



## Howard L. Boulis

July 27, 1949 - August 20, 2018

Howard L. Boulis, 69, of Farwell, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, August 20, 2018.

On July 27, 1949, Howard was born the son of the late Walter and Ethel (Wixson) Boulis, in Gilmore Township. He graduated from Meridian High School in 1968 and began working for the C&O/CSX Railroad, where he was an equipment operator and foreman until 1990. He married Sylvia Martin on November 5, 1971. Howard began volunteer driving for DHS and transported foster children for more than 26 years. He was a favorite driver of most of the children, and also enjoyed taking his own grandchildren on many of his runs.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; sons Rob (Nicole), Dave, and Brian (Kathy); grandchildren Brittany Weber, Andrew and Kelly Boulis, Ashley Boulis, Jacob, Grace, Cole, Anna, and Brynley Boulis; siblings Bob (Ethel) Boulis, Eugene Boulis, Bernice (Matthew) Brown, Bev (Gary) Hildebrandt, Hank Boulis, Barb Stellmacher, and Bonnie (Jerry) Moody.

He was predeceased by his parents, brothers Merle Boulis and Louis Boulis, and grandson, Nicholas Boulis.

A funeral mass in honor of Howard will take place at the St. Cecilia Site of the Our Lady of Hope Parish on Friday, August 24, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. Peter Nwokoye officiating. Burial will take place privately in the St. Cecilia Cemetery. Visitation for Howard will take place at the Clare Chapel of the

Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Thursday from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. with a vigil service starting at 7:30 P.M. Memorial contributions in honor of Howard may be directed to his family for a cause yet to be determined. For those unable to attend, online condolences may be made at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery

411 Schoolcrest Ave.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 23. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)  
1005 North McEwan St.  
Clare, MI 48617  
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## Visitation

AUG 23. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Scripture Vigil Service

AUG **23**. 7:30 PM (ET)

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## Service

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Cecilia Site  
106 E. Wheaton Street  
Clare, MI 48617

# Tribute Wall



“ Howard was a shining light in so many ways, and knowing him was a gift. A very special man who was wonderful with the children, and they were all special to him. You are missed, Howard. Prayers for the family. Shannon Kelley, formerly a volunteer with DHHS.

Shannon Kelley - September 17, 2018 at 09:32 AM

BM

“ Bonnie Boulis Moody lit a candle in memory of Howard L. Boulis



Bonnie Boulis Moody - August 23, 2018 at 06:22 PM

MM

“ Marilyn Moore purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Howard L. Boulis.



Marilynn Moore - August 23, 2018 at 01:13 PM

SA

“ We were so looking forward to seeing Howard at our 50th class reunion and know he will be there now in spirit. Meridian Class of 1968

Steven Asch - August 23, 2018 at 08:09 AM

PM

“ Condolences to the Boulis families, Howard was a very nice guy, will be missed by many.

*Pete and Peggy McDonald.*

Peggy McDonald - August 22, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard L. Boulis.



August 22, 2018 at 04:25 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard L. Boulis.



August 22, 2018 at 02:49 PM

CM

“ Cheryl (Boulis) Miller lit a candle in memory of Howard L. Boulis



cheryl (Boulis) miller - August 22, 2018 at 01:10 PM

PM

“ Howard was a good man I have not seen him and Syl in many years but sure appreciated them. Howard will be missed. Know I am praying for the family.  
Pat Wirt Martin.

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**Pat wirt Martin** - August 22, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ Andy Allbee when my wife and I took in our nephew and niece for a year Howard drove them back and forth on visitations and they absolutely loved his company, jokes and how comfortable he made them before a drop off. Truly a wonderful man

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**Blain Andy Allbee** - August 22, 2018 at 08:23 AM

DS

“ Love Uncle Howard's smile, laugh and exuberance for life and family. He is loved and cherished by us all. I will miss him very much but I know there is a big piece of him in Rob, Dave, and Brian and their wives and grandkids. And I know I can visit with my Aunt Sylvia (his beloved wife and best friend) and feel his presence and influence within her and around her. Love you all Boulis Family.  
Xoxo. Deb & Bill.

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**Deborah Sweet-Swick** - August 21, 2018 at 11:07 PM

AG

I am very sorry for your loss Boulis Clan.  
Ralph & Anne Groves

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**anne e groves** - August 22, 2018 at 01:07 AM

ST

“ Howard was a constant for my kids when everything else around them was chaos. They adored him, and I will always appreciate the love and compassion he showed them while he was taking them to and from visits. He had a great heart, and he often stood in my driveway sharing pictures of his family. To his family, I'd like to thank you for sharing him with all of our family.

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**Stephanie Terpstra** - August 21, 2018 at 10:15 PM

SP

“ One of the most genuine and loving guys I have ever met. He has made the lives of SO many children brighter every day they were lucky enough to see him for a transport as well as the staff who saw him exhibit selfless compassion and love for our children. He will be missed. Thank you Boulis family for supporting Howard's adventures with our children. He talked about his wife, kids and grandkids often!

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**Shannon Prout** - August 21, 2018 at 09:41 PM

EK

“ Howard transported my kids two times a week. They were always so happy to see each other. He treated my kids like family. I kept in contact off and on. Will surely miss him.

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**Elona Kole** - August 21, 2018 at 08:15 PM