



## Walter G. Bay

August 27, 1937 - June 5, 2013

Walter G. Bay, 75, of Clare, MI, passed away on June 5th, 2013 after battling cancer.

The funeral service will be held at the First Congregational Church in Harrison, MI on Sunday, June 9th at 3PM followed by a dinner. Reverend Ron Cook of the First Congregational Church of Harrison, MI will be officiating. Visitation will be held at Stephenson Wyman Funeral Home in Clare, MI on June 7th (Friday), from 6PM to 8PM, and June 8th (Saturday) from 2PM to 5PM and 7PM to 9PM. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Stephenson Wyman Funeral Home.

Walter was born at home on August 27th, 1937. He graduated from Clare High School and took additional business courses at Central Michigan University

Walter was married to Carolyn (Carter) on December 13, 1960; they were married 52 years.

Walter was Owner/CEO of Tandem Transport Corp., a for-hire motor carrier (trucking company). He never retired and celebrated 42 years of service with Tandem this past March. Walter was also a Board Member of Harrison Lumber Company since 1979 and has served as President since 2003.

Walter was a member of the Michigan Trucking Association and the American Trucking Association working diligently to promote the interests of the trucking industry. He served as an officer of MTA from 1988 to 1993 and held the office of President in 1991 and Chairman in 1992 and 1993. He also served as State

Vice President to the ATA from 1996 to 2008. He also served as a member of the Highway Police Committee and Regulatory Committee.

Walter was a dedicated Christian and member of the First Congregational Church of Harrison, MI where he also served as a Trustee.

For leisure, Walter enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and assisting his wife Carolyn with her business of breeding and racing horses. This led him to be a member of American Quarter Horse Association and the Great Lakes Quarter Horse Association.

Walter is survived by his wife Carolyn, two children, Maria (Jeff) Gross and David Bay, grandchildren, Jackson Gross, Jordan Gross, and Jeffrey J. Gross, his brother Dan Bay and other family and friends.

Walter is preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Helen Bay.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the First Congregational Church of Harrison, MI or to Walt Bay Memorial Fund - MMCC for support of Mid Michigan Community College.

On-line guestbook at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 6:00 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

JUN 8. 2:00 PM - 5:00 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

JUN 8. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)  
1005 North McEwan St.  
Clare, MI 48617  
(989) 386-7451  
wymanf@chartermi.net  
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## Service

JUN 9. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Harrison First Congregational U.C.C.  
211 W. Spruce  
Harrison, MI 48625

# Tribute Wall

AK

“ *My sincere condolences to you, David and to your family. I will always remember Mr. Bay from almost 30 years ago, a kind, devoted and hard working man - May he rest in peace.*

*- Akemi*

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**Akemi** - June 29, 2013 at 08:13 PM

AI

“ *So sorry... we just heard of Walt's passing. He was a great man and has done a lot of business with our company. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*From all of us at Advanced Business Machines, Inc.*

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**Advanced Business Machines, Inc.** - June 12, 2013 at 02:30 PM

DS

“ *Our prayers are with you all. May God bless you with many happy memories. Daniel and Cynda Singer*

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**Daniel and Cynda Singer** - June 10, 2013 at 07:54 AM

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**Daniel and Cynda Singer** - June 10, 2013 at 07:54 AM

AM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. He will be missed at Tandam.

*Bueford Lee and family*

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**andrea majeski** - June 09, 2013 at 01:53 PM

BH

“ I am sorry to hear of the loss of this amazing husband and dad, he will be missed by many. Once the hurt begins to heal though imagine all of the smiles your heart will feel when the memories of his life float into your thinking.

*Sincerely,  
Bruce Hales*

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**Bruce Hales** - June 09, 2013 at 12:30 PM

JW

“ I was always excited to spend time with Walt!  
His enthusiasm and energy seemed contagious.  
He and Carolyns willingness to leave Michigan and venture into the world of "Big Time Quarter Horse Racing" made me proud to be from Michigan myself. (Mt. Pleasant)  
I know the Mt. Pleasant Meadows Community with miss him beyond belief and His soes willll never be filled!

*My thoughts and Prayer's go out to Carolyn,David, and Maria, and know I will miss Walt as a friend.*

*Jeff Williams*

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**jeff williams** - June 09, 2013 at 09:58 AM

JM

“ You will be missed by so many. It was an honor knowing you and we are proud to call you friend. So glad we got to spend time with you in December. May God bless you and your family. Jack and Pat

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**Jack and Pat Martin** - June 08, 2013 at 10:36 PM

BH

“ *Every time we saw Walt, we knew that we were going to smile. He was so proud of Carolyn and her accomplishments with their horses. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this tough time. Ben and Christine Hudson*

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**Ben Hudson** - June 08, 2013 at 11:24 AM

LA

“ *My prayers go out to the family at this difficult time. Was always nice to see him in the Michigan City office. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.*

*Laura Archer*

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**Laura Archer** - June 08, 2013 at 10:35 AM

JL

“ *My last conversation with Walt was a call to his office in the stables. He filled me in on the state of the race track, the world and some stuff I had of his in the office. When we were finished, I thought I was ahead of him in our common problem. Looks like he beat me. Best to you Carolyn. John (Jack) Lynch*

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**Jack Lynch** - June 08, 2013 at 07:50 AM

RR

“ Carolyn, David and Maria  
You are all in my thoughts and prayers - I understand the difficult balance between dealing with illness and loss .... It's emotional and not easy, but ends up being rewarding as you celebrate Walt's life and legacy and share memories with loved ones that have not been share for a while.  
God Bless you all  
Ruth Armentrout

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**Ruth Rmentrout** - June 07, 2013 at 11:47 PM

PF

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Walter's passing. He was a good friend to all he met, so proud and admiring of Carolyn's success with her horses. That is how we met him, we will miss him. sending our love to Carolyn and family in this very difficult time.

