



Donald L. Bay

September 28, 1938 - October 6, 2023

Donald Lee Bay, age 85, of Clare, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Friday, Oct. 6, 2023. He was born the son of Clarence and Elizabeth (Allen) Bay on Sept. 28, 1938, in Sheridan Township. He married Betty J. Swartz on Feb. 14, 1959, in Barryton, Michigan. Betty preceded him in death on Sept. 26, 2012. Don had been a Carpenter and Farmer and lived his entire life in Clare. He had been employed by Holley Carburetor and Seiter Construction and was self employed as a farmer. Don had been a longtime member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, first in Clare and recently in Harrison. He was a big promoter of the Clare Rod and Gun Club, where he was also a member. He had enjoyed: hunting, woodworking, farming, Trap shooting, playing cards, and hanging out with his friends at the Clare-Farwell American Legion.

Donald is survived by his children, Tamey Lee (Will) Knapp of Texas, Donald Bay of Clare, Belinda Sue (Ronald) Lane of Pennsylvania, and Bettie Eileen (Jay) Ricolo of Clare, Seven Grandchildren, several Great-grandchildren, his longtime companion, Dianna Lee, and two sisters, Sharon Renny of Grant, Mi., and Betty Haynes of Illinois. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, his parents, three brothers, Larry, Norris, and Loren, and two Great-granddaughters, Amelia Rose Ricolo and Jessica Nicole Knapp.

A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday at 12 Noon at the Eagle Church of God, 7087 E. Dover Rd., Clare, Mi., 48617. Friends may meet with his family on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 11 AM till

Noon on Wednesday at the church. A luncheon will follow the funeral service and burial will take place in the Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare. Memorials may be directed to his family.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 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 **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

OCT **11**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

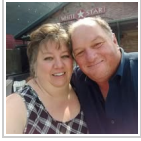
Eagle Church of God
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Service

OCT 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I remember serving in the Clare Eagles board with Don, he was a very active member and always helped when and where help was needed. He will be dearly missed by friends and his family.

R.I.P Don

Scott Giles - October 14, 2023 at 11:12 PM



“ I remember Don from CHS. He was always a kind person. Our churches hot together for youth gatherings. Days before TV and cell phones. We sang and played games
GOOD OLE DAYS SEE YOU LATER DON

Nola(Van Buskirk) Owen - October 12, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Don was one of my dad's best friends. He loved spending time with him. They had many interests in common. They did many projects together. May the angels welcome him to paradise. Prayers to all of his family.

Joe Magalski - October 10, 2023 at 08:25 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald L. Bay.



October 09, 2023 at 08:30 PM

SW

“ So sorry to see your father's passing, Betty & Jay. It is hard to lose a loved one who helped raise you to who you are today. I will be praying for you and your family at this time and in the days ahead. May your dad, rest in peace.

Sandy Wentz - October 09, 2023 at 05:04 PM

FM

“ From Deb and Brad Musser purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Donald L. Bay.



From Deb and Brad Musser - October 09, 2023 at 12:56 PM

FM

“ From Deb and Brad Musser planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald L. Bay.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald L. Bay.

October 09, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald L. Bay.*



October 09, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *Don Bay taught me how to trout fish on the Middle Branch of the Tobacco River. I must have been about 12 years. Great memory for me!*

Phil Peet - October 09, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ *Bettie: I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Keep the good memories close to your heart. They will bring you great comfort in the days ahead.*

Sandee Daris - October 09, 2023 at 09:02 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald L. Bay.*



October 08, 2023 at 06:54 PM

TL

“ Sending Prayers to you Mom (Dianna Lee) I know you and Don found each other with love - you told me that Don taught you things, things you've never thought you'd find yourself doing. I always seen the joy in your eyes and could here the **EXCITEMENT** in your voice while you told me what you he taught you. He loves you as you love him, just remember all the good memories and know he's always in your heart.



Sending Prayers and Hugs to the rest of the family. Your Dad was a kind, compassionate loving person, couldn't ask for anyone better for our Mom. Thanks for sharing him with her. She thinks highly of you all and has warmth in heart when she speaks of you all.

Tracy Lee - October 08, 2023 at 04:44 PM

BH

“ Sorry for your loss. I'll be keeping you and all of the kids in my heart during this very difficult time.

BRUCE HALES - October 08, 2023 at 04:23 PM

AN

“ Even tho I was only in your life for a short period of time. You left a very big impact on mine. I will never forget your kindness. Rest in peace! you will surly be missed.

Love
Annabell ❤️ 🙏

Annabell - October 08, 2023 at 03:12 PM