



## David J. Teall

June 22, 1959 - March 4, 2026

With a heavy heart we share the passing of our beloved brother, David John Teall, age 66, of Clare, he was surrounded by his family on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at the North Woods Nursing Center in Farwell. David was born the son of Henry and Shirley (Schmanke) Teall on June 22, 1959, in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. He lived for all of his life in the Clare Area. After graduating from Clare High School in 1977, David began a lifelong career in maintenance for the Clare Public Schools. At that time he also had a dual career at the House of Flavors in Clare where he would work 40 hours per week for both the schools and the House of Flavors. As a youngster he had been involved in FFA and Boy Scouts. He farmed with his family for his entire life and had served as a member of the "Chain Gang" for every football team that played organized football in Clare, from youth through the Rocket program, and all of the high school teams from 1977 through the 2025 season.

David was an amazing brother, uncle and friend, with a heart of gold. He was a humbled man, quietly making all our lives easier without saying a word. His kindness and humor was infectious. David was loved by many and will be missed by all.

David is survived by his siblings, Sandy Berlin of Seattle, Wa., Ken Teall, Don Teall, Linda Tossey, and Jim (Tammy) Teall, all of Clare, and Cheryl (Tony) Temple of Kingsley, as well his nieces and nephews, Dan (Samara) Berlin, Christopher (Karen) Berlin, Josh (Trish) Tossey, Kristine (Caleb) Methner,

Kerry (Jim) Gross, Kelly (JR Barker) Teall, Katie (Kyle) Bauer, Kaylee (Alex) Lerch, Jimmy Teall Jr., Stephanie (Ryan Travis) Temple, Alyssa (DJ) Alcorn, and Justin Temple, plus thirty great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Shirley Teall, and his brother-in-law James Berlin.

In keeping with David's desires, a memorial service is being planned to be held at the Clare United Methodist Church on April 19, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Memorial gifts may be directed to: Clare Public Schools, Cross Country and Football programs. Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R, MC: VE01FS, Detroit, MI 48201 or online at [karmanos.org/giftofhope](http://karmanos.org/giftofhope). Please indicate the gift is in memory of David Teall by writing a memo on your check.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Very great man that spent many hours giving to the community and schools of Clare Michigan. Dave spent countless hours always helping others.* ”

Kyle Schunk - April 20 at 08:09 PM

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“ *What a sweet guy he will be sadly missed. R.I.P David* ”

Sandra Turley (Cunningham) - April 17 at 08:19 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David J. Teall.* ”



April 14 at 11:42 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David J. Teall.* ”



April 09 at 10:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David J. Teall.*



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March 28 at 09:23 PM



“ *Just heard of your brother's death. I am so sorry for all of you. I remember with fondness the bus rides to school and the fun we all had. I will keep you in my prayers. Lynn David Mattis*

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**lynn mattis** - March 20 at 08:36 AM



“ *Ken and family I had the privilege of seeing and talking to Dave 5 days a week for 15 years in the Clare primary school. He brightened every one of them and we all knew how many days till Christmas!! I know you will miss him terribly. My prayers for peace and comfort in the days to come for all of you. Kim/Roger Kushmaul*

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**Kimberly Kushmaul** - March 12 at 08:36 AM

FW

“ When I drove schoolbus for Clare Schools, I enjoyed every minute of the times Dave was in the employee break room with us at the bus garage.

*I am sure my late friend Tom Peek who was bus mechanic there once, also thought highly of Dave.*

*I hope Dave got his knee or hip fixed in 2017 when he told us about that health need.*

*And when me & my brothers were kids on Rogers Ave., Dave Teall was always one of the polite older kids on our bus route that Mrs. Millie Walters drove in the 70s. He didn't make fun of people, he was a really good example, may God bless.*

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**Frederick Woods** - March 09 at 06:57 PM

GR

“ Graduated with David played baseball and football very quiet person but would give his shirt off his back for anyone RIP my friend

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**Greg Randle** - March 09 at 06:08 PM

SO

“ So very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with family and all who loved Dave.

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**suzanne olson** - March 09 at 06:07 PM

DH

“ Dave knew within five minutes of a game starting who was going to win just on how the hitting was going. I missed our Monday conversation this week and will miss seeing him on the chains next fall. His blood was no doubt Clare Green. RIP my friend; thanks for all you did for Clare Schools

Doug Haggart - March 09 at 03:12 PM

JL

Dave was a wonderful help for all of us at Clare Primary School. He was always willing to do whatever he could—moving boxes, replacing a pencil sharpener, in my case, hauling instruments in & out of storage & always setting up & taking down risers for many school performances. He was a great guy.

Joan Long - March 09 at 06:46 PM

LH

“ It was a pleasure to work with Dave at the school for so many years. He always had a smile and let everyone know how many days left until Christmas!

Larry and Susie Hales - March 09 at 02:44 PM

CR

“ Dave was a kind, quiet man. He worked with my mom at the school and always helped her. He let us use his wheelchair so she could go to my sons graduation. RIP



Cindy Rulapaugh - March 08 at 01:39 PM

RS

“ We worked with Dave at Clare Primary School and he was a first class, wonderful hard working gentleman! He always had a smile and some special words to share! Hard to replace someone like him! He will be missed and never forgotten!

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**Rodger and Hilda Sharp** - March 06 at 03:57 PM

BH

“ Worked with David at Clare Public Schools for many many years. He was a first class uncle and friend to many. He will be missed but not forgotten.

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**Bruce Hales** - March 06 at 02:25 PM