



## Daniel "Cowboy" Bareng

January 1, 1950 - September 25, 2009

Daniel N. "Cowboy" Bareng, age 59, of Hudsonville formerly of Gobles, passed away Friday, September 25, 2009 in Heath Township, Allegan County. Daniel was born January 1, 1950 in Kona, Hawaii and had lived in the Gobles area for many years before moving to Hudsonville 6 years ago. He was employed at Wallinwood Springs Golf Course, was a veteran of the Vietnam War, and was an active member of the New Life Baptist Fellowship. In his free time, you could find Daniel singing at church, out on the golf course, singing karaoke, playing his guitar, riding his motorcycle, helping his friends, or just spending time with his family. Surviving are 3 children, Kahealani Gruetzmacher and her significant other, John Tucker, Keone (Whitney) Bareng, Kimo Bareng; 2 grandchildren, Maile Tucker, Aiden Christopher; his significant other, Marcia Metzner; her 5 daughters, Karyn VandeBunte, Tonya VandeBunte, Katie (Jeremy) DeRoos, Ali Folkringa, Mallory Folkringa; Marcia's grandchildren, Dax VandeBunte, Adam VandeBunte, Cadence VandeBunte, Peyton Cook, Joel DeRoos, Cora DeRoos; his sisters and brother, Lydi Ann Alldredge, Doretta Beck-Kipilii, Eydie Faisca, Jessie Santos, Gil Santos; his foreign exchange children, Chang Lee, Eunjeong Chang; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ahlan Santos; father, Daniel Bareng; step-father, Gilbert; and a son, Daniel, Jr. The family will meet friends on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at the Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM. Thursday, at Merson Church with Pastor Power Payton officiating. The family suggest memorials to

the VFW Post of your choice or Merson Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel  
208 West Main Street  
Gobles, MI

## Visitation

SEP 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Gobles, MI

## Service

OCT 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

Merson Church  
3313 102nd Ave.  
Gobles, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Dad's picture.##imported-begin##Eun Jeong Change##imported-end##

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March 21, 2010 at 06:39 PM



“ Danny,  
*It's been many many years since we've been married. So many times recently, I have thought of you and prayed for you. I was so happy for you when you told me that you and the kids were working out your problems. I smiled for you..... So many times I thought of calling you to come over so we could clear up all the issues of the past. I wanted to tell you I was sorry for my part. I blamed you but I was just as guilty. I wanted to tell you that but could never find the courage to say the words.... I'm so sorry you never heard those words from me but I pray that you hear them now. I am sorry... You will forever be in my heart and memories and you will never be forgotten.*

*God Speed Danny*

*With much love & regret*

*Susie##imported-begin##Susie Decker##imported-end##*

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October 06, 2009 at 07:06 PM



“ Grandpa I just wanted to let you know I appreciate everything youve done for me and I miss you and I love you.##imported-begin##Adam VandeBunte##imported-end##

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October 01, 2009 at 07:08 PM



“ I love you and miss you grandpa! I'll never forget you.##imported-begin##Peyton Cook##imported-end##

October 01, 2009 at 07:05 PM



hey its cadence i miss you man

cadence vandebunte - October 06, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ To Kahea,Keone,Kimo & Maile,  
◦Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel about your loss. We are here to support you in your grieving process. "I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love"  
Till you see him again....  
Love Aunt Val & Uncle Randy##imported-begin##Valerie & Randy Johnson##imported-end##

October 01, 2009 at 04:50 AM



“ I miss you very much and I still have my electric scooter. I ride it almost every day. I love you very much. We went shopping, and we talked alot and I will miss that very much. I love very much Grandpa Danny.  
love  
maile mae tucker##imported-begin##Maile Tucker##imported-end##

September 30, 2009 at 11:52 PM



“ Your father left you with more than you can imagine right now. He left you talent, something that I cannot give you. From bowling, golf and your singing ability to a number of little things that you get from your father, that I see in you.

Your father left me with big shoes to fill. The last two years should be a comfort and a lesson to you. No matter how far away you drift from family and god you can always work your way back and become closer to both.

I temporarily took the place of your father while he drifted and accepted and encouraged his return into your lives. I am now again given the responsibility of both father and dad and I will not let you down, and not let you forget the times with your father and what he has added into your lives.

