



## Edward E. Mester

June 17, 1961 - February 27, 2025

Edward E. “Ed” Mester, age 63 of Clare, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, February 27, 2025. On June 17, 1961, Ed was born the son of Edward G. and Delores “DeeDee” (Haag) Mester in Clare, where Ed not only grew up, but also called home for his entire life. Ed was a member of the Clare High School graduation class of 1979. During his high school years and for a short time after, Ed worked for Bolle Motorsports and McConnell Farms until he began his 20-plus year career as a welder for Clare’s StageRight Corporation. In 1981, Ed met his best friend and love of his life Arlene Tucker, and four years later the pair were married in the St. Cecilia Catholic Church of Clare on March 23, 1985. Together Ed and Arlene enjoyed over thirty-six years of marriage until the time of Arlene’s passing on September 7, 2021. Ed was an avid outdoorsman that loved hunting deer and pheasants, tip-up fishing during the Michigan winters, and tending to his vegetable gardens in the spring, summer, and fall. The Mester house was always a welcoming host for any campout, bonfire, or “yard party”—and it wouldn’t be right if Ed didn’t man the grill or pig roaster and supply some fireworks. He was always the life of the party, and never one to turn down a game of horseshoes, garage poker, or a “two-dollar tour”. However, those that were closest to Ed knew that time chasing and enjoying his grandchildren (regularly sneaking them suckers or popsicles too) was the time that he cherished the most.

Ed is survived by his mother DeeDee Mester of Clare, his children Sarah Mester, Joe (Katie) Mester, and Miranda (Shad) Smith all of Clare, and his

cherished grandchildren Laythan, Savannah, Brennan, Maybelline, Mercedes, Maverick, Kenny (Mackenzie), Madison, and Carter. Other survivors include his siblings Kathy, Jeff, Sam, and Teresa, many nieces and nephews, and his bonus family Tessa (James) Slater. Ed was preceded in death by his best friend and wife Arlene, his father Edward G. Mester, and his in-laws Dorothy and Edward Tucker.

A memorial visitation will take place on Friday, March 7, 2025 at the Clare Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and again from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A private graveside service will take place in the Wise Township Cemetery where Ed will be laid to rest with his wife Arlene. Memorial contributions for Ed may be directed to the Pardee Cancer Treatment Fund in honor of their support for his loving wife Arlene Mester. For those unable to attend services, online condolences may be shared at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Wise Township Cemetery

10101 Loomis St.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)  
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# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Ed and I worked together for a short time at Stageright. He had the greatest sense of humor and he was so reliable. He set up a beautiful ice shanty right in front of my home on Shamrock. All the comforts of home. He gave me a key so I could use it anytime I wanted. I'll never forget that, about 30 years ago. A stand up guy.

James E. Rudy Jr. - April 25, 2025 at 10:08 AM

TE

“ Now you're back with the love of life. Rest in peace brother. Love you and will miss you greatly.



Teresa - March 10, 2025 at 02:45 PM

F.

“ From your friends at the Loomis Lounge . purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward E. Mester.



From your friends at the Loomis Lounge . - March 06, 2025 at 08:46 PM

F.

“ From your friends at the Loomis Lounge . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward E. Mester.

From your friends at the Loomis Lounge . - March 06, 2025 at 08:46 PM

KE

“ Kaitlin E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward E. Mester.

Kaitlin E. - March 05, 2025 at 01:24 PM

BH

“ I'm sorry to hear of his passing. Your families will be in my heart during these difficult times.

Bruce hales - March 02, 2025 at 10:46 AM

SS

“ This is so sad to hear. Ed and I welded across the booth from each other for 10 years. Always enjoyed our time hanging out after work, hunting, shooting guns, or whatever it was. Ed was always fun to hang around.

Steve Smith

Steve Smith - March 02, 2025 at 09:44 AM

CB

“ Cody, Rachel & Blaire purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Edward E. Mester.



Cody, Rachel & Blaire - March 02, 2025 at 08:57 AM

KR

“ We are so sorry to hear about Big Ed. He was a special person. Will miss him!  
Ken and Cindy Rulapaugh



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**Ken and Cindy Rulapaugh** - March 02, 2025 at 07:55 AM

CS

“ To the Mester family Kathleen and I have you in our thought's and prayers.  
We are still in Arizona but thinking of you.  
Edward was the life of the party you never knew what was going to happy next.  
RIP Ed you are with the love of your life now 🙏

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**Charles Shayler** - March 01, 2025 at 08:55 PM

DJ

Sarah, Miranda and Joe, so sorry hearing about Ed's passing. He will be missed greatly. I remember when my boys Zach and JJ were baby sat by Arlene. Miranda and Sarah too, Ed was always clowning around with them when I would go pick them up from the house. Ed was always so fun to be around. Sending Our condolences to you all during your time of grief.

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**Don and Heidi, Zach and Jayson Johnston** - March 02, 2025 at 05:30 AM

MC

Loved his laugh and his hugs~ I met Ed and Arlene when I was seventeen years old and watched as they married and had children and spent a life together loving their children and their family. Ed was fun in every sense of the word, a good time was an understatement for his time here on earth. He will be missed by many and yet we will smile every time we think of him~ I picture him standing on the mountain smiling at his view with Arlene in his arms, until we meet again my friend :)

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**Melissa R Carpenter** - March 06, 2025 at 04:56 PM