



Donald Bigelow

July 17, 1929 - February 26, 2022

Donald Bigelow, age 92, of Clare, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, at the Laurels of Mt. Pleasant. Don was born the son of Merle and Ellen (Kohlsmidt) Bigelow on July 17, 1929 in Clinton County near St. John's. He married Drusilla Haring on Feb. 11, 1949 in Angola, Indiana and Drusilla passed away on Sept. 4, 2001. Don had worked as a Milk Hauler for Jake Thayer and as a Trucker for DTE Trucking Division. He also enjoyed raising his Belted Galloway cattle on his beloved Bigelow Farm.

Survivors include his children, Daryl Bigelow, Deanna Reid, and Danette (Jim) Geyer, all of Clare, his brother, Ron (Dee) Bigelow, sisters, Suzanne (Richard) Dougherty, and Shirley Hutfeltz, his grandchildren, Jennifer (Matt) Rodgers, James (Mary) Geyer, Sarah (Jarrod) Waite, Shelly (Ben) Browning, Barry (Amy) Bigelow, Beckie Bigelow, Kayla (Dan) Browning, and Katherine Reid, great-grandchildren, Andrew, Morgan, Easton, Wesley, Tripp, Madison, Blayn, Natalie, Mallory, Vanessa, Willard, Duke, Jerry, and another on the way. Also surviving are his brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim Haring, Glenda and Art Baker, Lynda and Robert Hitchcock, Margo and Rev Benchley and Pat Haring. Beside Drusilla, he was preceded in death by his son, Donald Barry Bigelow, Siblings, Doreen (Bob) O'toole, Robert (Mary Ruth) Bigelow, Eston (Mary) Bigelow, Jack (Dorothy) Bigelow, JoAnn (Leon) Wilson, and Kristy Brooks, and in-laws, Warren (Bernise)Haring, Carl (Ruth) Haring, Jay Haring, Lanny Haring, Frank (Clara) Haring, Donna (John) Colosky, Delorus (Milan) Robison, Laila (Merle) Phillips, Leila (Ray) Butler, Sharla (Bob) Mitchell, Denise

(Bud)Way, Jeanette Haring, and Marv Hutfeltz.

A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 1:30 PM at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home with Wilma Shurlow-Phillips officiating. Burial will be in the Vernon Twp. Cemetery. Friends are invited to meet with his family at the Funeral Home on Wednesday from 3 to 8 PM and Thursday from 12:30 till 1:30 PM. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, have been suggested to the Pere Marquette District Library or to the Pere Marquette Rail Trail.

Cemetery Details

Vernon Township Cemetery

8100 N. Mission Rd.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 3:00 PM - 8:00 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/>

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Tribute Wall

NB

“ *Nancy Bruce Bauer lit a candle in memory of Donald Bigelow*



Nancy Bruce Bauer - March 03, 2022 at 07:17 PM

JH

“ *Judy Hales lit a candle in memory of Donald Bigelow*



Judy Hales - March 03, 2022 at 01:41 PM

JH

So sorry for your loss. I will always remember at Christmas living at the farm house on Mission, our kids racing to beat your dad on who could turn on Christmas lights first each night of the holiday. LOL. And how much joy his Oreo cookie cows brought to all of us. Kids would always say milk and Oreo in one spot! May all memories bring a smile to all of you. Judy Hales

Judy Hales - March 03, 2022 at 01:45 PM



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



March 01, 2022 at 12:54 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Bigelow.



March 01, 2022 at 07:37 AM



“ Always giving, Always Teaching all of us in his own quiet way. Someone who had experienced so much pain in his own personal loss, not to wear that on his sleeve. But to continue to keep on teaching us even thru those experiences.. His Children and Grandchildren, even us farther out on the fringe, are such better people having had him to set his example. It is said it matters what is between your - (dash) birth- to passing. His life Made a difference.. I thank God for it all. Missed by so many. love, hugs, Dan & Roni

Roni Howard - February 28, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Bigelow.



February 28, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Bigelow.*



February 28, 2022 at 09:43 AM



“ *Yet another "end of an Era" with Don's passing. What a guy he was and what an incredible pair he and "Duke" made. I send my deepest condolences to all those who loved him. So sorry he's gone but what a life to celebrate. How lucky we are to have had him with us for so long! All the best on the next leg of your journey Don, and please give all our love, hugs & kisses to Duke! We know that only part of you is gone...but sadly...that's the part we're missing so much already.*

J. D. Haring - February 28, 2022 at 08:51 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Bigelow's family. Lynn (David) and Steve Mattis*

Lynn (David) Mattis - February 28, 2022 at 07:45 AM



“ *What a Great Man Don was I loved the fact that he gave the children nicknames and enjoyed observing them on Christmas eve. Even in passing he was classy enough to give you all time to prepare. REST IN PEACE DON*

Jerry Browning - February 28, 2022 at 06:34 AM

ML

“ *Daryl, Deanna and Danette,
Sending our thoughts and prayers from Minnesota to you and your
family.*

Michelle (O'Toole) Lass and family

Michelle Lass - February 27, 2022 at 10:24 PM

KS

“ *Ken Sheredy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies
Basket for the family of Donald Bigelow.*



Ken Sheredy - February 27, 2022 at 06:21 PM

KS

“ *I'm So sorry to hear the news of Don's passing.
My thoughts and prayers are with his family.
His friendship and kindness to my family will never be forgotten.
Rest In Peace Don...
With Deepest Sympathy,
Ken Sheredy*

Kenneth Sheredy - February 27, 2022 at 06:02 PM

BH

“ *My heart is with these families during this difficult time. Don has
been a neighbor most of my life and when I think of him I'll see his
banded cattle and him mowing ditches. He'll be missed.*

Bruce Hales - February 27, 2022 at 05:53 PM