



David A. Gloss

August 23, 1937 - March 20, 2024

David Gloss, age 86 of Clare, passed away Wednesday, March 20, 2024. David was born the son of Francis and Mary (Brown) Gloss on August 23, 1937, in Rosebush, Michigan. David served 5 years in the United States Air Force, being honorably discharged as a fighter pilot at the rank of Staff Sergeant. David attended Central Michigan University where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Industrial Arts, and later earned a Master's degree in Mathematics. While at CMU, David met his first wife, Karen (Horning) and they wed on August 12, 1961. David and Karen moved to Clare in 1963, where David lived until his passing. David taught at Clare High School from 1963 until his retirement in 1988. After Karen's passing, David married Debra Musser on September 12, 2009.

David enjoyed hunting and fishing, as well as woodworking and metal working. David often helped neighbors and friends with equipment and facilities repairs. David was a farmer most of his life, having raised various crops and livestock.

David is survived by his wife Debra, her daughters Kim Ward of Clare and Kay (Joey) Shull of South Boston, Virginia, his son Michael and his wife Laura (Koskela) of Houghton, grandsons Jordan Gloss of Houghton and Marcus Gloss of Buffalo, New York, his daughter Lisa and her husband Jeremy Lessman of Pullman, Washington, his sisters Shirley Gloss-Soler and Marilyn

Peters, as well as several nieces and nephews and extended family. David was preceded in passing by his parents Francis and Mary, his sisters Barbara Spitsbergen, Virginia Breuer, Martha Anderson, and his first wife Karen.

Funeral Services for David will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at 1:00 PM at the Clare United Methodist Church, 109 E. Seventh St., Clare, Mich., 48617. Friends are invited to meet with his family at the church on Saturday from 11 AM until the time of Services. Memorial gifts in honor of Dave may be directed to Toni and Trish Hospice, PO Box 125, Auburn Mi., 48611-0125 or www.toniandtrishhouse.org, or to the Clare United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements were in the care of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Homes. A

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAR 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CT

“ *Mr. Gloss -- a true, true renaissance man! So talented in so many varied and unique ways. And so darn fun just to talk with. He even made calculus sort of "fun" to learn. I think of him often and fondly.*

Chris Tracy

Chris Tracy - March 27, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ *To Deb and the family
Dave has been a close friend for many,many years. We have never met a person with so many talents, from metal work, woodworking, farming, hunting and all around knowledge. I had Dave as a Math teacher in High school and his quote: "Sit down and shut up". We have kept close and will miss him very much. Thanks for being there for us, this last year and we will be praying for you and his kids.*

Don and Dorothy Papesh

Don Papesh - March 22, 2024 at 03:54 PM

BC

“ *Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha-MTU Chapter purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of David A. Gloss.*



Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha-MTU Chapter - March 22, 2024 at 10:13 AM

BC

“ Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha-MTU Chapter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David A. Gloss.

Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha-MTU Chapter - March 22, 2024 at 10:13 AM

SG

“ Shirley Gloss-Soler purchased the Divine Light for the family of David A. Gloss.



Shirley Gloss-Soler - March 21, 2024 at 09:29 PM

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Shirley Gloss-Soler - March 21, 2024 at 09:29 PM

TB

“ Dave was a family friend for years as well as teacher to both mom and me. He taught mom drivers ed and me algebra. He always offered the young men a penny an hour increased doubly each hour to help him each summer in the hay, with nary a taker! We were all so happy when he and Karen won their retirement! Many, many memories. Karen helped me with French and he with math. Lisa put me up on her horses and swam in the pool with Michael. Happy Dave and Karen are together again, prayers to Deb, Lisa, Michael and all the kids for their loss.

Tami Cowles, Brad & Bria Blair - March 21, 2024 at 07:02 PM

DC

“ *Da Buck 'N' Cold Camp Crew purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of David A. Gloss.*



Da Buck 'N' Cold Camp Crew - March 21, 2024 at 06:33 PM

BB

“ *Fair winds and following seas Dave, Ill see you in paradise. My life is better for having known you.*



Bob Bergey - March 21, 2024 at 04:06 PM

FF

“ *From the Orent family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David A. Gloss.*



From the Orent family - March 21, 2024 at 01:25 PM

BM

“ *Dave Gloss used to play cards at the Senior Center in Farwell. Always had a fun evening. Rest in Peace.*



Beverley Mapes - March 21, 2024 at 12:01 PM

MB

“ I first met Mr. Gloss at the School. My Dad was the Maint. Supervisor and Dave was running the shop, and a shooting range that was under the stage! Yes...that is correct Clare has an old shooting range under the Stage! I also was friends with his son Mike! As we grew up, I hung out more with Mike and of course had Mr. Gloss as a teacher. He did his best at teaching me math, My papers were the subject of lots of his bombs...and justly deserved. Mike, I believe was key at getting me a passing grade, maybe not because he had better luck teaching me, but perhaps had some influence on Dad to take pity on me.

What really struck me about Mr. Gloss was that he treated everyone as being on the same level. He was blessed with not being hung up on titles and positions but held morals and character as king. The things he taught and especially the methods used helped me and many others build on these strengths. I recall his proofs, (not sure I recall correctly) where he proved that $1+1=3$. This took 2 classes to do! And when he was done he showed us where the error was that made this happen. It was frustrating! And a great example of how he would teach us how important it was to not get frustrated, but to verify and trust the math and it will work. More of a character lesson than a math one for sure.

So Mr. Gloss, Thanks for showing me what is important, it has served me well in life and you have certainly left your mark on not only me but all your students. I will miss our conversations greatly.

matt benic - March 21, 2024 at 11:39 AM

JD

Me. Gloss was a teacher who really cared about his students. Not only in the classroom, but was always willing to talk or take phone calls after hours. My kids benefited greatly from his patience and values in life.

Joanne Dana - March 21, 2024 at 03:36 PM

LL

“ Love, Your Work Ladies purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of David A. Gloss.



Love, Your Work Ladies - March 21, 2024 at 08:58 AM

LC

“ When I was a little girl, Dave’s family were neighbors and I was a friend of his younger sisters. We moved and lost touch with Dave. Years later, when I walked into Analytical Calculus & Geometry class, we had a new teacher. I felt like I recognized him. He introduced himself to the class and I was still unsure. I asked my Mom about Dave and the next day I asked him if he was the Dave Gloss I knew. Grinning, he responded: “You couldn’t tell by the ears?” I always smile when I think of that conversation. On occasion, my Mom or I babysat his children and my Mom kept in touch with him for years. He and Deb did me and my sisters the honor of attending my Mom’s visitation when we lost her. My family always held Dave in high regard. He was a truly good, smart and kind gentleman with quite a sense of humor. He created a great legacy as a family man, friend, community member and as a teacher who will be fondly remembered by so many of his students!

Lois Eberhart Casper - March 21, 2024 at 03:13 AM

BH

“ *“Hales, sit down and shut up!”* has been his greeting to me for the last few decades; and I will miss him. As a math teacher to many, a shop teacher, a Gun Smith , in Downtown Clare, at Fish Dinners and various events Dave Gloss made his mark on many.

BRUCE HALES - March 20, 2024 at 06:10 PM