



## Benjamin Douglas Walters

February 23, 1967 - August 3, 2014

Benjamin D. Walters, age 47, of Clare passed away suddenly on Sunday, August 3, 2014. Ben was a life resident of the Clare area and was employed by AT&T as a Telecom Technician. His community meant a lot to him. He had been a paramedic with the Clare County EMS, Gratiot County EMS, and with Mobile Medical Response for several years and had served as a Reserve Police officer for Clare P.D. He had been a member of the Clare Kiwanis Club, had coached several Girls Softball teams when his daughters had been involved, Big Brothers and Sisters, and was currently serving on the Clare City Planning Commission. Ben was always willing to lend a hand in any civic events. Ben loved the outdoors and the four seasons of Michigan. Every season you could find him and his friends, on the snowmobile trails, off-roading in the vehicle of the year, kayaking, and hunting. Most of all he loved spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include his life partner, Cheryl Yesney, his daughters, Kayla (Mark) Peacock of Farwell, Megan Walters (Justin Rodgers) also of Farwell, grandchildren, Shaw Rodgers, Max Henry, Clayton and Carter Peacock, his parents, Doug and Bonnie Jean Walters of Clare, and his sisters, Sherry (Randy) Wyman of Scottville, Jami (Steve) Newkirk also of Clare, the Yesney family Ronald, Ann, Keith, Ron & Amy, Bob and Gayl Cleereman and Lynn and Mick Heckert and many nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts and friends. A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 8, at 11 AM at the First Baptist Church of Clare with his friend, pastor Doug Blackwell officiating.

Memorials may be made to either the Clare Depot Restoration Project or the Clare County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited. Friends are invited to meet with his family on Thursday, Aug. 7, from 5 to 8 PM at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Clare  
302 Wilcox Parkway  
Clare, MI 48617

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ I love and miss you brother, Ninja will show you the way. Only 10 people in Mich. know his gaming name and lam the one that gave it to him. God be with you brother.  
Wait for me!  
Smoky (Dr. Death)

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**Joseph Simone** - August 12, 2014 at 04:06 PM

CB

“ Bonnie and Doug,  
Ben was a wonderful son, a fabulous father, and a community-minded gentleman, We are so sorry his life was cut short. May you all find PEACE in time, and remember the legacy he leaves behind. We send prayers of comfort and sympathy to all of you.  
Charma and John

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**Charma Brian** - August 09, 2014 at 03:59 PM

HE

“ Rest in peace Ben. I know you are enjoying your new journey. Love you cousin. Until we meet again.....xoxo...

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**heather** - August 08, 2014 at 12:39 PM

DH

“ Doris (Renner) Henry lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Douglas Walters



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**Doris (Renner) Henry** - August 08, 2014 at 09:54 AM

RA

“ *RIP Ben you will truly be missed but never forgotten.*

Richard Athey - August 07, 2014 at 03:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin Douglas Walters.*



August 06, 2014 at 03:01 PM

DH

“ *Dawn Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Douglas Walters*



Dawn Humphrey - August 06, 2014 at 11:45 AM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Benjamin Douglas Walters.*



August 06, 2014 at 10:56 AM

KW

“ Kelly Walworth lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Douglas Walters



Kelly Walworth - August 06, 2014 at 10:18 AM



“ Wendy Lee-Karl lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Douglas Walters



Wendy Lee-Karl - August 06, 2014 at 08:51 AM

TC

“ Well obviously God has something pretty special planned for our dear friend Ben.  
We will never understand what it is that he was needed for to have to leave us at such a young age. All I can say is he sure chose one of the nicest guys anyone could ever meet.  
His sense of humor, that infectious laugh that everyone talks about, and that great big heart that he has, will all be so missed.  
There really are no words that can express the loss of Ben. My heart goes out to Cheryl, and his entire family. Time will heal but his memory will live on forever in everyone's heart.  
Take care my friend and "see you when I see you".