You know that your father and I were not enemies and in fact, I can assuredly say he was a friend. He will be missed by many including myself.

Today we lay his body to rest, but his memory will live on with all of us that are left behind. Don't hesitate to talk about your father, good or bad. At the end he found himself. He made no excuse for the past, but worked hard on the now. He wanted to be a part of your lives and expressed it in his actions.

Love, Dad.##imported-begin##Rob Forrest##imported-end##

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September 30, 2009 at 08:58 PM



“ Glad we could be with you.##imported-begin##Verna and Ed McCarrick##imported-end##

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September 30, 2009 at 06:00 PM



“ *What a great guy to know. Nobody can forget "Cowboy"###imported-begin###Mike & Connie Booth###imported-end###*

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September 30, 2009 at 04:13 PM



“ *Your bright smile and positive outlook will be missed my friend! The game of golf and Timber Ridge will never be the same without you.###imported-begin###Danene Gless###imported-end###*

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September 30, 2009 at 12:25 PM



“ *Danny,  
You have so many friends and family who love you very much and will miss you. I keep saying to myself why now. I know in my heart that God has a perfect plan for our lives and I am so thankful that you were here to see Keone and Whitney get married and to meet that precious new grandson. You will live forever in the house of the Lord and that is the comfort we can hold on to until we all meet again.  
Love Cindy###imported-begin###Cindy Forrest###imported-end###*

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September 30, 2009 at 12:02 PM



“ *The Shop is brutally empty now.  
The rain echos on the roof, it's chilly  
and the light is dim.  
Change is in the air.  
I miss my friend.  
His morning calls won't ring anymore;  
the picking and joking.  
His laughter and love are all a memory now.  
I am tired of crying, but he is worthy of all my tears and yours.  
His heart had no bounds, it was bigger than big.  
I can't believe it stopped.  
I'm not sure who was more blessed, him for having so many friends  
or for us having him as our friend.  
In the hearts of all of his friends there is a piece of him, so in a way  
his heart still beats and will never stop.  
The rain still comes.  
The echos of memories are all around me.  
I miss my friend.*

*Dutch###imported-begin###Dan Haagsma###imported-end##*

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September 30, 2009 at 09:29 AM



“ *Danny I love you so much. You were the greatest thing that ever  
happened to our family. You changed our lives and yours when you  
accepted Christ and devoted your life to the Lord. You loved us so  
much and you really were our father. Im sorry your time with us had  
to end so quickly, but im happy to know your in a better place. I'll  
meet you there someday and greet you with the same warm hug  
and smile that you always gave me. Love you Danny. We will never  
forget you!###imported-begin###Ali Folkringa###imported-end##*

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September 29, 2009 at 10:33 PM



“ Dan you have been a tremendous addition to our family, more than you will ever know. I can not thank you enough for what love you brought our family. Words cannot express how we feel about you and how forever you will be in our hearts. I thank the Lord everyday that I had the pleasure of having you in my life and there will never be a day that I wont think of you. I will miss your hugs soooo much and I know I am not alone on that one. You were a second Dad to me and I will love and miss you so much. I was honored to have you introduce me to people as your daughter, I know you loved me as if we were and that is a memory I know I will never forget. Love you and I know you are singing praises with our Heavenly Father.##imported-begin##Tonya Vande Bunte##imported-end##

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September 29, 2009 at 08:13 PM



“ Cowboy I loved you so much! You were always there for me and the kids and I will never forget that. You gave me hope. you told me you were proud of me and that you loved me. I love you always and forever! I'll miss your singing and your jokes (the ones you could actually remember). I miss you so much.  
Love you , karyn and the kds.##imported-begin##karyn VandeBunte##imported-end##

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September 29, 2009 at 06:54 PM



“ Kimo, Keone, Kahea and cindy I give my Love to you all. You all have been a very important part of my life for the last 30 years. I am so sorry for your loss and i will always be there for you if you need anything.

