



Clyde W. Crawford

November 20, 1945 - February 23, 2007

Clyde W. Crawford, age 61, of Gobles, died peacefully at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, on Friday, February 23, 2007. Clyde began his honorable life on November 20, 1945 in Kalamazoo, the son of Wayne and Inez (Rock) Crawford. He graduated from Gobles High School and Western Michigan University. Clyde proudly joined the US Marines in 1964 and served in Viet Nam. In 1970, Jan Jeschke was fortunate to meet the man of her dreams and a loving relationship began. They were married on August 14, 1971 and from this union, they were blessed with a son, Chad Crawford, in 1973. Clyde's employment career began at Stoney's Ford in Gobles and later he entered the world of construction, first at Miller-Davis, and later joining in a partnership with the Kalleward Group, Kalamazoo where he dedicated the last 26 years. Clyde served on the Gobles School Board for 12 years and was inducted into the Gobles High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990. He had a passion for race cars, golf, and poker with his friends. Gobles is a much safer place because of Clyde's "safety meetings" with his buddies on Friday afternoons. Clyde loved his life on Brandywine Lake, creating memories with his loved ones. His family describes him as their "hero", and his love, determination, and legacy will never be forgotten. Surviving are his wife, Jan; son, Chad and Jane (McGuire) Crawford; his most precious grandchildren, Maggie and Max; his mother, Inez Bonnell; brother, Paul (Karen) Crawford, 3 sisters, Janice (Rich) Woodard, Connie Edwards, and Sharilyn Voorhees; his closest in-laws, Dolly Jeschke, Ed (Paula) Jeschke, Ken (Lynette) Jeschke,

Bette Jeschke; and a large extended family and many dear friends. Memorial services will be held 1:00 PM, Tuesday, February 27 at the Gobles Middle School Gymnasium.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Middle School
409 N. State
Gobles, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Jan and Family, We were out of town when this happened. We are so sorry for your lose. May you be comforted by all your good memories.##imported-begin##Flossie Wesler, Shirleyand Don Brown##imported-end##

March 09, 2007 at 11:00 PM



“ Jan and Family, We just wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you during this difficult time. I will never forget Clyde's sense of humor and all of the fun times I have experienced with all of you at the lake. Brian and Becky##imported-begin##Becky Corbett##imported-end##

March 02, 2007 at 11:31 AM



“ My deepest sympathies go out to all of you. I am so sorry for your loss. Of the few times I was in Clyde's company, I will always remember the laughter and FUN that surrounded him. Please know that although I was unable to be at the memorial, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Nicole (Addington) Lutes##imported-end##

February 27, 2007 at 08:05 PM



“ Jan: You are in our heart and prayers, and will remain so through this time of grieving.

Peace...

Fr. Joseph##imported-begin##Fr. Josepn Neiman##imported-end##

February 27, 2007 at 04:53 PM



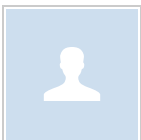
“ My heart and prayers go out to you, your family and the loving extended family. Jo##imported-begin##Josephine Hawes##imported-end##

February 27, 2007 at 03:20 PM



“ Jan - I have such fond memories of Clyde at GHS as a kind and definitely fun-loving guy. You and your family have surely been blessed by having Clyde as a husband, father, and - best of all - friend. My thoughts are with you these days and I'll think of you all this afternoon during the memorial service at school.##imported-begin##Mary (DeGeus) Detmar - class of '64##imported-end##

February 27, 2007 at 01:02 PM



“ We will always remember the times spent with you on Mill Lake tie-off parties.##imported-begin##Kim and Linda Mandigo##imported-end##

February 27, 2007 at 11:33 AM



“ Anyone that Ms. Jane could have loved so much must have been worth knowing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Crawford family. May God Be With You.

Tina & Lauren Garrett

Steps Dance###imported-begin##Tina & Lauren Garrett###imported-end##

February 27, 2007 at 10:22 AM



“ My greatest memory of my dear brother in law will always be the great love he showed for Jan, Chad, Jane, Maggie and Max. There is nothing he wouldn't do for them. He was a man of great passion in all he did. Competing with him in PIGSKIN PICKS was a challenge. I am going to be looking for his crystal ball. May God hold our whole family in his loving arms and give us the strength to carry on without this wonderful man. May he rest in peace!

