



Richard "Dick" LaPoe

June 28, 1936 - December 22, 2017

Richard "Dick" A. LaPoe, age 81 of Clare, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 22, 2017 at the Green Acres Assisted Living Home of Mt. Pleasant. Dick was born the son of Bennie and Ina (Bouchey) LaPoe on June 28, 1936. On June 19, 1956, Dick was united in marriage to LaFern Lucas, and she preceded him in death in 2013. After graduating from Mt. Pleasant High School and briefly attending MSU, Dick returned to Mt. Pleasant and started what became a very successful dairy farming career, having been a Kellogg Farmer nominee and serving multiple years with the Michigan Holstein Association. In 1970, Dick and LaFern moved their farm to Clare and from there raised their family. Dick loved spending time hunting (especially in Africa), fishing, checking in on his Subway franchise investments in his retirement years, and being involved in events at his church, but most importantly, Dick loved being together with family.

Dick is survived by his children Laurie and Tom Myers of Mt. Pleasant, Kathy Lunn of Cheyenne, WY., Mike (Kathleen) LaPoe of Clare, Jeff (Lori) LaPoe of Mt. Pleasant, and Brad (Jamie) LaPoe of Clare, his eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife LaFern, his parents Bennie and Ina LaPoe, his siblings Charles LaPoe, Robert and Harold Overmier, and Arlene Skelton, and his grandson Justin Lunn.

A celebration of life will take place on Friday, January 5th at 12 Noon at the Brown Corners United Brethren church of Clare with Pastor Dave Luther officiating. Friends may meet with the family at the church from 10 AM until

Noon. Memorial contributions in honor of Dick may be made to MidMichigan Hospice & Homecare or to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The LaPoe family would also like to extend a special thank-you to the staff of the Green Acre facility. Online condolence may be made at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Brown Corners United Brethren Church
5540 S. Clare Avenue
Clare, MI 48617

Celebration of Life

JAN 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Phoenix Barker lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" LaPoe*



Phoenix Barker - January 25, 2018 at 07:33 PM

PB

So very sorry to hear of Richards passing. I have only the greatest memories of him from our many run ins at Subways. He will be greatly missed, but he lives on in the hearts of many. Condolences to the whole big LaPoe family.

Phoenix Barker - January 25, 2018 at 07:36 PM

SG

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Your father was a good man. We had lots of nice talks as we loaded your milk. I know my Dad thought the world of him.*

Steve Gallagher

Steve E Gallagher - January 05, 2018 at 07:43 PM

TF

“ *Tony Fuentes lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" LaPoe*



Tony Fuentes - January 05, 2018 at 12:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" LaPoe.*



January 03, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to the Lapoe family. Great memories from many years ago.*

Grdg Rank - January 03, 2018 at 07:06 AM



We are so sorry for your lost. We have so many good memories with the Lapoe family! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Chuck and Bev - January 03, 2018 at 07:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" LaPoe.*



January 02, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" LaPoe.*



January 01, 2018 at 07:22 PM

AA

“ Sorry to hear about your dad. We share your grief. We had a great visit with your folks here in Florida before your mother passed. I will always have memories of your dad playing football and your mom playing basketball in high school. They were both great athletes. Working side by side your dad at the farm was a great pleasure.

Allen & Kathy Ayris - January 01, 2018 at 07:13 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" LaPoe.



December 29, 2017 at 06:37 PM

RS

“ We have wonderful memories sharing the bleachers with Dick and LaFern as we cheered on the Pioneers! They were so much fun.... I can still see them smiling and sharing some laughs! Your family is in our thoughts and prayers!

Rodger and Hilda Sharp - December 29, 2017 at 06:56 AM

SW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the LaPoe family. So many wonderful memories we have of this very special man. Warm hugs, Greg and Sue

SUE WARNER - December 28, 2017 at 09:31 PM

DH

“ We send our deepest condolences to The LaPoe Family. Your in our thoughts and prayers.

Maureen and Darrell Herbruck

Darrell Herbruck - December 28, 2017 at 11:20 AM

JL

“ Juliann Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" LaPoe



Juliann Lloyd - December 26, 2017 at 12:35 PM