



## Keith C. Benmark

November 26, 1931 - February 16, 2020

Keith C. Benmark, age 88 of Clare, passed away Sunday, February 16, 2020 at his home. Keith was born the son of the late Howard and Beatrice (Bowers) Benmark on November 26, 1931. He was united in marriage to Ann (Elden) Shively on January 14, 1989 with them enjoying 25 years of marriage; she predeceased him on June 29, 2014. Keith worked 39 years for Consumers Energy; spending most of that time as a Lineman. He proudly served the City of Clare and surrounding townships as a Volunteer on the Clare Fire Department for 21 years. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, telling jokes and stories, hunting and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Survivors include his stepdaughters Becky (Jon) Erickson of Ludington and Michelle (Craig) Bott of Clare; step grandchildren Stephen (Ali Gottschalk) Bott of Colorado and Kelsey (Brie) Krogman of Oregon, and his brother Manley Benmark of Florida. Keith was also predeceased by his daughter Janet Rose.

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home from 4 to 7 P.M. Services will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 11 A.M. at the Our Lady of Hope Parish – St. Cecilia Site with Rev. Peter Nwokoye officiating; visitation will be held from 10 A.M. until the time of service. Memorial contributions are suggested to MidMichigan Home Care and Hospice. On-line guestbook at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)  
1005 North McEwan St.  
Clare, MI 48617  
(989) 386-7451  
wymanh@chartermi.net  
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CC

“ We are very sorry for your loss, Keith was a very kind man and we always enjoyed visiting with him when we had the opportunity to be back in town. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you who have lost a family member and a great friend. Connie, Sean, Kaelin and Connor Curry.

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**Connie Curry** - February 24, 2020 at 12:08 PM

GG

“ So sorry for your loss. Gregg & Mary Griswold, farwell mi

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**gregg griswold** - February 21, 2020 at 06:18 PM

RA

“ Rose And Pat Armentrout lit a candle in memory of Keith C. Benmark



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**Rose and Pat Armentrout** - February 21, 2020 at 05:38 AM

GG

“ I remember Keith setting at the big round table having coffee in the mornings before going to work. Also playing shuffle board in their basement. My condolences to the family.  
**Gustave Glass**

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**Gustave Glass** - February 19, 2020 at 03:12 PM

BH

“ *His smile, his wit, and his sage words of advice will be greatly missed in this tiny town. Missed, but never forgotten.*

**Bruce Hales** - February 18, 2020 at 08:12 PM

MB

“ *I don't know of a person that ever met my uncle Keith that didn't think he was a joy to be around . His love and compassion for people was unconditional and will be missed .*

*GOODBYE FOR NOW,  
Mike Benmark*

**Mike Benmark** - February 18, 2020 at 10:24 AM

RS

“ *Rebecca Shear lit a candle in memory of Keith C. Benmark*



**Rebecca Shear** - February 18, 2020 at 07:03 AM

JR

“ *Keith was always a huge mentor for the Clare Fire Dept. There was never a dull moment when Benji was around. We thought so highly of him that we named our son Ben. May you rest in peace dear friend. You will never be forgotten! Kent & Jackie Randall*

**Jackie Randall** - February 17, 2020 at 09:07 PM

JM

“ *Ole pops loved a lot people and a lot of people loved him. Thank you for being there and GETTING ER DONE when we needed it. Sharon and Jeff*

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**jeff michels** - February 17, 2020 at 06:15 PM

JH

“ *We are sure going to miss this wonderful man. Ben and Ann were like a member of our family. Our family picnic and other get togethers will not be the same without him. RIP dear friend. You will never be forgotten..*

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**Jean and Dick Haynak** - February 17, 2020 at 01:57 PM