Bette Jeschke###imported-begin##Bette Jeschke###imported-end##

February 27, 2007 at 07:13 AM



“ What a perfect picture. It reminds me of taking pontoon rides on the good ol' Brandywine with the Crawfords and the Jeschke's. I'm thinking of all of you...###imported-begin##Betsy Ludwig###imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 10:45 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies are with Jan and her family during this very sad time.###imported-begin##Blaine and Bobbie Rex###imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 10:21 PM



“ When I think of the word hero I think of my Uncle Clyde. He definitely had all the qualities of a hero. He was kind, generous, funny, compassionate, hard working, strong, tough, caring, and the list could go forever. He was always there to help no matter what the problem or situation. I remember growing up, Uncle Clyde would always tell me, “You’re going to be a tough football player, a tight end.” This was before I even started playing football. To hear this from a man that I looked up to and respected, I knew that is what I had to be. My Uncle Clyde will be missed, but never forgotten. Some of the most memorable moments I have of my Uncle Clyde are the times we spent as a family down on Brandywine. From pontoon boat rides around the lake, to fishing, bonfires, horseshoes, and holidays. I am honored to have shared these special moments with such a great man, an uncle that is a hero to me.##imported-begin##Scott Jeschke##imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 07:49 PM



“ Jan and family, we will always remember Clyde as a kind, and great man. We feel very fortunate to have know him. Our thoughts are with you. Ryan, Jill & Preston.##imported-begin##Ryan & Jill Smith##imported-end##

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“ OUR PRAYERS AND DEEPEST SYMPATHIES,BILL AND PATTY WHITTAKER,GRAYCOURT,S.C.##imported-begin##BILL AND PATTY WHITTAKER##imported-end##

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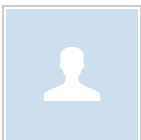
“ *Jan and family,
We are so sorry to hear about your loss. May God give you comfort and strength at this time, as only He can. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Edward, Cindy, and Alex LaRue
##imported-end##*

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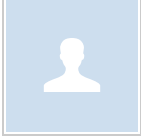
“ *Dear Jan and Family, Some times it is so hard to express our feelings, when there is a loss so closely touching our lives. Clyde had that special touch that drew people close to him, and we will miss him. We grieve for you because he had to leave so soon. But it is said,"
It's only for awhile that we must part, so bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on. So if you need me, call and I will come. Though you won't see or touch me, I'll be near. All of my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and say "welcome home".
(/)Darlene and Duane##imported-begin##Darlene and Duane Begeman##imported-end##*

February 26, 2007 at 03:43 PM



“ *This picture of uncle clyde is perfect! when i think of him, thats how i remember him, no shirt showing his sun burnt skin, sitting in a chair at the brandywine with a beer and of course the straw hat! Uncle Clyde is the person that named me, I will miss him very much, especially on sunday nights when the water is perfet for a boat ride!##imported-begin##Paul Jeschke##imported-end##*

February 26, 2007 at 03:32 PM



“ Jan, Chad, Jane, Maggie, and Max,

Our family would like to extend our deepest sympathies to you for the loss of Clyde. Clyde was a wonderful man who has and always will be a hero to us. We have a lot of great memories and will hold on to these forever. As we raise our own family we can only hope to mirror the success Clyde portrayed as a father, businessman and friend. We love you all.##imported-begin##Tony & Cathie Koshar##imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 02:30 PM



“ Jan, Chad, Jane, Maggie, and Max, our deepest sympathies. We will always remember Clyde as a selfless man of great integrity who was fun to be around.

We will miss him. -Kip and Jill##imported-begin##Kip and Jill Kalisiak##imported-end##

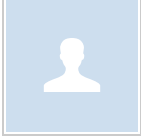
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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Clyde was a great friend, classmate and member of the Gobles community. Clyde along with a few other Class of 64 graduates chose to make Gobles his home and we are happy and proud of what he did and accomplished for our town and school. He will always be remembered in our hearts.

