

Clio "Bud" Frank Sanborn

May 19, 1930 - February 22, 2018

Clio Frank "Bud" Sanborn, 87, passed away February 22, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family.

Born May 19, 1930 to Clio Stanley and Margaret (Thorn) Sanborn, Bud grew up in Lansing, listening to the lions roar at Potter Park from his bedroom. He graduated from Eastern High School in 1948. A tuba player, he attended Michigan State College on a full music scholarship awarded to him by Leonard Falcone, graduating with a degree in physics. In 1952, Bud began work at GM Research working with high temperature fatigue studies for gas turbine engines. In 1954, he was drafted into the Army and was stationed at Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah for 2 years. Following his discharge, he was transferred to Oldsmobile where he worked in Advance Design and became a supervisor of the Engineering Computer Applications Group. Bud also worked in Vehicle Simulation studies and in the Analytical Design Analysis Group. He retired in 1987 following 35 years of service.

Bud was a longtime member of Haslett Community Church. It was there he met Barbara Kilmer. They were married on May 31, 1986. During their marriage, they traveled extensively before settling at Live Oak RV Park in Arcadia, Florida, their winter home for the past 21 years. Bud was a passionate photographer, spending many hours in his darkroom.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Barbara. Children, Rebecca (Daniel) Esch of Howell; Frank (Marie) Sanborn of Charlotte; Amy (Bill) Bishop of

Milford. Children by marriage, Kathryn (William) Witchell of St. Johns and Kenneth Kilmer of Grand Ledge. Grandchildren, Katie Esch (Nick VandeBerg) of Fenton; Jennifer Esch of Howell; James (Allyn) Witchell of Detroit; Brooke Witchell of Billings, MT; Ryan Logan of Charlotte; and Jessica (Michael) Prieskorn of Livonia. Great grandson, Mikey Prieskorn. Sister-in-law Valerie Smith of Hope; Kay Kilmer of East Lansing and nieces, Kitty McFadden, Cheryl Griffith and Judy McFadden. He was predeceased by his parents, his sister, Jessie McFadden, brothers-in-law, Lester McFadden and Jim Dobben.

A Celebration of Bud's Life will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018, 3:00 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Grand Ledge. Memorial gathering will be immediately before the service from 1:00-3:00 p.m. His family requests memorials contributions be given to the Center for the Needy, 163 S. Orange Avenue, Arcadia, FL 34265.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAR 3. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Clio "Bud" Frank Sanborn*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - March 08, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clio "Bud" Frank Sanborn.*



March 02, 2018 at 03:35 PM



“ *Judy and Jim ?????? purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clio "Bud" Frank Sanborn.*



Judy and Jim ?????? - March 01, 2018 at 09:03 PM

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“ Our sincerest condolences to all Bud's family.
I met Bud at Olds Engineering in October, 1962, shortly after I started there. He was a generous mentor in the new field of computer science, plus a great friend with a wonderful sense of humor. My wife Kay and I were soon included in his circle of friends, where I soon discovered that your mom was a friend from my class, and our Valedictorian, of Eastern High School, 1958.
I won't ever forget being invited to your home to see the Heathkit large color TV he built, the first I had seen I'm sure. I also remember helping them move from the home off Jolly Road to their new home in the Haslett area on Shoeman Road (I think).
I also knew about his \$25. model "T" Ford that he got to drive the short distance to high school. I think the subject came up when we were bragging about good deals on cars!
We are very fortunate to have been friends and work cohorts with such an intelligent, warm person. I will remember him fondly forever.
Tom and Kay Erb

Tom Erb - February 28, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Bud



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - February 28, 2018 at 08:27 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clio "Bud" Frank Sanborn.



February 27, 2018 at 08:35 PM



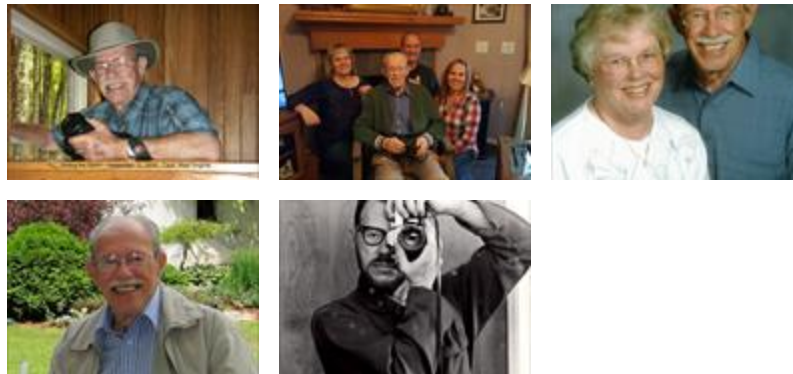
“ From your Canadian cousins, Doreen Howard Lavina purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Clio "Bud" Frank Sanborn.



From your Canadian cousins, Doreen Howard Lavina -
February 27, 2018 at 05:44 PM



“ 5 files added to the album New Album Name



Amy Sanborn Bishop - February 24, 2018 at 08:16 PM