



## Edward "Dexter" Hubel

March 29, 1938 - May 16, 2022

On May 16, 2022 Edward "Dexter" Hubel passed away peacefully on his farm in Clare, Michigan. He lived an adventurous 84 years. Dexter is survived by his wife Judy Hubel; his children Becky Gibbs (Tom), Connie Miller (John), and Edward John Hubel; his grandchildren Jenny Thomas (Pat), Clint Shattuck (Beth), Kelsey Shattuck, Justin Miller (Emma), Caley Miller, Cami Miller, Bailey Hubel, Peyton Hubel, and Hayden Hubel; great grandchildren Averii, Ivy, Brice, and Rylee; nephew Teri Hubel and daughter in law Kris Hubel. He was preceded in death by his parents Harry Edward Hubel and Elleda Hubel, and his brother Richard Hubel. At heavens gate he was welcomed by two of his favorite horses, Gilded Queen and Dark Crow, and his dog Geronimo.

Dexter was born March 29, 1938. He lived the majority of his life on the 138-year-old farm in Clare, Michigan. Dexter was a successful cowboy. The titles he was proudest of are the 1970 Mid-West Cowboy Association Bareback Champion as well as the 1970 MWA Runner-Up All-Around Cowboy. He proudly wore his championship buckle on his personally hand-crafted leather belt. Dexter was a blacksmith and a highly respected thoroughbred owner, breeder, and trainer, winning over 500 races throughout his career. He was a horse whisperer with the "whisper" usually spoken loud and clear.

Dexter loved to tell a story, could ride a rank horse, and often did both at the same time. If there was a dance floor, he would be on it. He and his lifelong dance partner Judy would be center stage all night. Dexter couldn't work an

oven and didn't have a cell phone, but he never missed a meal or conversation. Race horses paid the bills, but his passion was helping young kids at a local show or the county fair developing horsemanship skills. In his later years his favorite places were against the fence at the Clare County Fair, in a lawn chair by left field of a softball game, or at the top row of the bleachers supporting his grandchildren.

Dexter will be remembered by his family, wearing a straw hat and plaid shirt with a dull knife, sharp pen, and advice always available. He was a man with grit and old school values. His integrity and respect in the horse world was incomparable. He believed in a hand shake and was a man of his word.

Dexter would ask his friends and loved ones to follow the advice that he was often heard telling a jockey before a race or a grandchild before competing and that is to "ride 'em like you stole 'em."

There will be a Celebration of Life Open House held Sunday, June 5, 2022 between 2:00pm-5:00pm at Hubel Farms. In remembrance of Dexter, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to: Clare Equestrian Team or the proposed Clare Turf Room.

Welcome to heaven, cowboy. Your entry fees are paid.

Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 5. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Hubel Farms  
3267 Dunlop Road  
Clare, MI 48617

# Tribute Wall



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Edward "Dexter" Hubel.

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June 04, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ Dexter was a one of a kind, very memorable friend. Although I didn't see him often, I always knew I could count on his help if ever needed. Our world lost a wonderful person and he will be sorely missed.

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**Susie Walton** - May 31, 2022 at 08:41 AM

JL

“Dexter was an unforgettable man; a great neighbor and meant a lot to our family. In younger years he helped & taught both my daughter Shelley & Son Tim a lot about life - but also about horses. Shelley loved spending time there with Becky & Connie, sleeping in their hayloft, riding horses and just being around their family. I always appreciated whatever Dexter would share with us (especially time with Judy) - so many things - breeding our Katy and watching our little April born into this world. An experience of a lifetime not easily forgotten.

*Dexter leaves big shoes to fill - but as a good friend I know that Becky, Connie & Eddie John as well as all of their grandchildren will be a help with this. What he taught and gave to them cannot be taken away..*

*I am grateful to have known Dexter and to call he & Judy FRIENDS - the very best kind! Yes - he is watching down over us now and his love will be forever felt by his loved ones and friends.*

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Janice Landauer - May 29, 2022 at 11:56 AM

KS

“ My condolences to Judy and the family.

*Okay, a memory about Dexter...: Well, if you were a wallflower, he was NOT the guy you would want to be standing next to. He would most certainly have something brash to say, bringing you out of your shell with mouth agape!*

*On the other hand, there's not a better friend you could have in your corner when a need arose. I recall when he showed up to load a mean and hateful mule into a trailer for me when my husband wasn't home. He just couldn't think of me doing it by myself.*

*When my husband Wayne passed away, it was Dexter I called to get a ride home from the Ann Arbor hospital. Although he didn't come personally, he saw to it that I got that ride from a trusted family member. Then he arranged a job opportunity for our youngest son, who'd just graduated high school.*

*He helped my sons learn about showing horses and he was always available to share his knowledge with my husband, who loved horses. Wayne knew that Dexter "knew" horses, so he just liked being around him. There were many times when we, as a family, would just load into the car and go to Dexter and Judy's. We were always welcomed. Thanks to Judy as well for tolerating all those unplanned visits.*

