge Church of God—Beaverton Campus. Current Covid-19 guidelines will be in place and masks will be required. For those unable to attend, online condolences may be made at <http://www.stephenson-wyman.com> and services will be streamed live on the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home Facebook Page.

# Cemetery

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## Geneva Township Cemetery

Coleman, MI, 48618

# Events

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**DEC** **Visitation** 03:00PM - 06:00PM

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Clare Church of the Nazarene

10160 S. Grant Avenue, Clare, MI, US, 48617

**DEC** **Visitation** 02:30PM - 03:30PM

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Clare Church of the Nazarene

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**DEC** **Service** 03:30PM

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Clare Church of the Nazarene

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**DEC** **Graveside Services** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Kristina Franka lit a candle in memory of Harold D. "Butch" Owens



Kristina Franka - December 28, 2020 at 02:53 PM

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“ I can still remember he and Ann serving as youth leaders back in my youth days. They made everything enjoyable. Butch, as I know him, would ask me "how ya doin' kid?" every Sunday morning. He will be sadly missed. So sorry for the family. It is hard to lose someone so influential. We will all see him again some day!!!

Tens Andrist - December 26, 2020 at 08:19 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold D. "Butch" Owens.



December 26, 2020 at 09:24 AM

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“ 18 files added to the tribute wall



Michele Owens DeRocco - December 25, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ My Dad loved people. He enjoyed the stories people told, and as he grew older he loved telling his own even more. He loved my mom and was concerned about her until the very end. The last word I heard from him was expressing his agreement that she not worry and let us take care of her.

He enjoyed his big fat cat Hop-a-long almost as much as being with mom. His love for his grandkids was immeasurable and prayed for them daily. Dad enjoyed his hobbies. He had more wood working projects still planned than he would ever have time for. I can imagine him now whittling along Heaven's shore (with a pole and bobber close by). I have so many memories of my dad...our yearly vacations, his stories about being stationed in Italy, his love for Italian food and creating a tradition of making homemade pizza every Sunday night after church while we watched The Wonderful World of Disney. He was the one who gave me help with algebra and chemistry homework. He insisted that I go to college, "even if it's only for a year." He kept encouraging me to go as far as I could, and he was there for all 3 graduations and my retirement party.

He provided a wonderful home and family for me, he taught us about the Lord and I know we will be reunited in Heaven again.

**Michele Owens DeRocco** - December 25, 2020 at 09:59 AM

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“ We are very sorry to hear of Butch's passing prayers for your family are being sent.  
Shawn and Kelley Dunbar

**Shawn Dunbar** - December 23, 2020 at 08:03 PM

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“ Dear Anne and family,  
Butch was always a favorite person of mine.  
Hugs and prayers to everyone  
Donna (Broka) Colton

**Donna (Broka) Colton** - December 23, 2020 at 02:39 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold D. "Butch" Owens.



December 23, 2020 at 09:56 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album Harold Owens



**Josh DeRocco** - December 23, 2020 at 09:44 AM

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“ 8 files added to the album Harold Owens



**Josh DeRocco** - December 23, 2020 at 09:42 AM

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“ Harold's love for Jesus was very evident and his heart to serve Jesus, in any capacity, was matched by very few. Will miss Harold, but am thankful that he has won his crown from Jesus. An exceptional man.

**Chris Slosser** - December 23, 2020 at 09:15 AM

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“ Loved my older cousin Butch, he was always good to us younger ones.

**Melody Hinskey** - December 22, 2020 at 10:20 PM