Terry Coon

Terry Coon - August 06, 2014 at 08:25 AM

AH

“ Kayla, Megan, Max, Shaw, Cheryl and Jami, we are so very sorry to hear of your heartbreaking loss. Words can't express the sadness you all must feel. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Amanda, Shaun and Seth Harton** - August 06, 2014 at 06:35 AM

TF

“ On Sunday we all lost a bit of joy, infectious humor and a true friend. Ben was Webster's definition of a true friend, proud father and honorable man who gave selflessly of himself to friend and stranger alike. I know that heaven is a lot brighter, more joyous and a little bit dirtier with all that mud flying around since you arrived. My thoughts and prayers are with Cheryl, Jami, Kayla, Megan and the rest of Ben's family. Ben, I was honored to know you and count you as a friend. Until we meet again I will be missing you.

*Tom Fraser*

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**Thomas Fraser** - August 06, 2014 at 01:31 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.  
*Mike Schubart and Family*

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**Mike Schubart** - August 05, 2014 at 06:39 PM

BS

“ Kayla & Megan,  
We got to know your dad during the softball days. He always had a smile on his face, was very friendly & fun to be around. Know that you are in our thoughts & prayers. Deepest sympathy to you and your family.

*Betty & Mark Seibt*

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**Betty Seibt** - August 05, 2014 at 01:09 PM

CE

“ *Megan ; So sorry for the loss of your dad and my prayers are with you and Cheryl. If you need anything I am right there okay later from Chanman Eberhart*



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**Chan Eberhart** - August 05, 2014 at 01:08 PM

CM

“ *Kayla,  
I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I know all too well what it's like to lose a father at such a young age. I am thinking of you and your family.  
Miss you and take care  
Courtney Martin*

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**Courtney Martin** - August 05, 2014 at 12:37 PM

JF

“ *Our thoughts are with Cheryl and all of Ben's family at this difficult time. Ben meant so much to his friends and our community. It was a pleasure to see a smile on his face every time we saw him.*

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**Josh & Tricia Farrell** - August 05, 2014 at 10:19 AM

SB

“ *Sandy Burgett lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Douglas Walters*



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**Sandy burgett** - August 05, 2014 at 10:00 AM

SB

“ So sorry Cheryl, Ben was a great guy

Shirley Beemer - August 05, 2014 at 07:13 AM

MO

“ Mark And Debbie Olson lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Douglas Walters



Mark and Debbie Olson - August 05, 2014 at 05:32 AM



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Kim Windingland - August 05, 2014 at 05:24 AM



We had a great time with Ben and Cheryl. Ben brought in a mahi mahi that we had for dinner.

Kim Windingland - August 05, 2014 at 05:27 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin Douglas Walters.



August 04, 2014 at 07:12 PM

PM

“ Cheryl & Jamie - So very sorry to hear of this...Hugs to you both. Phil & Polly McKimmy



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**Polly McKimmy** - August 04, 2014 at 06:25 PM

DK

“ Ben was a true friend to so many and will certainly be missed by all. You always knew a great time was in store when Ben and Cheryl were involved.  
Love you all,  
Dave and Sherry Kyle

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**Dave Kyle** - August 04, 2014 at 02:35 PM

AH

“ Cheryl, Megan & Kayla,  
Sending you all prayers and hugs! Ben was a great guy who lit up a room with his smile. He will be missed by many!  
The Hoskeys

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**Angela Hoskey** - August 04, 2014 at 02:12 PM

CD

“ Ben, always and forever one of our brothers!