*I can only imagine some of the reunions going on in heaven right now! God bless you, Judy and to all your family, as well.*

*Karen Spickerman*

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**Karen Spickerman** - May 22, 2022 at 03:26 PM

LM

“ Dear Judy and family, I haven't seen you all in a couple of years, but missed the gatherings of all those horse friends. Since getting to know you all through my work with the 4-H extension, I cherished the friendships made during that time. How many memories were made at the Clare County fair camping during fair week. Also watching many of the 4-H kids showing and growing up and learning their children continuing the horse knowledge Dexter helped lead the way. He will be missed by all and his memory will always be close in our heart.  
Love to all, Leanne Meyer

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**Leanne Meyer** - May 21, 2022 at 10:50 AM

JB

“ Dear Judy and Hubel family: Dexter will remain larger than life in my memories. He taught me about horses, horsemanship, being tough, and having fun. You always got an honest opinion and a colorful story from Dexter. Good ride cowboy!  
Fondly, Jill Boardman

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**Jill L. Boardman** - May 19, 2022 at 10:28 AM

DH

“ Judy, and Family: We are so sorry to hear of your loss! We send our deepest Condolences and pray you will have, Faith, Peace and Comfort in this difficult time and God will bless you all!

*Dick & Edith Hunt*

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**Dick & Edith Hunt** - May 18, 2022 at 10:32 AM

DH

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*Dick & Edith Hunt*

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**Dick & Edith Hunt** - May 18, 2022 at 10:32 AM

JM

“ Judy and family:  
So sorry to hear of Dexter's passing, always enjoyed bantering with him at the store or wherever we saw him. Thoughts and prayers for all.  
Sincerely Sharon and Jeff Michels.

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**jeff michels** - May 17, 2022 at 06:31 PM

JM

“ Dexter had an amazing life. He had so many unique accomplishments. Condolences to the family.

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**Jeanie Mishler** - May 17, 2022 at 03:00 PM

KM

“ Where to begin? Dexter, Judy, Becky, Connie & Eddie John will forever be a big part of my 10-year 4-H memories. His instructive seriousness could turn on a dime into a cowboy burst of laughter filling any empty moment with gaiety, showing by example to always see the lighter side of any situation. Much love to his family in Dexter's passing. Until we meet again 💙

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**Karen McGuire** - May 17, 2022 at 01:36 PM

BH

“ *His smiling face and ready laugh will be ever in my mind when I think of Dexter. My heart goes out to his family and friends. He'll be missed, but not forgotten.*

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**BRUCE HALES** - May 17, 2022 at 12:29 PM

WM

LAST VISIT WITH DEXTER AND JUDY WAS WITH MY WIFE PAT: AT OUR 20TH HIGH SCHOOL REUNION.

DEXTER WAS ALWAYS A GOOD FRIEND AND GENUINE COWBOY. AT ONE TIME I MET JOHN WAYNE ON A MOVIE SET: SHOOK HIS HAND: HOWEVER JOHN WAYNE WAS A MOVIE STAR: NOT A COWBOY LIKE DEXTER . A BIG TREAT WAS A VISIT TO THEIR RANCH ON OLD HWY. 27 WHERE WE WOULD ALL MOUNT UP TO RIDE TO BEBE LAKE FOR A SWIM AT THE BOY SCOUT CAMP: I WAS USUALLY THE LAST GUY THERE LEADING MY HORSE TO THE LAKE: APPARENTLY HAD SUPER GLUE BEEN INVENTED I WOULD HAVE GLUED MYSELF . TO THE SADDLE. ANOTHER TREAT AT THE RANCH WAS BREAKFAST COOKED BY A HIRED HAND I THINK HIS NAME WAS LEO; THAT CONSISTED OF SOME VERY WELL DONE PANCAKES AND THICK BLACK COFFEE ! NOT MUCH MORE COULD A KID IN HIGH SCHOOL COULD ASK FOR . WE MISSED OTHER REUNIONS AND GET TOGETHERS ; WE HAVE LIVED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR ALMOST 50 YEARS. BUT FOND MEMORIES NEVER PASS ! A FEW OF THE ALMOST BRONCO BUSTER MEN HAVE ALSO PASSED ON: GUY HANEKOW LIVING IN FLORIDA JAN 2022: AND LANDIS RUARK A FEW YEARS AGO. I HAVE HEARD A TERM USED A FEW TIMES; WHEN WE PASS ON WE GO TO A BETTER PLACE: MY UNHUMBLE OPINION IS DEXTER WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A BEST PLACE WOULD BE THE HUBLE FARMS SOMEWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE.

WAYNE MENTHEN  
CLARE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1956

JUNE 10TH. 2022

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wayne menthen - June 10, 2022 at 03:21 AM