



## Darl R. Bancroft

April 3, 1928 - November 24, 2012

Age 84, passed away quietly surrounded by family on Saturday, November 24, 2012 after a courageous battle with cancer. Born on April 3, 1928 in Lansing, MI to the late Loren and Pearl Bancroft. He was preceded in death by brother Wayne Bancroft and his beloved son David (Duke). He is survived by his wife Beverly, the love of his life for 58 years, daughters Stephanie (John) Boening and Terri(Tim)McKim, grandchildren Stacie and Laurie Boening, Tyler and Trisha McKim and Great Grandchildren Avery, Gracelyn, Eli and his sister Doris Mitchell who unselfishly took care of him after the passing of his parents . He retired from the Lansing Board of Water & Light. Darl enjoyed golfing, working with his draft horse Earl, becoming a professional clown to bring a smile to an ill child, traveling and the lifelong friends that were made along the way.

It brought him no greater pleasure than to bring laughter to the people around him. A special thank you to the many visitors this year who put a smile on his face when he needed it most.

Darl as our favorite song says "we will be together again" I love you Beverly.

A funeral service will be held Thurs., Nov. 29, 2012, 11:00 am at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, 406 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge, MI with Pastor Martin Measel, officiating. Interment will follow at Wacousta Cemetery with military honors by

the Memorial Honor Guard, Cole-Briggs Post 48 American Legion VFW Post 3293 Grand Ledge, Michigan. The family will receive friends Wed., Nov. 28, 2012, 4:00-8:00 pm at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to Memorial and Honor Program, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105 or Henry Ford Health System - Hermelin Brain Tumor Research Center, Attention: Stephanie Mintoff, K-11 Neurosurgery, 2799 W. Grand River Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48202 .  
Online condolences and memories at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Wacousta Cemetery

13500 Wacousta Road  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
406 N. Bridge Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
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NOV **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Darl R. Bancroft* ”



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**Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home** - November 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“Darl was appropriately named, as he was certainly a DARLing man. We have so many fond memories of him, and we will miss his wonderful sense of humor, his easygoing charm, and his kind heart. Bev, please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Here is a little poem that has brought us comfort, and we hope it will help in some small way...



*JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN*

*Don't think of him as gone away ~  
his journey's just begun;  
Life holds so many facets ~  
this earth is only one.*

*Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort,  
where there are no days and years.*

*Think of how he must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.*

*And think of him as living  
in the hearts of those he touched...  
For nothing loved is ever lost,  
and he was loved so much.*



*Our love to you,*

*Carol & Burt Gresham*

**Carol Gresham** - December 02, 2012 at 01:37 PM

BT

“ *There are so many wonderful memories of Darl it is hard to choose just one. Bob and I cherished the friendship we have had with Bev and Darl. Although it has been awhile since we last spent time together, I will always remember the laughter and good times we shared. I am sure that Bob and Darl are sharing a few giggles in heaven now. Bev take care of yourself and know that I am here if you need someone to lean on. Love you!*

**Beverly Thomson** - November 29, 2012 at 12:37 PM

CB

“ *To the Bancroft family,  
Although it has been a few years since we have seen you we want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time.*

*Terri-I still remember our Wacousta days and the times at your parents home on Clark Road!:)*

*My family and I send our deepest sympathies to all of you.*

*God's blessings,*

*Carla (Covert) Ball*

*Carl and Barb Covert*

*Mark Covert*



**Carla Ball** - November 29, 2012 at 07:32 AM

RM

“ *Fondly remembering Darl, Bev, Harry and Lois tooling around our neighborhood, playing loud music looking for our house in Camlachie, Ontario. We had a great time after you finally found us. Also remember stopping by your place in Florida and having a great dinner and chat. Will always remember the two of you. Our prayers and sympathy are with you Bev and Bev family.*  
*Pat and Bob Molland*

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**Robert and Patricia Molland** - November 28, 2012 at 03:23 PM

JS

“ *We have spent the past few days talking and reminiscing about all the time spent with Darl and Bev Bancroft.. Trying to find the words to convey the feeling for this wonderful, funny, charming man. Darl was one of the nicest men we have ever met. Always fun to be with, always a smile on his face and the twinkle in his eye let you know he was up to something. The fun we had on the tennis court, visiting and going out to eat with friends. We loved Darl and he will be missed by many. Our prayers are with you Bev.*  
*Love,*  
*Joyce & Chet Silvers*

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**Joyce Silvers** - November 28, 2012 at 03:21 PM

WO

“ One of the many advantages of traveling and wintering in a park that draws a variety of people from various states is that you can meet some very extraordinary people. Several years ago we met Darl and Bev Bancroft at a park in Florida. Instantly we realized that we wanted to have these two as our friends and it worked out that we did. For the past several years we have enjoyed communicating and sometimes visiting with these two wonderful people. Darl and I played golf several times and it was a real pleasure to spend time with him on the golf course. No matter how hard we tried, the little ball rarely went in the direction that we wanted, however we enjoyed great fellowship and had fun trying. It was difficult to spend time with Darl without laughing and feeling better for being with him. We will miss our good friend and the world will miss a really great guy.  
Wayne and Barbara Oliver  
Columbia, TN

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**Wayne Oliver** - November 27, 2012 at 04:37 PM

KB

“ Aunt Bev, Stephanie and Terri

*My heart goes out to you at this time. You were blessed to have such a caring husband and father. I was proud to have Uncle Darl as my uncle as he was the type of man we could all be proud of. I'm sure he would not want you to grieve his loss but to celebrate his life and to remember the good times you had together.*

*My love to you.*

*I will be unable to be there as I'm out of town on business and won't be back until too late but you can be assured that my thoughts and prayers will be with you. I will be contributing to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in honor of Uncle Darl.*

*"Yea though I walk through the valley of death, I fear no evil for thou art with me."*

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**Kathie Barratt** - November 26, 2012 at 06:50 PM