Danny you were a wonderful friend through the years, i will remember all the good times. I will miss you very much, and i love you with all my heart. And thank you for being there for my children when Terry passed, Rest in peace. Love Theresa###imported-begin###Theresa Young ###imported-end###

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September 29, 2009 at 06:20 PM



“ Dan, You have an amazing spirit. I have only known you 5 years or so but you have done so much for me and anyone you came in contact with. You really lived your life trying to be a better person; a better Christian. You were an amazing person , one of the best I've ever known. Rest In Peace.###imported-begin###Mike Smith###imported-end###

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September 29, 2009 at 05:03 PM



“ Kahea, Kimo, Keone, Maile & all of Danny's many extended "family/friends"- You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Danny is so much like our mom (your grandma). What I am reading on this site of Danny, describes our mom. I can see them both up in heaven Danny playing the guitar and they both singing and entertaining our family in heaven. What an amazing God we have that through this difficulty, we can see the positive. God be with each of you and may His hand lift you up and comfort you in the days and years ahead. We love you all!###imported-begin###Lydi Ann, Paul, Keala, Mahealani, Ragon & Nalani###imported-end###

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September 29, 2009 at 12:06 PM



“ To the family of Danny Barang.....Psalms 46:10 Be still and know that I am GOD. (My favorite verse) I am very sorry for your loss and the heartache you feel right now. Please know that you are in my thoughts and Prayers daily. Rest assured that you will one day see your father and your Heavenly Father.##imported-begin##Cari Strickfaden##imported-end##

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September 29, 2009 at 10:36 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies.  
Bruce & Sharon Dys##imported-begin##Sharon Dys##imported-end##

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September 29, 2009 at 08:20 AM



“ Uncle Danny, Thanks for the great memories. I love you!!  
  
Kahea, Keone, Kimo and Maile, my love and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Brandy Guynn##imported-end##

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September 29, 2009 at 08:11 AM



“Dad, I am truly blessed that our lives were brought back together. I do believe that things happen for a reason. I don't quite know why he chose to take you so soon, but I do know that it was all a part of his plan. Knowing this does not make the hurt any easier to handle, but I do have complete comfort because you sought the way of the lord. I am eternally grateful for everything that you did while you were here. Having grown up in a strict and yet loving household, you enabled us to be better people. Everything I have done and continue to accomplish in life is a direct result of our relationship. When life got tough you told us to “be tougher”, when situations got hard you said “work harder”. I always knew that you touched many people's hearts and played a big part of numerous people's lives. It is a gripping realization that someone can have such a huge effect on so many. Everyone who has been lucky enough to meet you, will forever be better in some fashion or other. I am VERY thankful that it was in God's plan for you to be a part of Keone and Whitney's wedding. Some day when my time on Earth has run out and my number is called, I will see you again. I will be taking a rain check on that round of golf that came two days too late. You have been and will ALWAYS be loved and NEVER be forgotten. I LOVE YOU. Your Son -Kimo###imported-begin###Kimo Bareng###imported-end##

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September 29, 2009 at 03:48 AM



“Dan you will be missed by all us that new you. I will always remember the years of bowling at pine grove lanes with you.###imported-begin###John Snyder###imported-end##

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September 28, 2009 at 11:14 PM



“Dad I am very happy that you are now in a better place, but I wished that we would have had more time. I know that we have had our up's and down's and what family doesn't. I just wanted a little more time to have the chance to let you know that I am very proud of you and the changes that you were willing to make to make you life much better. I also would have told you that I loved you very much and missed the times that we did have together talking and laughing with each other. I am really glad that you did find god again and let me be with you and in you heart. My wonderful brothers have said it all and have open my eyes and made me realize that "God has made a plan for all of us and once our time here is done we must now go and be with him." We will be together again someday. I am glad to be your daughter and I will always love you and you will always be in my heart forever. Love you DAD!!  
Your Daughter,  
Kahealani###imported-begin##Daughter Kahea###imported-end##

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September 28, 2009 at 10:19 PM



“Dad we are blessed to have you in our lives and are glad that you have gotten the chance to talk and spend time with your granddaughter. We will be together again. Love you very much.  
Kahea, John and Maile###imported-begin##Kahea Gruetzmacher,  
John and Maile Tucker###imported-end##

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September 28, 2009 at 10:04 PM



“ Cowboy,

*You were an amazing person with a gentle spirit and heart. You were a great friend and had a beautiful voice. You will be greatly missed. Thank you for touching my life. I will miss you!*

*Love Always,*

*Staci Gofton###imported-begin##Staci Gofton###imported-end##*

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September 28, 2009 at 09:51 PM