He will be missed...##imported-begin##Doug & Susan Osmun##imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 01:55 PM



“ Clyde was so caring and touched many lives.. I to have many memories...Renee##imported-begin##Renee & Roger Bullock##imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 01:35 PM



“ Chad and family- I want to extend my deepest sympathies to all of you. I believe one of the greatest legacies a person can I have is "Did they make a difference?" Clyde certainly made a difference with his family, friends and maybe even more importantly the community of Gobles. I will cherish the fond memories of sharing time with your Dad.##imported-begin##Don Price##imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 01:07 PM



“ Jan, Chad, and Jane-

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers-I am so sorry for your loss. We are here if you need anything-always.##imported-begin##Steve and Mary J. Karabetsos##imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 12:49 PM



“ Chad my prayers and thoughts are with you and family. Thanks for every thing you do for me.
Rob Robbins and family##imported-begin##Rob Robbins##imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 11:47 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Clyde's passing. What a wonderful man he was. You have many friends and family to help you through this very difficult time. Call me anytime, you are in my thoughts and prayers. We'll do lunch real soon. ##imported-begin## Vicki Henry ##imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 10:32 AM



“ The Marine Corp needs a few good men. To replace one great man we just lost. Semper Fi, Papa Clyde. We thank you for our freedom. I will miss you. Papa Larry ##imported-begin## Larry Christler ##imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 10:29 AM



“ Jan, Chad and Family,

Just wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you at this time.

Regards,

Candy, Kyle & Kolby Reed ##imported-begin## Candy, Kyle and Kolby Reed ##imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 10:10 AM



“ Jan, Chad, Jane, Maggie & Max -
You are all so very special to us and we love you as family. Clyde will remain alive in our hearts and memories, a father, grandfather and friend that will always be remembered. We are honored to have had him as a friend and best friend to my parents whom will be lost without him. He will be missed more than words can say. We will love and support you always.

Tiff, Craig, Caleb and Madison##imported-begin##The Brady Family##imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 09:17 AM



“ Clyde will always be remembered. I have always had a lot of respect for Clyde and am proud to have known him. He is in our thoughts. -- Justin & Becky##imported-begin##Justin Smith##imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 09:17 AM



“ Jan, Chad, Jane, Maggie, and Max,

Please know we are there for you, no matter what, no matter what time, just as Clyde would have been there for us.

Love, Cal and Lori##imported-begin##Cal and Lori Smith##imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 07:02 AM



“ *Jan and family,
I want you to know how very sorry I'm for your lost. My sympathy goes out to you. If there is anything I can do, please let me know.##imported-begin##Nancy Harmon-Labadie##imported-end##*

February 25, 2007 at 11:22 PM



“ *Jan & Family,
Clyde Will always be with us, he is a great man we had great times at our card parties and the golf course. He touched the community very much.
You and your family have our Love and Prayers.*

Fred & Candace Hogue##imported-begin##Fred Hogue##imported-end##

February 25, 2007 at 10:15 PM



“ *Tho I only had known Uncle Clyde for less than three years and he made an impression on me that I will never forget. Uncle Clyde is a leader, someone you wanted to model yourself after. He is a success at everything he did and it showed. I learned from Clyde that if you want it, you better go get it, because nobody is going to bring it to you. Uncle Clyde shined, not only in business but as a family man. A great husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He is a true role model that will never be forgotten, I am honored to have gotten to know Uncle Clyde. I will miss him, pontoon rides won't be the same.##imported-begin##Jeff Pangle##imported-end##*

February 25, 2007 at 09:40 PM



“ Jan and Family, we are deeply sorry to hear of the loss of Clyde. I have always been proud to call him my Godfather and have nothing but great memories of Clyde - always smiling and having fun. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Kylee and Mike###imported-begin###Kylee Kalisiak###imported-end##

February 25, 2007 at 09:24 PM



“ Uncle Clyde = a unique, caring and loving individual for which I was honored to call my Uncle & god father. You could always count on Uncle Clyde to be there for you whenever you needed him. He was a marvelous joke teller, even if they were silly, we all laughed as his laughter was contagious and his sense of humor was one of a kind!! Uncle Clyde and I shared a favorite song that we would occasionally have to pick each others brains in order to remember the words, but we always found a way to try to harmonize it (wow, not as good as the original I must admit). I will forever be honored that he searched me out and found me on my wedding day 9 months ago to dance to "our song". Uncle Clyde, I will always think of you no matter what, but when that song, "Unchained Melody" is played, I will remember you - my special dancing partner on that day in May! Thank you for that and all the other wonderful times you shared with us! We will love and miss you every day!###imported-begin###Kelly (Jeschke) Pangle###imported-end##

