



Velvin F. Border

December 24, 1942 - October 11, 2023

Velvin Francis Border went to be with his Lord October 11, 2023 with many loved ones to send him on his way. Velvin was born in Vermontville, MI on December 24, 1942 to Velmer and Henrietta (Dunigan) Border. He was welcomed by three older sisters who found pleasure in dubbing him “the prince of the house” as he was the first boy after three girls and was born on Christmas Eve. He also took real pleasure in telling people that Vermontville is the real maple syrup capital of Michigan!

Vel graduated from Farwell High School in 1961 where he enjoyed playing baseball, football and basketball. He served in the army where he trained as a medic. After the service he used his military training working with Lansing Mercy ambulance services. In the early 70s he became a Certified Respiratory Therapist and was employed by Clare Hospital where he set up the first Respiratory Therapy Department for the hospital and worked there until 1978. He worked in several hospitals in Michigan, Nevada and Florida throughout the remainder of his career earning multiple certifications. He especially enjoyed working with NICU babies and aiding in transport of babies between facilities.

He was a loyal MSU fan particularly football and basketball. He enjoyed the band as much as the games. He loved a playful rivalry with nieces, nephews, grandchildren (anyone really) who may have mistakenly placed their allegiance elsewhere.

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 39 years Rita (Schepers) Border

of Farwell; children Cindy (Dave) Martin of Sears, Kathy (Joel) Rhodes of Coleman, Terry (Debbie) Border of Midland, Gary (Sue) Border of Odessa, TX, Penny (Don) Nevill of Clare and Partick (Jenny) Paulin of Summerville, SC; in-laws Darla (Roy) Schepers of Ewart, Bruce (Linda) Schepers of Carlsbad, NM, Steve and Charlotte Schepers of Chiefland, FL, Betty and Larry Doll of Hudsonville, MI, Ed and Kim Schepers of Cadillac and Bonnie and Doug Watson of Cadillac.

Family who have gone before are his parents Velmer and Henrietta Border. parents in law Earl and Henrietta Schepers, sisters Shirley (Wayne) Cook, Laura L. (Tom) Hamilton, Janice (David) Cook, sister in law Linda (Bruce) Schepers, brother in law Roy (Darla) Schepers, son Stan Roberson

Vel loved his family! He was very proud of his 26 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren and precious nieces and nephews. He will be missed. A private memorial is being planned for next week for family. In lieu of flowers please donate to the charity of your choice. Vel was very fond of the work St Jude's does with children. Arrangements were handled by the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *My Dad was amazing. He loved all of us unconditionally. He made a much better life for all of us kids. I love and miss you dad!* ”

Penny A Border - April 18, 2024 at 10:52 AM

KC

“ *A wonderful Man and my husband Jerry's pool partner. He will be missed by all.* ”

Kathleen Coles - October 14, 2023 at 10:28 AM

BV

“ *Rita sorry for your loss, hugs and prayers to you and family.* ”

Bonny Vermeulen - October 14, 2023 at 08:26 AM

DD

“ *Rita, we are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and deepest sympathies are with you and the family.
Ron and DeAnna Doll* ”

DeAnna& Ron Doll - October 13, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Velvin F. Border.* ”

October 12, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Velvin F. Border.*



October 12, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about his passing. He was a neighbor when he in lived in Florida. Thinking of you and your family, Rita.*

Vivian & Rich Provost - October 12, 2023 at 08:57 AM



“ *He was a neighbor of ours in Florida. Sorry to hear about his passing.*

Doug Wharton - October 12, 2023 at 08:49 AM



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“ *I'm sorry to hear of Vels passing. I haven't seen him since I was a child, but he was the only grandfather I ever had. Rest in peace and Go Green, Go White!*

Suzanne Roberson - October 11, 2023 at 10:27 PM

CE

“ *Cousin Rita, my heart is sad and I find comfort that Cousin Vel is with our family that has gone before him* 💔

Grandma Loved him so much 💜

I can still remember the days we would go to visit Grandma and Vek was there!

I pray that you find comfort with your family at this time of sadness 😭

Love Cousin Elaine 💜



Cousin Elaine - October 11, 2023 at 09:49 PM