Walter and Pat Fletcher  
Lakin, Kansas

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**Pat Fletcher** - June 07, 2013 at 10:14 PM

QI

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and loved ones of Mr Walter Bay, he will be greatly missed in the horse racing community.  
Sincerely, Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana

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**quarter Horse Racing Association of Indi** - June 07, 2013 at 09:47 PM

KR

“ Mrs Carolyn Bay, David, Maria and Jeff and family, I am sorry to hear of Mr Walter Bays passing. He was always very good to me when I worked at Tandem and gave me a chance to show I could do the job. One of the nicest men I've ever known. Wish I could be there to attend services but I can't so sending my deepest respects to the Bay family. Kenley Ramsey

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**Kenley Ramsey** - June 07, 2013 at 09:04 PM

KC

“ Walter was a Michigan horse racing stalwart and one of the finest people I had the pleasure to work with during my 33 year tenure at the Michigan Office of Racing Commissioner. My deepest condolences to Carolyn and Walt's family. He will be sorely missed.

*Kenn Christopher  
Special Projects  
Michigan ORC (retired)*

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**Kenn Christopher** - June 07, 2013 at 05:41 PM

SD

“ I met Walter last year at the Oklahoma City horse sale, he did not know me but he took the time to talk and listen as I spoke to his wife about horses. In that one meeting I knew he was one of the good guys.

*Stan Dennison-Oklahoma*

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**Stan Dennison** - June 07, 2013 at 11:47 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter G. Bay.*



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June 07, 2013 at 10:30 AM



“ *Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time - from all of us at Speedhorse*



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**Speedhorse** - June 07, 2013 at 10:21 AM



“ *Carolyn, Maria, Jeff and David, it is with sadness i am writing you after hearing of Walt's passing. He was as you know an incredible man!!! remarkable actually in so many ways... he will be missed, but, most certainly not forgotten!!!! i am unable to attend the services unfortunately, however, Walt and all of you are in my prayers... Pat Kuehl*

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**patrick kuehl** - June 07, 2013 at 10:03 AM

CT

“ Mrs. Bay, Maria and family:

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I know that you will be sharing many great stories and memories about Mr. Bay with one another and with friends and through that sharing process (laughing, crying and being there for one another) I pray that you will be comforted.*

*Chris Tracy*

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**Chris Tracy** - June 07, 2013 at 09:12 AM

SW

“ Carolyn and Family - Know that Walt is in a greater place, that he will suffer no more. Our prayers are with you and your family. If there is anything I can do please do not hesitate to call.

*Sheriff John S. Wilson & Family*

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**Sheriff John S. Wilson** - June 07, 2013 at 08:52 AM

DB

“ Carolyn and family - we are so sorry to hear of Walt's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Russ and Dottie Brugger family*

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**Dottie Brugger** - June 07, 2013 at 08:01 AM

DM

“ Sorry to Hear of Waters passing. I worked for him in the 80s. Chris Malek

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**Diane Malek** - June 07, 2013 at 07:40 AM

DF

“ Carolyn, Dave and Maria,  
Our thoughts and prayers have been going out to you and your families. I cannot tell you how sadden we are, but know that he is in a better place. If there is anything we can do, don't hesitate to call us. God bless each and everyone of you. He will be missed. The Mohr's (Dan, DeeAnna, Leslie, Shelby and Trisha Swihart)

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**Dan, DeeAnna Mohr and family** - June 07, 2013 at 05:44 AM

NA

“ Dear David,  
I am so sorry to learn of your loss.  
Be well, Nora

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**Nora Akins** - June 07, 2013 at 05:37 AM

JH

“ Carolyn, David & Maria  
  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
  
Janet Heuer

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**Janet Heuer** - June 06, 2013 at 01:58 PM

JD

“ Carolyn,  
We are deeply saddened, and will greatly miss Walt. You and your family are in our prayers. Darell and Janet Dunkle

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**Janet Dunkle** - June 06, 2013 at 01:34 PM

TL

“ Dear Carolyn and Family

*I will miss his call on a weekly basis with me. My prayers with your family.*

*Tina*

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**Tina Litchfield** - June 06, 2013 at 01:31 PM

WH

“ Dear Carolyn , David & Maria ... So very sorry to hear of Walts death. We will be praying for you and your families. Our sincere love & blessings for all of you. Wendy & Keith Helmka

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**Wendy Helmka** - June 06, 2013 at 12:55 PM

JS

*Dear Carolyn and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Walt's passing. Know that he will be missed. May the memories of the life he shared with all of you, bring peace and comfort now and in the future. Joyce and Frank Swartzmiller*

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**Joyce Swartzmiller** - June 07, 2013 at 08:59 AM

TA

*Dear Carolyn & Family,*

*I am sorry to hear of Walt's passing. He always thanked me for the work I did (and still do) at the horse track and I appreciated that. May he rest in peace.*

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**Tina Arns** - June 07, 2013 at 12:09 PM

DJ

*Maria, and Family, Sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. I know time will heal the pain and sorrow of your loss. You will always have the great memories of your Dad/Husband. Praying for you in your time of sorrow. Don and Heidi Johnston*

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**Don & Heidi Johnston** - June 19, 2013 at 06:28 AM