



## Robert Alton David

February 21, 1947 - January 1, 2025

Robert Alton “Bob” David, age 77, of Clare, passed away at his home on January 1, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was born the son of Alton and Elnora (Kleiner) David on Feb. 21, 1947, in Gladwin, Michigan. After high school, Bob served his country as a US Navy Corpsman assigned to the US Marine Corps gulf 2/7 in Vietnam, being awarded a Purple Heart for receiving a gunshot wound to the chest while treating a fellow Marine in a combat zone. After Vietnam, he worked as an EMT with the Clare County Ambulance before becoming a Deputy with the Isabella County Sheriffs Department working as road patrol, a Fire Investigator, then an Emergency Manager over a 27-year career. After retiring in 2002 to be a stay-at-home dad, Bob became involved in many school activities including the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, managed the Clare Primary School Carnival for almost a decade, and was a founding member of the Clare Education Boosters and countless other activities. The kids at school would remember Bob popping popcorn every Friday, being a lunch-buddy, helping with school picture days, or being a friendly and familiar face. Bob dedicated his life to serving his community and others.

Bob is survived by his wife of 30 years, Tammy; his son, Brian (Jenny) David of Clare; his daughters, Julia David and Hannah David; his grandson, Anders David; and his brother and two sisters, Donald K. (Kathy) David, Jeannie Carncross, and Lynn (Steve) Mattis. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister and brother-in-law, Faye and Jim McFarlane; and brother-in-law,

Lawrence Carncross.

A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, January 6, 2025, 1:00 PM, at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Young officiating. The burial will follow in the Cherry Grove Cemetery and afterwards a luncheon will be provided at the Clare United Methodist Church. Friends may meet with his family at the funeral home on Sunday, January 5, from 2 to 4 and 6-8 PM. Memorials may be made to the Education Boosters of Clare Public Schools. On-line condolences may be left at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 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/>

## Visitation

JAN 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CL

“ Bob David was one of the first people I met when I was hired at ICSD. He was so lovely and welcoming. I remember to this day he had on a pink button down shirt and sparkling blue eyes. He shook my hand in his warm grip and my nerves at starting a new job left immediately.

We were fast friends and I have so many wonderful memories; Golf partners at the PohlCat( our golf etiquette was questionable), sharing laughs around a fire at deer camp ( I was allowed to visit because he said I was one of the guys) but my fondest memories are sharing a bottle of nice wine and having long conversations. Bob talked with so much pride about Brian and he always talked about how much he wanted a fair haired daughter. When he met the love of his life , Tammy ,his dream came true with lovely Julia and Hannah. Bob and Tammy’s devotion to each other and family was truly beautiful. I have been privileged to know them all. Sadly time and distance separated us but Bob and his family are forever in my heart. Rest well BD you deserve it. God Bless you Tammy, Brian, Julia and Hannah.

CAL

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**Cheryl Leatherman** - January 06, 2025 at 02:48 PM

JF

“ Jeannie F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Alton David.

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**Jeannie F.** - January 06, 2025 at 08:07 AM

TB

“ Bob was always so kind. Condolences to his family.



Tara Brown - January 05, 2025 at 11:56 PM

BM

“ Mr. David was a very consistent person in my life for many years while in elementary, and middle school ever day after school I would see Mr. David as he would be waiting to pick up his daughters, and I would always say hello. I remember him as always a kind and pleasant person to talk to, and be around. I'm sure that he will be missed by many. Mine and my family's deepest condolences go out to the family members at the time of this loss.

Burt Mann - January 05, 2025 at 08:29 PM

JD

“ Prayers and thoughts to the family. Bob was truly a special person

Judy Anne Denslow - January 05, 2025 at 08:20 PM



“ Rest in Peace Doc. AS a Corpsman you are one of my heroes. Semper Fi. G 2/7 65-66.

Jerry Lowe - January 05, 2025 at 01:54 PM

JM

“ You and Your Family are in My Prayers.

Joseph Myers - January 04, 2025 at 08:31 PM

LD

“ Love, David (Peewee) & Diane purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Robert Alton David.



Love, David (Peewee) & Diane - January 04, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Alton David.



January 04, 2025 at 11:44 AM

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“ -- purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Robert Alton David.



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BB

“ My heart goes out to Tammy, Julia, Hannah, Brian. I had the privilege to work with Bob at the Isabella County Sheriff's Dept. He had a kind, gentle way of working, loved children and always brought honor to the Dept. I commend him for serving this country and and the impact he had on the Isabella and Clare County communities. Sent With Love, Bob Banta.

Bob Banta - January 04, 2025 at 09:30 AM

JM

“ Jim and Ronalyn McFarlane purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert Alton David.



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**Jim and Ronalyn McFarlane** - January 04, 2025 at 09:18 AM

TF

“ The Ravell & Taylor Families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Robert Alton David.



