



Clifford William Waite

August 22, 1947 - January 22, 2014

Clifford W. Waite, age 66, of Bangor, passed away suddenly Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014 at his home. Cliff was born Aug. 22, 1947 in South Haven, the son of Pete and Ida May (Miller) Waite and has lived all of his life in Bangor. Cliff worked many years with his family at Waite's Market in downtown Bangor, and later opened Cliff's Country Meats. He was a past member of the Bangor Fire Department where he was on the board and served as assistant chief. Cliff was a past mayor of Bangor, providing him the opportunity to serve the community that he loved. He was a member of the Bangor Jaycees, Bangor DDA, lifetime member of the Bangor Historical Society, charter member of the local chapter of the Van Buren Long Beards. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, telling stories, and spending time with friends and family. Cliff knew someone everywhere he went. Surviving are his wife, Patti, whom he married in 1997; 4 children, Jennifer (Mike Kolosar) Waite of Paw Paw, Sara Waite and Barbie Waite both of Bangor, Michael Brinks of South Haven; 2 grandchildren, Rebecca Waite, Nolan Pete Crandall; sister, Carole Waite of Bangor; mother of his children, Gloria Waite; and his beloved dog, Foxy Roxie. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, George. The family will meet friends 2-4 and 6-8 PM Monday at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com, where the funeral will be 11:00 AM Tuesday with Pastor Duane Jones officiating. The family suggests memorials be made to the Bangor Alumni Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Visitation

JAN 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to the family. I started kindergarten with Cliff (and Gloria) at Bangor in the "old schoolhouse" on the corner. (Which we used later for our band building during high school.) My mother and sister both worked with him at his folks' market in Bangor and then we would see him at his market. I'll always remember his smile and happy disposition. Blessings to you all. Reggie (Gregory) McCarthy*

Reggie McCarthy - March 06, 2014 at 03:42 PM



“ *To all the Waite Family, our sincere condolences..
(had trouble commenting before)
We wish the best for all of you..*

Cliff was a great guy and a major supporter of the Bangor Community..

Always with a smile, a good story and a person that you wanted to call a friend.

Very helpful to my wife and I in any endeavor; Always a job well done with care.

We will miss seeing Cliffy around Bangor, God speed our friend..

Terry Crafts

T.L.Crafts - February 04, 2014 at 10:31 AM

TH

“ *Dear Waite Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. We will miss seeing him in town and talking with him. He was always smiling and joking. Lots of great memories of the fire station and at Waite's market. He will be truly missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Eric and Tracie Hay and family*

Tracie Hay - January 30, 2014 at 06:14 AM

DA

“ *Dearest Waite Family,*

I am so very sorry for your loss. Cliff was such a treasure! I'll never forget the twinkle he had in his eyes, how special he made you feel when you were around him and just how great of a man he was. My prayers are with each of you for peace, comfort and strength.



*Love,
Danielle Britt*

Danielle - January 28, 2014 at 04:34 PM

CT

“ Waite family, I am sending my sympathy to you and your community. As I read about Clifford in his obituary, I was reminded about what my city went through just this past year. Many well known and loved ones died at young ages, many of them suddenly. One in particular will be remembered for his love of community and his desire to record everything, having his camera with him at all times and even publishing information for folks to read. It's sad when communities undergo this loss. I am a Bible student and would like to send comfort by way of Bible based information found in two booklets: *What Happens to Us When We Die?* and *When Someone You Love Dies....* I've talked with folks for years, that have told me they had questions about death and the future. The Bible can answer these, and calm our hearts when no human can. The scriptures can be found in any Bible. If anyone would like one or both booklets, at no cost, contact me at my e-mail address. May your community keep memories alive, and may peace come to your hearts. Cathy Taylor

Cathy Taylor - January 28, 2014 at 09:56 AM

BB

“ Jen, Sara, Barbie, Patty and Gloria, I am so sorry for your loss. Cliff was a good friend and I dearly loved him. He could make me laugh any time I saw him. We loved the knitting classes at Rose's Great Lakes Cafe a couple of years ago that he joined in with us.. The ladies really enjoyed having him join us. My prayers go out to you all.
My Love, Brenda Balfour

Brenda Balfour - January 27, 2014 at 05:12 PM

BB

Waites....I just went out to come to the visitation and cannot get out of my driveway. My apologies but please know I am thinking about you all. Brenda Balfour

Brenda Balfour - January 27, 2014 at 05:16 PM

TF

“ Girls, I was stricken with sadness to hear of your dads passing. I will never forget the kindness he showed me when my dad passed away. Your dad was there for my dad and my myself. Just before my dad passed, your dad held his hand and whispered into his ear. I will never know what he whispered to him, but I will always remember what he said as he gave him a big hug goodbye, "I will see again my dear friend." Your dad was truly a great guy. I know he has lived up to his promise and has joined my dad in Heaven and they are already sharing a cup of coffee and hunting stories. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Know that he will always be there for you, just ask of him in prayer.

Love, Gail (Goodrich) Burrows

The Burrows-Goodrich Family - January 27, 2014 at 03:52 PM

JM

“ So sorry about Cliff's passing. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family. We'll miss his big smile and warm heart.

John and Jolene Miller.