“ *I am another that never met Dan. I have however met his children. He has three children that have been raised as great human beings. Keone I can't even imagine to feel your pain. Kimo and Kahea so sorry for your loss. Your Dad dwells in the house of the lord and has spoken with the son of God. I know this because of the AWESOME children he has. You will see him again someday!!!!###imported-begin##Lon Schafer###imported-end##*

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September 28, 2009 at 09:39 PM



“ *I never met you, but I know your son. You raised a terrific man. Keone would give his friends/family the world and I can only imagine that he learned that from you. May you rest in peace. Keone and family, may you find comfort in knowing that he is in a better place, watching down on all of you. I would like to believe that everytime there is a falling star, that is a loved one reaching out!###imported-begin##Kelly Ciolk###imported-end##*

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September 28, 2009 at 09:24 PM



“ Dear Dad, The Lord works in mysterious ways and sometimes we don't know why. He puts people in different situations, some may be difficult and some may be easy ones. On 09-25-2009 he put me in a very difficult situation that stopped me right in my tracks. It was something I never had planned or even had braced myself for, I really didn't know what to think and even know how to act. At first I was angry, saying to myself why would he do that to someone and how could he do that to me! It was very tough and hard to deal with for awhile until right now when I realized that, life isn't fair and its not all about me, but it is what God has planned for me! Although I did struggle with the situation he put me in, I am very blessed that he did put me in that situation with my good friend which I knew who could handle it and do the right thing. I'm also grateful that the Lord has given me a wonderful support system. My wife Whitney and your beautiful grandson Aiden. I also can't forget Kimo, Kahea and all my wonderful friends and family! But the most grateful thing of all is that you yourself DAD took those wonderful words of the Lord to heart that said: FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. Now I know we will be together someday Heaven!

Love your son Keone###imported-begin##Your Son  
Keone###imported-end##

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September 28, 2009 at 08:27 PM



“ Dad we are truly blessed to have you in our lives. We are also very happy that you had the opportunity to share our wedding with us, which meant more than you'll ever know. RIP!

Love, Keone, Whitney and Aiden.###imported-begin##Keone,  
Whitney and Aiden Bareng###imported-end##

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September 28, 2009 at 07:06 PM



“ to our nephew & niece, Keone & Whitney and extended family, sorry for your loss, our prayer is GOD will comfort and sustain you in these days##imported-begin##Shirl & Herb Klomprens##imported-end##

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September 28, 2009 at 06:08 PM



“ I didn't know Cowboy well, in fact, I knew him as "Hi-C" the Hawaiian Cowboy who stopped into the karaoke bar that I worked at when I was in college. I remember him very fondly as a great singer and an even better person. Hi-C was always welcoming, and kind. He was fun and generous. We talked frequently about things such as Hawaii and his service to our country. I always felt fortunate to have been an ear for his wisdom, and blessed to have shared time with such a wonderful man.

I was shocked and saddened to hear this news. I want to give my sincerest condolences to the family, and especially Marsha-who I also knew during the time when we all gathered for some karaoke. I am saddened that I can't make any of the services personally.

I always think of Hi-C when I hear Three Dog Night's "Never been to Spain". I asked him to sing it every time he came to the BS Lounge. One of the lyrics says "I've never been to Heaven". When I hear that song now, I know that you have Hi-C. Godspeed, my friend.##imported-begin##Becky Black##imported-end##

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September 28, 2009 at 05:09 PM



“ Anyone around Danny was sure to have a great time. I will always remember the karaoke and the bonfires in Gobles. Even as a part of Kahea's "other" family, he always treated me as one of his own. He will be missed!###imported-begin##Jessie & Sarah Keeton###imported-end##

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September 28, 2009 at 12:28 PM



“ Kimo,Keone,and famlies we are so sorry for your loss. But remember all the fun times and he will live forever in your hearts until you are reunited with him and our heavenly Father. You are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Don and Shirley Brown###imported-end##

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September 27, 2009 at 10:07 PM



“ Keone, Whitney and all of Danny"s family, we are so very sorry for your loss. Only time will heal your pain, but remember the good times you had and rest easy knowing that your dad is now putting the Greens in Heaven!###imported-begin##Shaun and Heather Luyk###imported-end##

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September 27, 2009 at 07:37 PM