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**The Ravell & Taylor Families** - January 04, 2025 at 09:10 AM

KO

“ Tammy and family, so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers from our family to yours.

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**Karen and Randy O'Neal** - January 04, 2025 at 09:01 AM

FR

“ Bob, You were a great person who did so much for so many. Thank you for being you. You will be missed.

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**Frank Rowley** - January 03, 2025 at 11:01 PM

RL

“ I had the privilege of serving with Doc David in the same Marine Corps Combat Unit. Golf 2/7 in Vietnam, 1969-70. To a man, we Marines thought very highly of Doc. He was a Corpsman, but he had the DNA of a Marine. Doc always ran to the sound of the guns, right into the thick of the action. I was blessed to reconnect with Doc David at our annual Golf 2/7 Reunions. Doc and Tammy would bring Julia and Hannah. It was a joy meeting them and watching those little girls grow up and mature into godly young women. They would call us Marines their ‘uncles.’ We love you Doc. God bless and Semper Fidelis.

Rick Lewis - January 03, 2025 at 10:07 PM

PM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Bob during many Education Booster’s events. I remember when he and my late husband, Fred, would sit and just chat away selling books at the book fair, the Christmas Store and some other school events. Their laughter would ring through the hallway and their jokes were plentiful. 😊☐ He touched so many lives in the most special way. He will surely be missed.  
Pam Mellish

Pam Mellish - January 03, 2025 at 09:15 PM

JS

“ Jim & Sara Shurlow purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Alton David.



Jim & Sara Shurlow - January 03, 2025 at 08:41 PM

SS

“ Bob was such a a great guy to work with. You made working at ICSD so much fun!! So many great memories. A true kind man who will certainly be missed. Love and prayers to Tammy and all the family.

Sandra Sudhoff - January 03, 2025 at 07:09 PM

DT

“ Bobby, I always loved working with you at the sheriff's department. You were my hero then and always will be. God bless your family. We will all miss you but we will never forget you. Dave Tuma

Dave Tuma - January 03, 2025 at 05:18 PM

TC

“ Mom called you her "honey" and lit up with a smile whenever she saw you! She had such respect for your service, to your country and your community. Say hi to mom for Bria and I, Bob, and know you will get a big hug from her in heaven! You've earned your rest, be at peace.

To Jeanne and family, love and prayers go out to you all during this painful time. Please let us know if we can help in any way.

Tami Cowles, Brad & Bria Blair

Tami Cowles - January 03, 2025 at 03:50 PM

BB

“ Farewell my old friend, from one old sailor tot another, fair winds anf following seas ill see you in paradise.



Bob Bergey - January 03, 2025 at 03:01 PM


JD

“ *Bob and I go back a long way. We lockered next to each other at CHS all through high school. Beyond school we would run into each other at school activities and fish fries. A good soul, always had a smile. Dearly loved Brian, Tammy and the girls. You will be missed.*

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**Joanne Dana** - January 03, 2025 at 02:50 PM

DP

“ *Bob was one of the first guys I rode with when I came to the Isabella County Sheriff Office. We became great friends over the years and his gentle soul and kindness certainly showed me how to treat people with respect and dignity. His willingness to serve his country and community both in the military again as a police officer and once he retired in his school system shows what an exemplary human being bob was. I loved our fishing trips and deer feeds over the years. Bob and his wife Tammy are some of the best people you'll ever meet. We should all strive to be more like him. I will miss you, brother until we meet again. *

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**Dave Patterson** - January 03, 2025 at 02:49 PM

MH

“ *'Uncle' Bob was our bro in law and Uncle. He was family as well as a friend and will be missed. Our hearts go out to Tam the 'girls' and Brian.*

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**Mark/Vicki/Colleen Hall** - January 03, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ Bob David was one of the gentlest souls I’ve ever known, a man completely full of love. His kindness and warmth will never be forgotten. I know he remains so proud of his son, Brian, who carries on his legacy with the same strength of character and heart. The apple doesn’t fall far from the tree, and I’m certain Brian’s son, Anders, will grow up to embody the same love and gentleness. As I write this, a tear falls for the loss of a dear friend. Rest in peace, Bob. You’ll always be missed.

Michael Becker - January 03, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ Love, Your CHS Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert Alton David.



Love, Your CHS Family - January 03, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ Love, Your CHS Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Alton David.

Love, Your CHS Family - January 03, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ RIP, Bobby D. You’ll be so missed. I remember our many days and nights on patrol and growing up in Clare. Prayers to the Family and Friends of many!

Bonnie Woodworth - January 03, 2025 at 06:31 AM

BH

“ *A very good man. I will miss talking with him. My heart is with his family during this difficult time.*

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**Bruce Hales** - January 03, 2025 at 12:05 AM

ME

“ *Morgan English purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Alton David.*



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**Morgan English** - January 02, 2025 at 08:24 PM

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“ *Morgan English planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Alton David.*

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**Morgan English** - January 02, 2025 at 08:24 PM