



Clare Nile Sutherby

August 28, 1928 - February 16, 2021

Clare N. Sutherby, age 92, of Gobles, passed away Tuesday, February 16th, 2021 at his home. Clare was born August 28, 1928 in Bangor, MI, the son of the late Bert and Pearle Sutherby and had lived in the Gobles area since 1971. Clare earned his teaching degree and taught for many years at Gobles High School. Clare also worked as a carpenter, a mason, a chemist, and finished his working years for Meijer. He was truly a jack of all trades. Clare loved the Lord and was active in several churches over the years.

Surviving are his children, Craig (Bonnie), Michelle (Keith) Green, Cherie Olson, Marci (Mark) Wieleba; grandchildren, Kyle, Shawn, Samuel, Daniel, Rebekkah, Courtney, Zach, Andy, Aaron, Nathan, Sandi, Sarah, Mark Jr., Angela, Scott and William; great grandchildren, Kattia, Alaina, Houston, Wyatt, Lucy, Emily, Oswald; 2 sisters-in-law, Ruth Pontier and Lois (Dick) Niekamp; brother-in-law, Ken Parsons; many nieces and nephews including Terri Martens and Mark (Jackie) Sutherby.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary (Longman), whom he married December 27, 1957; 2 brothers, Herb (Elsie) Sutherby, and Charles Sutherby.

Following his wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at Earl Cemetery in the spring. Arrangements entrusted to the Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ So sorry for your loss. Judy Dillenbeck Stearns, Class of 1970.

Judy Stearns - February 20, 2021 at 05:20 PM

PH

“ My sincere condolences and prayers are being sent to the family and loved ones of Mr. Sutherby. He was one of my teachers during my studies at Gobles Public Schools. He was one of my favorites and he often had some insight on certain subject content, that would engage me as a student, to retain what was being taught! Many laughs and many great conversations with him. May he rest in peace, and his family know, that for me, he made a difference in my life as a positive influence and mentor! God bless.....your Dad was amazing as a teacher!



Patrick Henry
Class of 1974

Patrick Henry - February 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ I really enjoyed Mr.Sutherby, a unique enduring guy. I was the only girl in Gobles high school chemistry class and generally good behavior. I have to admit I don't like chemistry and in high school I thought I just don't get it. But when I took college chemistry I realized I GOT IT, and it was all due to Mr. Sutherby giving me a great headstart. Thanks Mr. Sutherby may you rest in peace with the Krebs cycle.

Pam Buis Tibbitts class of 1974

Pam Buis Tibbitts - February 18, 2021 at 11:31 AM

RW

Mr. Sutherby was indeed a unique person. He was most helpful and encouraging in Chemistry and Physics classes which were truly not my area of interest. In an instant of an accidental splash of acid, he immediately knew what to do in that case of emergency. He allowed students to pursue deeper into areas of interest. He certainly taught and lived the life lessons integrity, honesty and responsibility.

Thank you, Mr. Sutherby.
Rose Truitt Wiersma
Class of 1969

Rose Wiersma - September 24, 2023 at 10:39 AM

LM

“ Craig and family sorry to hear of your Father's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Jim and Linda Muenzer

Linda Lou Muenzer - February 18, 2021 at 09:18 AM

RD

“ My deepest condolences and prayers for the family of an old West Bangor neighbor.

Rick Dillman - February 17, 2021 at 08:10 PM

VS

“ Vicky Souza lit a candle in memory of Clare Nile Sutherby



Vicky Souza - February 17, 2021 at 05:27 PM