



## Robert W. Hecker Jr.

February 23, 1930 - July 18, 2017

Robert W. "Bob" Hecker, age 87 of Clare, passed away on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at the Isabella Medical Care Facility. Bob was born in Harrison, Michigan on Feb. 23, 1930 to Robert and Nada (Higgins) Hecker. He proudly served in the US Army during the Korean War. He was stationed in Austria. While on furlough in London, England, he met his future Irish Bride, Nora. Bob and Nora were united in marriage on June 23, 1952 in Toronto, Canada while Nora awaited her US Visa. He and Nora made their home in Clare.

Bob started his work career as an Engineer at Dow Corning. He had owned two companies in Clare, Michigan, Hecker Engineering and Hecker Machine (later known as C.M.F). In 1975 at the age of 45 he sold his businesses to "semi-retire". Bob and Nora purchased a winter home in England, which they were able to enjoy visiting for over 25 years. From 1981 -1994 Bob was employed by GM in Flint as an Independent Design Engineer, which allowed him the flexibility to live a quarter of the year in England.

Bob had many interests in life. He was a licensed pilot, enjoyed flying his planes and riding his motorcycle. He built seven custom homes, and was an avid bowler and golfer. He had a love for music, and travel. Even in his early stages of Alzheimer's Bob could be seen walking around the Rainbow Drive Circle, which was his home for 49 years.

Bob is survived by his son, Robert Hecker of Evart, daughters, Maureen (Darrell) Herbruck of Mt. Pleasant and Shannon (Don) Shooter of Kawkawlin, his sister, Wilda Mosher of Harrison, brother Al (Donna) Hecker of Reno,

Nevada, and his grandchildren, Rachel, Austin, Paige, Morgan, Grant, and Cory. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Nora in 2004, and brother, Samuel in 2008.

Visitation will be held at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home as follows: Shannon will receive friends on Saturday, July 22, from 5 to 8 PM. Bob and Maureen will receive friends on Sunday, July 23, from 4 to 6:30 PM. A graveside service with military honors will be held on Monday, July 24, at 11:00 AM at the Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare. Memorials may be made to the Clare County Animal Shelter, MidMichigan VNA Hospice, or to Community Nutrition Network – Clare County (Food Distribution).

# Cemetery Details

## Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Previous Events

## Visitation for Shannon's friends

JUL **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 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 with Bob and Maureen

JUL **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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

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JUL **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Cherry Grove Cemetery  
1000 Cedar St.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Tribute Wall



“ *I'm so sorry about your dad I love him to death he was a ball to take care of I'm sorry I just found out about him he will be mist*

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**Bev Soper** - September 14, 2017 at 07:45 PM

AG

“ *Dear Maureen and family,*

*We are so sorry to hear about your loss. I still remember visiting your father and speaking some German words to him when we met him. He was a very friendly and open man and I will remember him as such.*

*Even though words are hard, I am sure, your father is in a wonderful place, now.*

*We are sending our deepest condolences,*

*Annegret, Moritz and Lion*

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**Annegret Gudat-Budrass** - August 02, 2017 at 04:26 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert W. Hecker Jr..*



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July 22, 2017 at 10:24 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert W. Hecker Jr..*



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July 21, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of uncle Bob's passing. He was an amazing man, husband and father. I will forever remember Uncle Bob and Aunt Nora taking me into their home when my mother was ill. I am grateful to have known him and I am cheered that he and Aunt Nora will be together again. My deepest condolences to his family.*

*Kathy Byrne Heidel*

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**Kathleen Byrne Heidel** - July 21, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of your dad's passing. My sympathy to the Hecker family.*

*Reggie Falk*

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**regina falk** - July 21, 2017 at 02:47 PM



“ *Dearest Maureen and family, we were so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Your love and devotion to his care and well-being for the last several years inspired others around you and brought great comfort to his life. May you feel God's loving arms surround you at this time and forever. Love you, Dick and Patty*

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**Patricia Greene** - July 21, 2017 at 10:36 AM

JF


“ So sorry to hear of your loss. My sympathy and prayers.  
Jenny Frazier

Jenny Frazier - July 21, 2017 at 09:52 AM

JW

“ We will miss Bob's warm and friendly smile. We send our sympathies to the Hecker family.

Jim and Sue Whitford - July 21, 2017 at 09:50 AM

 Connie  
Schneider  
Robinson

“ I am so sorry for your loss Shannon. I don't understand why there are different visitations.

Connie Schneider-Robinson - July 20, 2017 at 11:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert W. Hecker Jr..



July 20, 2017 at 09:54 AM

BS

“ In my condolences I forgot someone - apologies and much sympathy to Bobby

Barb Shafer - July 20, 2017 at 09:41 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to Maureen, Darryl, Paige, Morgan, Grant, and Austin. Our prayers are with you. Bob was a kind and loving man and will be missed. Wilda, Sue, Ann, Cathy, Barn & Bill



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**Barb Shafer** - July 20, 2017 at 09:01 AM

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“ I recently became friends with Shannon and Don, and have heard what a wonderful Dad Robert was. It was evident in their conversations about the things he did and what he liked to do, how much they loved and respected him. I'm so sad they were not able to spend the time with him towards the end of his life that they both would have loved. I had a wonderful Dad too, and this really breaks my heart for you. Heartfelt condolences to you my friends.

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**Char Fisher** - July 20, 2017 at 06:25 AM

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“ How sad we are to hear of the loss of a very Kind, warm, gentle man! We have many warm memories of a very wonderful husband, father and brother in law. His many visits to Ireland and the Uk are all in our memories. There is nothing we can say to lighten the burden of grief at this miserable time. May all the good memories sustain and bring great joy and comfort to all the family, knowing he and his loving wife are together in peace.

*Be assured of all our thoughts and prayers to all the family and friends.*

*Cathy and Franco "Luchesa"*

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**Cathy and Franco Luchesa** - July 20, 2017 at 04:38 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert W. Hecker Jr..*



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July 19, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *Condolences to all the Hecker Family from me and Mom, Uncle Bob was a lovely Man and always good to me and always remember him in a very great way a Big Hug to you all from me and Mom*

*Sincerely  
Kevin Byrne*

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**kevin byrne** - July 19, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ *I give my heartfelt condolences to Mr.Hecker's family.  
& a Big hug to my long time friend Maureen  
Sincerely.*

*Julie Smock Alderton*

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**Julie Alderton** - July 19, 2017 at 07:51 AM