



Harry W. "Bill" Balis

January 25, 1927 - February 20, 2015

Harry W. "Bill" Balis, age 88, of Clare, passed away on Friday, February 20, at MidMichigan Medical Center in Midland with his family by his side. He was born the son of Charles William and Lena (Read) Balis on Jan. 25, 1927, in Williamsburg, Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth "Betty" (Healy) Balis on May 20, 1950. He and Betty moved to Clare from Royal Oak in 1977. Bill served in the US Navy during WWII, and is a retired machinist from Brown Machine in Beaverton. He had attended the Clare Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include; his wife, Betty, two sons, Charles (Nancy) Balis of Royal Oak, Roger (Candace) Balis of Midland, his daughter, Mary Ellen (Scott) VanHoose of Clare, six Grandchildren, Brandon, Jamie, William, Bradford, Walker, and Evan, and 11 Great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Ellen, and brother, William.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 11 AM at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home with pastor Jim Young officiating. Burial will be in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant. Friends may meet with his family at the funeral home on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 PM. Memorials may be made to the American Legion.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Pleasant Memorial Gardens Cemetery

740 S. Mission Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 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

FEB **24**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Betty, and your family. I pray that God will hold you in his arms and comfort you at this time of sadness.*

*Your friend (Hospital Volunteer)
Janice Buckley*

Janice Buckley - February 28, 2015 at 12:00 PM

KS

“ *Bill was a wonderful neighbor and friend with a great sense of humor!!! One of my fondest recollections is when my daughter (Paula) was about 4. She had a splinter in her foot and screamed bloody murder when I tried to remove it!! Bill was aware of this so when she came hobbling down he was VERY sympathetic!!! Finally after much comiseration he asked her if he should get it out. She sniveled, nodded, and put her foot up. I thought her eyes would pop out of her head when he pulled out the blade of his pocket knife but she sat still and he DID remove it!!!...No Tears!!! TRUST!!! God bless!!!*

Kris Simms

Kris Simms - February 23, 2015 at 11:33 AM

PO

“ *Pam (Azarovitz) O'Dell lit a candle in memory of Harry W. "Bill" Balis*



Pam (Azarovitz) O'Dell - February 22, 2015 at 03:47 PM

PO

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. So many wonderful memories with you all as neighbors, (family), that are not forgotten.

Pam (Azarovitz) O'Dell - February 22, 2015 at 03:59 PM

BH

Mary Ellen, I am sorry for your loss. Your family is in my heart during this difficult time.

Bruce Hales

Bruce Hales - February 22, 2015 at 04:38 PM

MA

“ bill was a great guy we lived next store to bill and his family for 19 years he always had something nice to say and always gave you the time of day I remember when I was 18 I went out partying one night and lost my car hoped bill was home and he took me driving around royal oak till we found it right where I left it the funny part was bill giggle the whole time I was afraid he would tell dad but he didn't and when I bought my race car he found 2 crager back wheels it sure looked sharp bill u will be missed me and my wife dawn will keep u and your family in our prayers we love you

mark azarovitz - February 22, 2015 at 02:45 PM

SF

“ Suzanne Burris (Baker) and family purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Harry W. "Bill" Balis.



Suzanne Burris (Baker) and family - February 21, 2015 at 10:46 AM