



## Darren Acton

May 25, 1965 - February 24, 2021

Darren Brent Acton, age 55, of Clare, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021, at MidMichigan Medical in Midland. He was born the son of Larry W. and Janet “Laurene” (Woodward) Acton, on May 25, 1965, in Clare. He graduated from Clare High School in 1983, and went on to get his BA in Engineering Technology from Central Michigan University. Darren had worked as an Account Manager for Applied Industrial.

He had lived his entire life in Clare where he “wore many Civic Hats”. He was currently a member of the Clare City Planning Commission, a position that he has held for several years, serving as Vice Chairperson and Chairperson several times. He was one of the primary innovators of the Imagination Gateway children’s Playscape in the Brookwood City Park. He had been a member of the Clare Jaycees, and had attended the Clare United Methodist Church. Darren was also an accomplished percussionist and was a member of The Gateway Community Band, The Scottville Clown Band and the Clare Band Boosters organization, often hauling the Clare Band Trailer to festivals. Darren was also an expert skier, he was a Level 3 Instructor for the Professional Ski instructors of America, was an instructor for the Snowsnake Mountain Ski School. He was also a member of the Clare Ski Team Parent Booster’s organization.

Survivors include his brothers, Larry and Donna Acton of Midland, Kirk and Kimberlyn Acton of Burt Lake, his “soulmate” of 14 years, Jenn Ferry and her daughters (His Girls!) Alise and Alexis, and his niece and nephews, Duane

(Jessie), Brent, Brett, and Lauren. He was preceded in death by his dad in 2013 and his mom in 2014.

A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 1:00 PM at the Clare United Methodist Church with Pastor Jackie Raineri officiating. Burial will follow in the Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare. Friends may meet with his family at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Monday, March 1, from 5 to 8 PM. Social distancing and mask use will be required at both events. For those unable to attend, an online condolence register is available on Darren's Tribute Page at [www.stephenson-wyman .com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com), and the service will be livecast on the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

# Cemetery Details

## Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAR 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Clare United Methodist Church  
105 E. Seventh Street  
Clare, MI 48617

## Service

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MAR 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Clare United Methodist Church  
105 E. Seventh Street  
Clare, MI 48617

# Tribute Wall



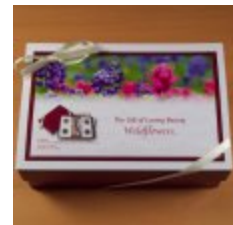
“ Darren was awesome and he was always good to us goofy kids growing up. He made a huge impact on us and he'll always be in our hearts.

-George, Dena, and Mikey-

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**Joe Black** - August 14, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Darren Acton.



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April 29, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ Sonja Rom lit a candle in memory of Darren Acton



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**Sonja Rom** - April 27, 2021 at 08:10 AM



“ I am so sorry for our loss.  
He was a great man and friend!



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**Chris Kliewoneit** - March 21, 2021 at 10:53 PM

RM

“ *Rebecca (Tice) Mederski lit a candle in memory of Darren Acton*



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**Rebecca (Tice) Mederski** - March 02, 2021 at 09:28 PM

TH

“ *Theresa Brown Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Darren Acton*



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**Theresa Brown Hoffman** - March 02, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Darren Acton.*



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March 01, 2021 at 03:57 PM

YT

“ *Your Family at Applied Industrial Technologies purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Darren Acton.*



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**Your Family at Applied Industrial Technologies** - March 01, 2021 at 09:34 AM

DW

“ Deidra Wyzkiewicz purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Darren Acton.



Deidra Wyzkiewicz - February 28, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darren Acton.



February 28, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darren Acton.



February 28, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darren Acton.



February 28, 2021 at 03:25 PM

RS

“ *My sincere condolences to Darren's family.  
May Darren rest peacefully.*



Rebecca Shear - February 27, 2021 at 10:07 PM

CH

“ *Hugs and prayers for strength to Darren's  
family and all of "his girls" ❤️*



Chrissy Harthausen - February 27, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the  
family of Darren Acton.*



February 27, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Darren Acton.*



February 27, 2021 at 09:22 AM

JS

“ From Richard (Dick) Hall in Lansing via JoAnne Hall Scalf. I'm incredibly sorry to hear of Darrens passing. I remember Chip as a special kid who help our attention in the most positive way. Praying for comfort for you all - Tiger and Tag and families



JoAnne Hall Scalf - February 27, 2021 at 01:48 AM

SN

“ Sandy Nicholls lit a candle in memory of Darren Acton



Sandy Nicholls - February 26, 2021 at 11:19 PM

MH

“ Darren was on the Clare ski team when I coached the 1978-1979 season. He was one of the genuinely nicest, and kindest young men I ever met. He will certainly be missed.  
- Mark Hales

Mark Hales - February 26, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ Janet Huntoon lit a candle in memory of Darren Acton



Janet Huntoon - February 26, 2021 at 04:35 PM



*You left a great Legacy Darren ...R.I.P..*

**Janet Huntoon** - February 26, 2021 at 04:38 PM



*YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED AND YOU ALWAYS WILL BE "DERWOOD" TO ME*

**Marie Shook** - February 27, 2021 at 08:46 PM

DD

*“ Never was there a Clown so loved as Darren. His presence in the band will be sorely missed. We have all struggled with finding the right words to express our grief and acknowledge your own. He loved all of you. The stars are a little dimmer right now but he will light them back up with is presence in the heavenly Clown Band. Play on brother. Play on.*

**Dr. Sidney Disbrow** - February 26, 2021 at 12:45 PM

JF

*“ Darren was a great guy and a heck of a good drummer. The Clown Band will miss his smiling face and great musicianship. I personally will miss his warm heart and wonderful smile. Rest in Peace my friend. Clare will never be the same without you and the back of the bus will miss your wit. Love ya!!*

**Jim "Tiny" Frost** - February 26, 2021 at 12:25 PM



*“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Darren Acton.*



February 26, 2021 at 11:44 AM

CZ

“ I'll miss the little guy. Known and been friends with him since kindergarten. There's probably not a guy with a bigger heart than Darren, and he wore it on his sleeve. When he had an interest in something whether it was music, machines, charities, the city, he sure dived in 100%. Darren will be missed by all, hard to replace a guy like that.

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**Chris zinser** - February 26, 2021 at 09:41 AM

MB

“ Marcella Bell lit a candle in memory of Darren Acton



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**Marcella Bell** - February 25, 2021 at 10:04 PM

RS

“ So sad to hear of Darren's passing. He was such a great friend to anyone he knew. Our thoughts are with you in this trying time

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**Ron and Laurie Staten** - February 25, 2021 at 08:45 PM

SB

“ Sorry to hear of Darren's passing.  
I remember the days when we were running our cars to car shows and the many evenings cruising Clare. Most fun hanging out and enjoying the company. What a good friend.  
Now you have piece.  
Scott Brewer.

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**Scott Brewer** - February 25, 2021 at 08:37 PM