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**Clare City Police Department** - August 04, 2014 at 12:58 PM

DJ

“ *Don And Sandi Jeffery lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Douglas Walters*



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**Don and Sandi Jeffery** - August 04, 2014 at 12:56 PM

CG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Ben Walters family. What a loss. Way too young. Sincerely, Norm and Carol Gage*

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**carol gage** - August 04, 2014 at 12:18 PM

JM

“ *Julie Maynard purchased the In Memory Blue Spruce Tree for the family of Benjamin Douglas Walters.*



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**Julie Maynard** - August 04, 2014 at 12:07 PM

DM

“ *My thoughts and prayers for all of you. God bless you through this time of trial and loss.*

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**Dan Maas** - August 04, 2014 at 10:43 AM

RR

“ *Ron & Monica Rouech lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Douglas Walters*



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**Ron & Monica Rouech** - August 04, 2014 at 08:22 AM

DS

“ *Cheryl & Jamie my heart breaks for your loss. Ben was a great man and has left a legacy of love behind. Cherish the good memories as he would have wanted.*



*Diane & Dennis Strahota*

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**Diane Strahota** - August 04, 2014 at 07:54 AM

JH

“ *Jen Hopp lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Douglas Walters*



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**Jen Hopp** - August 04, 2014 at 07:25 AM

GR

“ Cheryl,

*Debbie, and I were crushed when we heard about Ben, you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. He was a great, and very funny man.*

*Greg & Debbie Roy*

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**Greg Roy** - August 04, 2014 at 06:23 AM



“ Sorry for you loss, my thoughts prayers and strength are with you and the family.

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**Cathy Schaeffer McKibben** - August 04, 2014 at 04:48 AM



“ Very sorry to hear this. I met Bet at Rocks and Valleys. He was a great guy.

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**Lee Cavanagh** - August 04, 2014 at 02:48 AM

TS

“ Doug & Bonnie, We are SO SORRY to hear about your son. We have been there, and know what it's like. Hugs to all your family. God will sustain you through this difficult time.

*Theron & Helen*

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**Theron Smith** - August 03, 2014 at 09:55 PM

RL

“ Our thoughts and prayers go to all the family. We are so sorry for your loss. Ron and Carol Larrance

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**Ron And Carol Larrance** - August 03, 2014 at 09:48 PM

DB

“ Delee Bruining lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Douglas Walters



Delee Bruining - August 03, 2014 at 09:47 PM

RL

“ First I would like to tell Sheryl and the family our prayers are with them. I always looked forward to Ben and Sheryl coming into my work and Ben and I would rip on Dean and have some great laughs

Richard Larson - August 03, 2014 at 09:35 PM

JF

“ Jenn Ferry lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Douglas Walters



Jenn Ferry - August 03, 2014 at 09:21 PM

SH

“ Sue Hebrt lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Douglas Walters



Sue Hebrt - August 03, 2014 at 09:05 PM



“ Four years ago, Brad wanted his senior pictures taken in our Jeep at Rocks and Valleys. Unfortunately, Bill was working a storm on picture day so Ben eagerly agreed to help us out (of course...there was a JEEP involved). We had a great afternoon positioning (and repositioning) the Jeep on various rocks to get the perfect shot. It's a Jeep thing he DID understand!! Ben was always the guy you could count on to make you smile. Great friend, infectious laugh, and a mischievous side back in the day. Our hearts ache, for the Clare community has lost one of the best. Rest in peace Ben and happy Jeeping up there. You will be missed.

Christine Burns - August 03, 2014 at 09:01 PM

DT

“ Ben was a really nice guy would do anything for anybody. I meant ben when Cheryl & I bowled together he always had a smile on his face.

dianne thrush - August 03, 2014 at 08:47 PM

TE

“ He was the one of the true friends i could always count on for a good laugh. I will cherish my memories of all of our years. Rest in peace my friend

terrydancer - August 03, 2014 at 08:46 PM

DT

“ Dianne Thrush lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Douglas Walters



dianne thrush - August 03, 2014 at 08:42 PM

JH

“ *JANET HUNTOON lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Douglas Walters*



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**JANET HUNTOON** - August 03, 2014 at 08:38 PM

JW

*Cheryl, prayers and deepest sympathy to you and your family.  
Julie Wright*

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**Julie Wright** - August 04, 2014 at 09:07 AM