February 25, 2007 at 08:45 PM



“ To Jan, Chad and family:
We are deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Clyde. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Our family sends warm thoughts and hugs to you and yours.
Warm regards,
Patrick and Kimberlee Hancox##imported-begin##Patrick and Kimberlee Hancox##imported-end##

February 25, 2007 at 05:22 PM



“ Our sorrow at losing a friend is nothing to the loss of the Crawford family. Condolences to Jan and the rest of the family at this time of great sorrow. Try to keep your spirits up. We are all thinking of you. May the Lord watch over you at your time of need. Duane & Kay##imported-begin##Duane & Kay Haywood##imported-end##

February 25, 2007 at 12:36 PM



“ Jan, Chad and family: Clyde was a wonderful friend. I will always remember our recent trip to Las Vegas a great time was had by all. Many wonderful memories to hold on to. My deepest sympathy to all that knew him.##imported-begin##Tom Cook##imported-end##

February 25, 2007 at 12:30 PM



“ Dear Jan and family:

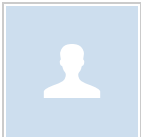
We were saddened to hear the news yesterday; our thoughts and prayers go out to you in hopes that God will help you through this difficult time. May the many great memories come to you and comfort you in this time of sorrow. The Marine Corps Hymn has a line that every Marine knows; and I am thinking of it now with a smile- "If the Army or the Navy ever gaze on Heavens scenes, they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines."

Here is the first line of the Marines' Prayer:

"Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones, and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family." I hope these words are a comfort to you.

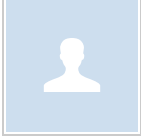
Sincerely, Steve and Grachelle Sherburne and family##imported-begin##Steve and Grachelle Sherburne##imported-end##

February 25, 2007 at 09:43 AM



“ Jan and family, I am sending you my deepest sympathies for your loss. Clyde was such a good man and someone I was very proud to know. I enjoyed working with Clyde and sharing many laughs. Clyde would always entertain me with his golf antics. May God be with you during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Mary Schinske##imported-end##

February 25, 2007 at 09:02 AM



“ *Jan and family,*

How thankful I am to have visited with you and Clyde last summer at the Class of '64 60th Birthday Party. My memories are of school days, Clyde's love of sports, his thoughtfulness, and his best buddies.

We do not know when will the last opportunity to see our longtime friends and share God's wonderful story of His love for us. I am so touched by Clyde's untimely death, and wish I could wrap my arms around you and your family. We share in your pain, and trust that you will seek comfort in the Lord during this time of shock and grief. I, too, feel like I have yet another link to my childhood days, and will remember Clyde as part of the good times at Gobles.

I will uplift you in prayer, asking that you receive peace and understanding during this tremendous time of grief and loss in your life.##imported-begin##Lynne (Baas) Rouch##imported-end##

February 25, 2007 at 02:03 AM



“ *Jan and Family,*

Even though we obviously have not been a part of your everyday lives in a long time, nothing hurts any more than the loss of a childhood, growing-up -together-in-a-small-town friend. Clyde has and always will be a part of our family because of our many shared unforgettable experiences in school and in our homes long ago. Time and distance have not affected our kinship or dimmed our memories of all of the good times. We feel like we have lost a beloved member of our family and send you our heartfelt condolences. We deeply sense your loss and share your tears.

Roger and Pat Welch##imported-begin##Roger and Pat##imported-end##

February 25, 2007 at 12:15 AM



“ Accept my deepest sympathy, Jan and family, for your great loss. May God give you comfort at this time, as only He can. I wish I'd been able to make it back for the class reunion last summer, but I will remember Clyde as an 18 year old, graduating with me and our class, and that's fine with me.
God Bless and keep you all in His loving arms.
Barb##imported-begin##Barbara (Healy) Ritenour##imported-end##

February 24, 2007 at 05:03 PM