



Mr. Dale E. Kloeckner

May 9, 1941 - December 12, 2011

KLOECKNER, DALE E.

Grand Ledge formerly of Portland

Age 70, passed away at his home Dec. 12, 2011. Dale was born May 9, 1941 in Lansing, MI to the late Art and Mildred (Nurenborg) Kloeckner. He graduated from St. Patrick H.S. in Portland. He was a talented carpenter and worked at Granger Construction Co. retiring as superintendent after 38 years. Dale enjoyed fishing, camping, music, and spending time with his family including woodcrafts with his grandchildren in his workshop. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joyce (Blundy), 4 children, Randy (Pam), Rhonda, Bret (Stephanie) and Brian (Missy), 7 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, sister Patricia Wilcox, brother-in-law Gary Blundy, and many dear and loving friends. He is preceded in death by brother Larry Kloeckner. Visitation will be Wednesday 2-4, 6-8pm, Vigil 7:30pm at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge, and Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011, from 10:00am until time of Funeral Mass 11:00am Celebrated by Rev. Fr. James Eisele at St. Michael Catholic Church. Interment will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael Church 345 Edwards St. Grand Ledge, MI 48837 or Hospice Services/Sparrow Foundation P.O. Box 30480 Lansing, MI 48909-9986 .

Cemetery Details

Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2520 W. Willow
Lansing, MI 48917

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
406 N. Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
(517) 627-2531
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Visitation

DEC 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

DEC 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Service

DEC 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DG

“ Rhonda -

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. I am here if you need anything.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time.

Dave Goodman

Dave Goodman - December 15, 2011 at 06:26 PM

BR

“ We are very sorry to hear about Dale's passing. Your family is in our prayers.

Bob and Tracy Russman

Bob Russman - December 15, 2011 at 05:07 PM

VF

“ Dale was my coach, my mentor, my friend and so much more. Rhonda talked me in to playing softball, Dale taught me how to play. I had never played ball in my life.

Sample game time conversations;

Dale: Val take third Base

Val: Dale, you can't put me at third, I'm afraid of the ball

Dale: Put your body in front of the ball, if you catch the ball it won't hurt.

Dale: Val your in left center

Dale: Val, if you catch it in the air it's an out!

Dale coaching at third, yelling over to 1st base... "look at me Val, are you watching me" Val, VAL!!! Look at me!!!! If he said "Val get in front of the ball" or Val, "step into it" once, he said it a thousand times! Or run Val run....are you running? RUN!

I hope God is a practical joker because Dale loved pranks (I'm just going to apologize to Mark Arthur right now), his sense of humor took me a long time to read and I'm guessing that was true for most because if you could watch Joyce while Dale was pulling your leg, you would see her trying to read your reaction so she knew if she needed to intervene and explain that it was a joke or, sometimes she would just laugh and give him a little smack "Dale"!!!!

Along with the teachings of God, Family Values and the art of being a great, loving husband and father; Dale passed on the importance of having a sense of humor and being a prankster to all of his kids. Randy, has the gift of laughing at himself and making other laugh with him. Rhonda has the gift of quick one liners that can make a whole room laugh. Bret and Brian both have that Dale Kloeckner look you in the eye, straight face, "yes I am telling you the truth", Oh HA HA you fell for it gift.

We were all so sad when we got together to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary that we didn't get to focus on Joyce and Dale's life together. I would like to do that now. 50 years of marriage is monumental! In my opinion, Joyce and Dale have been the poster couple for how to make a marriage work. They worked hard and worked together, raised 4 fantastic yet slightly dysfunctional kids and almost always acted with each other, like the high school

sweethearts they were. I can not begin to imagine how Joyce is feeling or what she is going through but I do know, because of her and Dale's love and commitment to each other, their kids and grandkids will be their with her and for her every step of the way and down the road, I'm pretty convinced, Joyce will find herself laughing right outloud as she remembers some of Dale's antics, his pranks and smart alek comments. I know I will. I'm sure going to miss you Coach!

Valerie Freeman - December 15, 2011 at 03:16 PM

MR

“ Joyce,
I am so sorry that I didn't get to the funeral home to see you and the kids, especially Brian and his family. You were such great people and loyal fans, even after Brian was finished playing for us. It was always special for me to run into you both in the store, or at A&W. Dale could always make me smile. He was a really good man, and he will be missed dearly.

Mike Rademacher

Mike Rademacher - December 15, 2011 at 07:02 AM

KZ

“ *Dear Rhonda and Family--please know that you are in my prayers during this difficult time. I hope you find comfort in the love and support of your family and friends and in your everlasting, precious memories.*

Kristi Zimmerman - December 15, 2011 at 06:14 AM

RK

Thanks Kristi. As you know it is a tough time and a lot and sadness. I am going to miss him so much!!

Rhonda Kloeckner - December 15, 2011 at 05:07 PM

JR

“ I worked on a few jobs that Dale was running when I was working construction. He was always a pleasure to work around. Sorry for your loss Joyce and family. Sincerely Jim & Lynda Russman

James Russman - December 14, 2011 at 07:52 PM

JS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Dale was such a friendly person and a great neighbor. He will be extremely missed. Please know we are there for you if you need any help around the house. Best wishes, John, Erica, Deanna and Shannon Staton

John and Erica Staton - December 14, 2011 at 11:49 AM

AR

“ Rhonda, I am so sorry for your loss. I know how much you love him & he you. I only met him a couple of times but him & your Mom were so nice to me. Prayers for you and your family. I love you, Ami Rose

Ami Rose - December 14, 2011 at 09:22 AM

RK

Thank you, he was the best dad and man I will ever know. His passing leaves a big hole in my life. Take care... Love ya.

Rhonda Kloeckner - December 15, 2011 at 05:05 PM



“ Splendid Orchids was purchased for the family of Mr. Dale E. Kloeckner.



December 14, 2011 at 06:39 AM

AB

“ I have very fond memories of Dale. He always treated me like family and made me laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and I know he will be greatly missed. I feel privileged to have known him and his family and know he is in a good place. With love, Tony Barrett and family.



Anthony Barrett - December 13, 2011 at 04:11 PM

MK

“ I could not have asked for a better Father in law! You were a great Papa to Lilly and Cole and we have so many great memories that we will cherish forever! We love you always and forever! You also made heaven to us a little sweeter! Love Missy!

Missy Kloeckner - December 13, 2011 at 12:39 PM