



Matthew Joseph McConnell Jr.

December 4, 1941 - January 7, 2017

Matthew J. McConnell, Jr., age 75 of Clare, passed away Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Green Acres of Mt. Pleasant. Matthew was born the son of the late Matthew J. and Kathryn (Seibt) McConnell on December 4, 1941 in Vernon Township. He was united in marriage to Diana Elaine Walker on June 29, 1963 with her predeceasing him on September 5, 1995. Together, Matt, Diana and their son Jack forged a successful farm operation in Vernon and Wise Townships that continues today. Other activities that captured Matt's attention was his love for kids, most evident though his support of the Isabella County Fair for more than 30 years, taking an active role in the construction of the present Isabella County Fairgrounds and serving as its president for many years. The best times of Matt's life each year was preparing for and participating in the Isabella County Fair and promoting 4-H member programs in Isabella County. He was a true man of Irish decent, big in stature and principle who not only knew how to be up front and frank, but also kind and giving to those in his community who needed a helping hand, delivered quietly and without fanfare.

Matthew is survived by his son Jack; brothers Jim (Karen), John (Diane), Mark (Diane), Mike (Becky), Pat (Julie) and Ray (Renee). He was predeceased by his sister Elizabeth and a brother Luke.

Visitation and services will be held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 4 to 7:30 P.M. with services led by Mr. William Stough to begin at 7:30 P.M. In lieu of

flowers memorial contributions may be made to the MidMichigan Home Care and Hospice. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 4:00 PM - 7:30 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/>

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Tribute Wall

KA

“ Jack,

We were so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during the days/months ahead.

Jeff & Karen (Chinavare) Warner

Karen - January 10, 2017 at 08:16 AM

CS

“ Sorry for the loss of Matt, have not had much contact with him in the last few years, however I still have good memories of our younger years and trips to the music box in Prudenville.

RIP peace my friend, you now are starting a new journey, enjoy your trip and seeing family and friends.

Condolences and prayers to the McConnell family.

Chuck Shayler Casa Grande, Arizona

Chuck Shayler - January 09, 2017 at 02:43 PM



JL

“ Juliann Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Matthew Joseph McConnell Jr.



Juliann Lloyd - January 09, 2017 at 01:00 PM

JS

“ Jack, I am so sorry to hear of Matthew's death. He was always so kind to my mother, Annabel, and my brother, John. You remain in my thoughts and prayers, Judy Kilsdonk Sullivan

judy kilsdonk sullivan - January 09, 2017 at 11:04 AM

RB

“ Dear Jack,
We won't be able to attend today, but want to tell you we feel like we know your father even though we never met him. He raised a son who is the image of him shown with kindness to others, always ready to help, and respectable.

With love,
Dave and Linda Chatel Dick and Jean Berger Donation to Hospice

Richard Berger - January 09, 2017 at 09:57 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew Joseph McConnell Jr..



January 09, 2017 at 09:28 AM

TB

“ The Staff At Benchley Brothers lit a candle in memory of Matthew Joseph McConnell Jr.



The Staff at Benchley Brothers - January 09, 2017 at 07:52 AM

MW

“ Jack we are so sorry for your loss. Wish we could be there with you. Prayers go out to you and your family.

Charlie and Marilyn

marilyn walker - January 09, 2017 at 07:21 AM

SU

“ Jim and Karen ... So sorry for the loss of your Brother. Our prayer,s of strength go out to you and your family..

Rich an Suzanne (Miller) Smith

suzanne - January 08, 2017 at 05:22 PM

AM

“ Sorry for your loss Jack. Your father was a very giving man. He will be missed. Prayers, Ed and Arlene Mester

Arlene Mester - January 08, 2017 at 05:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew Joseph McConnell Jr..



January 08, 2017 at 04:11 PM

BG

“ Jack- Sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your Dad will be greatly missed. The Gates Family & Molly

Bob Gates - January 08, 2017 at 02:54 PM

DR

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the McConnell family, Matt was a great man, special thoughts of you Jim and Karen in your loss.

Dianne Miller Ruemmler - January 08, 2017 at 12:01 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Matthew Joseph McConnell Jr..




January 08, 2017 at 11:31 AM

KT

“ Jack, so many memories of your dad and Diana. Have will be thinking of you a lot lately.

Katherine Thompson - January 08, 2017 at 08:54 AM

 Christi
Lewis
Nethaway


“ Dear Jack, so sorry to hear about Uncle Matt, thoughts and prayers your way. Christi and Claytie Nethaway

Christi Lewis Nethaway - January 08, 2017 at 06:33 AM

BW

“ So sorry for your loss, my thoughts & prayer to the family. RIP Matt.

Bonnie Woodworth - January 08, 2017 at 06:28 AM

 Missy
Carpenter

“ Jack,
So sorry to hear about your Dad's passing.
He was an amazing man and gave so much
to many. Many great memories of him
stopping by the house and visiting with us and
playing with Matt and Rali. Our hearts are heavy as we say goodbye
to such a great man. Prayers for you and your family.



Miss, Matthew and Rali

Missy Carpenter - January 08, 2017 at 04:46 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Matthew Joseph McConnell Jr..



January 07, 2017 at 09:45 PM

BR

“ Jack, so sorry to hear of Uncle Matt's passing. He always had a
story and joke to tell that would put a smile on your face. Our
thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Bret & Jennifer Robison - January 07, 2017 at 08:37 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear of your dads passing. He was a great guy and
lucky to have you to support him. Kelly was also a great comfort.
Your memories will comfort you in the days to come. Bonnie Cerny
Smith

Bonnie Cerny Smith - January 07, 2017 at 07:19 PM

MO

“ So Very Sorry for Your Loss Jack. I'm sure your Dad must've felt so Blessed to have a Caretaker as Special as Kelly. Thoughts & Prayers for Your Family

Mark & Deb Olson - January 07, 2017 at 06:27 PM

DH

“ Rest in Peace Matt...You were a very caring man and will be missed by many...Dick and Jean Haynak

Dick and Jean Haynak - January 07, 2017 at 04:18 PM

BB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Jack you will be in my prayers. Your dad was a good man. He will be missed. Your friend , Dennis and Barb Brown.

Barbara Brown - January 07, 2017 at 04:12 PM