



Ivan "Spike" Davis Jr.

December 8, 1930 - September 25, 2018

Ivan "Spike" Davis, Jr., age 87 of Clare, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at the Pioneer Golden Estates Assisted Living Facility of Clare. On December 8, 1930, Ivan was born the eldest of five children to Ivan and Ruth (Steenson) Davis, Sr. in Almont, MI. Ivan was united in marriage to Dorothy Freudenthal in Ocala, FL in 1981, and the couple has enjoyed thirty-seven years of marriage. Ivan was a proud veteran of the US Army during the Korean War Era and also a graduate of Central Michigan University with a degree in education. Ivan spent the majority of his working career teaching mathematics and coaching basketball at Clare High School until his retirement in the mid 80's.

Ivan is survived by his wife Dorothy, his children Ivan "Brad" Davis III, Neal Davis, Sanders (John Goodworth) Davis, and Tina (Douglas) Riley; the mother of his children Vivette E. Davis; his siblings Mae Jean Allen, Pamela Bafs, and David Davis, and his care companion Jane Vershave. He was preceded in death by his parents Ivan Sr. and Ruth Davis and his sister Amy Cook.

A funeral service in honor of Ivan will take place on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at the Clare Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home at 1:00 P.M. with Pastor Tim Fall officiating. Visitation will also take place on Thursday from 11:00 A.M. to the time of service at 1:00 P.M. and burial will follow in the Cherry Grove Cemetery of Clare. Memorial contributions in honor of Ivan may be directed to the Clare High School Sports Boosters. For those unable to

attend, online condolences may be shared at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

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“ *Mr. Davis What a wonderful man! He always had a smile And made you feel at ease in his presence! He was a teacher that truly cared about his students! He was a gentle and kind hearted person! He will always be remembered as a favorite teacher of mine! (And I did not even like math) I always liked him! He was special!*

Kimberlee Seiter - December 04, 2018 at 08:13 PM

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“ *So sad to hear of "Spike's" passing. He was a great educator and a wonderful person. When I first began teaching and coaching at Clare High School, Spike was a mentor who helped me immensely. Our condolences to his family.
Rob and Jude Johnson
Goodyear, AZ*

Rob Johnson - October 03, 2018 at 08:25 PM

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“ *Dorothy and family, sorry for your loss. Ivan was a kind and wonderful person. My best memories of him was with his outstanding teaching abilities. He was always patient, caring, respectful and truly helped me succeed! I hope you all find peace and have the best of memories. Teresa Slocum*

Terresa Slocum - October 03, 2018 at 02:09 PM

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“ So many snippets ranging from a serious lesson on the merits of following directions in 7th grade gym class to football practices and games, to be and Mr. Dudo shooting two handed set shots, to the time he raced down the stairs to Mrs. Meyer's shock when she called Anita Mann down. Ivan thought it was Jean saying " I need a man! " , that she was in need of immediate help. Great story in the lounge. A lifetime of service to our small town.

Bruce L Hales - September 25, 2018 at 11:44 PM