John Miller - January 27, 2014 at 03:05 PM

RT

“ So sorry to hear of the death of Cliff Waite, a class mate and friend. We are praying for the family and trust you will sense God's comfort and faithfulness during these difficult days. With our love and prayers, Roger and Ruth (Balzer) Tuinstra and Family

Ruth Tuinstra - January 27, 2014 at 10:51 AM

MS

“ We are so saddened to hear of Cliff's passing. Pete and Cliff gave me a job at Waite's market after I graduated from school. Cliff taught me a lot about the grocery business. He will be missed by all who knew him. R.I.P. my friend and will miss you singing to me when I seen you (paddling Madeline home). Olen and Madeline



Madeline Shiflett - January 26, 2014 at 07:16 PM

SL

“ My friend Cliff was larger than life itself due to his generosity, compassion and kindness. My heart goes out to his family whom he loved so much. I will him forever.

Sharon Lee

sharon lee - January 25, 2014 at 04:09 PM

SL

This is Sharon again and I meant to say--I will miss him forever!

sharon lee - January 25, 2014 at 06:06 PM

RE

“ To all of the Waite family: I'am very sorry for your loss. Cliff and I grew up together . We went to school together, played football together and became very good friend over the years. I loved his sense of humor and his commitment to our city. I especially remember Cliff during my sons illness coming into our store and giving a me many hugs and support before he died. Ryan loved your kindness and support to him during his illness. I know Cliff when you see Ryan you will give him a huge and kiss from his dad. Thank you Cliff for all the years of knowing you and being a friend to me. You will be truly missed. Thanks for the memories Cliff. Love you Richard Ely and family.

Richard J. Ely - January 24, 2014 at 07:02 PM

BW

“ Sorry to hear of Cliff passing away! The family will be in our prayers!

Ben & Becky (Bleicher) Welsh

Becky Welsh - January 24, 2014 at 03:31 PM

DW

“ Dear Patti and Family,
I was so saddened to hear about Cliff and I'm terribly sorry for your loss. Cliff was a great guy, I really enjoyed shooting with or just talking to him over the years. Hugs and prayers to you all.
My Most Sincere Condolences,
Dave Wiatrowski

David Wiatrowski - January 24, 2014 at 03:22 PM

KB

“ *Cliff was such a wonderful friend. We had some fun times fishing on Lake Cadillac. He was a person that we will never forget . Our sympathy goes out to his wonderful family. Lovingly, Terry and Kay Bodfish*

kay bodfish - January 24, 2014 at 03:20 PM

SG

“ *To the Waite family,
My mom and I are so sorry to hear about Cliff. Our families have always been friends. In the 70's my dad spent many a Sunday morning in the back of Waite's Market as part of the "coffee clutch", something I know he truly enjoyed.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Keep his memory in your heart and mind and he will never be far.
Sincerely,
Joan Ghidotti Lull and Suzie Ghidotti Traudt*

Suzie Ghidotti Traudt and Joan Ghidotti - January 24, 2014 at 07:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clifford William Waite.*



January 24, 2014 at 07:23 AM

KO

“ To the Waite Families, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to your families. You were never a stranger if Cliff was around. I remember going to Cliff's Meats and there was Cliffs smiling face. Bangor has loss a great Town Father! Cliffy you will be missed!

Kim Otten - January 24, 2014 at 06:59 AM

CH

“ Cliff You have been a long family friend to the Hosier Family ! We all will miss you so much and all he laughter we have all shared with you ! To your Beautiful daughters & wife Patty, we are truly sorry for your loss and we are thinking of you at this time and know your hearts are breaking for Our hearts are breaking too. May God be with you all. Much love always ! Mr & Mrs, Michael & Carmen Hosier



carmen Hosier - January 23, 2014 at 11:09 PM

LD

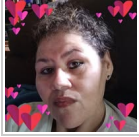
“ Will miss your smiling face. God bless you and your family. Randy and Laura Darr

laura darr - January 23, 2014 at 07:29 PM

 Terri Martens

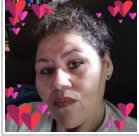
“ So sorry to hear of Cliff's passing. He was a wonderful person and will be missed. Prayers to the family.

Terri Martens - January 23, 2014 at 05:31 PM



“ *Bangor just won't be the same without Cliff. Keeping his family in our prayers.*

Tina Maxwell-Ford - January 23, 2014 at 03:36 PM



“ *Tina Maxwell-Ford lit a candle in memory of Clifford William Waite*



Tina Maxwell-Ford - January 23, 2014 at 03:33 PM



“ *Mr Cliff.. you will surely be missed. Remember several conversations ... giving me the down low on Bangor.. always had a big smile and a big Kiss on the cheek .. Love you.. Praying for your sweet wife and daughters and grandchildren.. God Bless .. RIP Cliff.*

sundra Taylor - January 23, 2014 at 03:16 PM



“ *Cliff will truly be missed within the Community. I am so grateful to have met Cliff and see him out & about within the City. He always put a smile on my face and it was a pleasure talking with him. We had a wonderful conversation one day about his past and how he had worked with my father, whom he had known for years. It truly is a "small world". Many heartfelt prayers to Patti and the rest of the family.*

Cheri Parrish - January 23, 2014 at 01:57 PM