



## William J. Baxter

May 29, 1954 - June 23, 2023

William J. Baxter, age 69 of Clare, formerly of Weidman, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, June 23, 2023. On May 29, 1954, William was born the youngest of four children to Raymond and Virginia (Bartlett) Baxter in Mt. Pleasant, MI. William was a lifelong resident of Central Michigan and was a proud graduate of the Chippewa Hills High School Class of 1972—the first graduating class in school history. William worked a career in the masonry trade—where he worked most notably for Beal City’s Straus Masonry. William was united in marriage to Christine Garrett, and from that union he was blessed with his two sons Daniel and David Baxter. Later in life, William met his lifelong companion, Michelle Chandler. In his younger years William enjoyed bowling, golfing, and horseshoe tournaments. He also enjoyed following the Detroit Tigers and the Green Bay Packers, but the time he enjoyed most was that spent with his family.

William is survived by his two sons Daniel (Heather) Baxter of Milford and David (Michele) Baxter of Farwell and his five grandchildren Benjamin, Brittni, Alivia, Garrett, and Riley Baxter. Other survivors include his sisters Barbara Tilmann, Betz Baxter, and Mary Ellen (Dale) Simons, all of whom reside in Weidman, his lifelong companion Michelle Chandler, and his two cats Fluffy and Midnight. William was preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Virginia Baxter and his brother-in-law Russell Tilmann.

In keeping with William’s wishes, cremation has taken place. A private ceremony will take place at a date yet to be determined. Memorial

contributions in memory of William may be suggested to the Care Team Home Health and Hospice. Condolences may also be shared on the Baxter family page at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He and Chris were neighbors in Weidman for a long time. So many memories of our good times. Prayers and thoughts to the family  
RoseMarie Cady

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**RoseMarie Cady** - June 27, 2023 at 12:40 PM

LM

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad. Bill was a great guy, had many good times with him. Sending love and many prayers to you all ❤️🙏  
❤️🙏 Lisa Qualls-Moses

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**Lisa Moses** - June 26, 2023 at 09:55 PM

BB

“ Sorry to hear about your Dad boys. I had a lot of great times with him hunting at the cabin in the U.P. I Will always remember them. He was a good man. Rest in peace Billy!

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**Bill Bleise** - June 26, 2023 at 05:44 PM