



Donald G. Blackledge

June 16, 1939 - June 27, 2017

Donald G. Blackledge, age 78 of Clare, passed away Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at the Woodland Hospice House in Mt. Pleasant. Donald was born the son of the late Clifton Gale and Donna Joy (Dexter) Blackledge on June 16, 1939 in Lake George, Michigan. Donald was united in marriage to Joyce A. Miller on October 12, 1957 in Clare. He had served his Country in the U.S. Navy for 22 years; following his Navy career Donald returned to Michigan to work as a Rural Letter Carrier at the Lake Station Post Office for 20 Years. Donald and his family have lived in many places including South America during his time in the Navy. Following his retirement from the Post Office, he had lived in Southern California for 15 years before returning to Clare in 2015. Donald belonged to the Clare V.F.W. and the Clare/Farwell American Legion; he enjoyed fishing and gardening.

He is survived by his wife Joyce; sons Donald Kevin (Teri) Blackledge of Costa Mesa, California and Scott Alan Blackledge of Albuquerque, New Mexico; three grandchildren Keri, Jillian and Angelina; his siblings Jo Ann Heintz of Harrison, Duane (Elaine) Updyke of Harrison, Mickey (Gary) Anderson of Montrose and Mike (Marilyn) Updyke of Farwell and a sister-in-law Diane Updyke of Sunfield. Donald was predeceased by an infant son Randy; his stepfather Grover Updyke and brothers Eugene Blackledge and Gary Updyke.

Visitation will be held at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Saturday, July 1, 2017 from 10:30 A.M. until 1 P.M. Immediately

following the visitation graveside Military Honors will be rendered at the Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare. Memorial contributions are suggested to Wounded Warriors Foundation, the Clare V.F.W. Post 5738 or to the Clare/Farwell American Legion Post 558. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Military Honors

JUL 1. 1:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Don was a great man. Condolences to the Blackledge family. This is the first I heard of his passing. Scott was my best friend in high school and best man in my wedding. Joyce was always sweetheart to me. R.I.P. Don.

TODD ENGLISH - August 26, 2017 at 08:54 PM

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“ Thank you for your service to America and the spirit of integrity you brought to our American Legion Post 558!

Kelly Morley - June 29, 2017 at 07:08 AM