



Albert "Al" J. Cruden

December 20, 1947 - October 3, 2025

Albert "Al" J. Cruden, age 77 of Clare, passed away following an extended illness on Friday, October 3, 2025 surrounded by his loving family at home. Al was born the son of the late Andrew and Irene (Speakman) Cruden on December 20, 1947 in Detroit. He and his family had moved to Clare when he was younger, and Al graduated from Clare High School. He was united in marriage to Patricia Morrison on December 31, 1994. Al had served and protected his community as a member of the Clare Fire Department, answering the fire whistle and pager tones for 15 years. While on the department he served as Secretary, as well as Lieutenant. He had worked for Robinson Industries as an Extrusion Operator for 40 years. In his free time Al enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers and Professional Wrestling, as well as attending car shows and riding his motorcycle.

Survivors include his wife Patricia; children Shelly (Mike) Benner of Bradenton, Florida, Albert (Laura Halliday) Cruden Jr. of Taylor and Matthew (Amanda) Cruden of Clare; his stepdaughters Angela (Steven) Spaeth of Cedar Springs and Holly (Eric Schalm) Sargent of Harrison; a brother John (Barbara) Cruden of Allegan; his brother-in-law Greg Bates of Farwell; 11 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and his brother and sister-in-laws Daniel Morrison (Micheline Rocourt) of Lansing, Michael Morrison of Lansing, Philip (Yvonne) Morrison of Mason and Nancy Morrison of Mt. Pleasant. He was predeceased by his sister Christina Bates.

Visitation and services will be held at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman

Funeral Home. Visitation will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 P.M. and Wednesday October 8, 2025 from 12 Noon until the time of services at 1 P.M. led by Al's longtime neighbor and friend Pastor Paul C. Fetzer. Burial will follow in the Cherry Grove Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation or the American Diabetes Association. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanhf@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Visitation

OCT 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

OCT 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Addie Bailer - Graff Employee purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Albert "Al" J. Cruden.



Addie Bailer - Graff Employee - October 06, 2025 at 01:19 PM

JF

“ John, Lisa Cruden & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Albert "Al" J. Cruden.



John, Lisa Cruden & Family - October 06, 2025 at 11:50 AM

JF

“ John, Lisa Cruden & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert "Al" J. Cruden.

John, Lisa Cruden & Family - October 06, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Albert "Al" J. Cruden.



October 06, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Albert "Al" J. Cruden.

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“ Judy Benner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Albert "Al" J. Cruden.



Judy Benner - October 05, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ I went to high school with Al, he was my walking partner at our graduation. Was a great guy, funny and kind. I would see him time to time while in Clare. Sorry to hear that he is gone. We will meet again.

Joanne Dana - October 05, 2025 at 03:35 PM



“ Rest in peace my old friend, I'll see you in paradise



Bob Bergey - October 05, 2025 at 01:30 PM