



## William "Bill" Rawlings

July 2, 1948 - November 25, 2013

William O. Rawlings, age 65, of Bloomingdale, died peacefully in his sleep "no knives involved" Monday, November 25, 2013 at his home. He was born in Chicago, IL the son of Oliver and Dudy "Helen" (Ropke) Rawlings and has lived in the Bloomingdale area the majority of his life. Bill was a member of the village council of Bloomingdale, was public works director in Bloomingdale for 3 years, when you could trust that snow would be removed properly, crosswalks painted timely and the lift stations working efficiently. He loved his dogs, Gable, Buddy, Trouble and tolerated poor Willy. Loved a good antique auction, Murowskis, the Country Pub and Bernie's. Surviving are his wonderful wife, Peggy whom he married Dec. 17, 1983, 2 step-daughters, Karli Van Zandt, Jaime (Kevin) Nowack both of Arizona; 10 grandchildren with one on the way; brother, Tim (Kim) Rawlings of Grand Junction, Charlie Rawlings of Paw Paw, Jeff Rawlings of Plainwell; and nieces whom he loved. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, step-mother, Jean; brother, Tom Rawlings; step-son, Peter Van Zandt; and dogs, Gable and Buddy. According to his wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Sunday, December 8th, 2PM at Murowskis Tavern, Gobles. Arrangements by the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

## Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Service

DEC 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Murawskis Tavern  
208 S. Street  
Gobles, MI 49055

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ *Bill may you Rest in Peace my Friend, So glad I got to see you at the October fest and have a few drinks with you and shoot the breeze, You were an Awesome friend? My heart goes out to your Wife Peggy and your loved ones, Love You my friend and I will miss you?*

Sharon Gullion - December 09, 2013 at 11:14 AM

GJ

“ *My condolences to the Rawlings family , I had the privilege of knowing this family growing up in Grand Junction .*



Greg Joines - December 03, 2013 at 09:08 AM

DW

“ *We are very sorry for your loss Peggy. Bill will be missed by many. We were shocked to hear the news. Our condolences to the family.*

*Dave and Lori Ward*



David Ward - December 01, 2013 at 03:02 AM

KW

“ *When I worked at Murawski's he was a favorite of mine. He always had a tale and loved to visit with everyone and I enjoyed our talks. Deepest Sympathy to the family. You are in my prayers at this difficult time.*



Kay Wesler - November 29, 2013 at 08:36 PM

MJ

“ I asked Bill to take me to the Sadie Hawkins Dance in Bangor in 9th grade in 1963. And he did, dont remhow we got there, probably my mom drove us.No boyfriend girlfriend thing but a nice guy to say yes. He was always nice to me and I remember him being shy in Grand Junction School and Bangor High. I never saw him again after I left school but have thought of him often.My brother Jim Brewer will be sad to hear of this. All sympathy and prayers to his wife and family.

*Mary Brewer Johnson*

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**mary brewer johnson** - November 29, 2013 at 01:27 PM

DH

“ you are in my thoughts and prayers Peggy. We would run into each other and we would all have to play catch up. Always got a kiss on the cheek from Bill and a super hug from you. Bill will be missed by many. Hugs to you, Deana Vickery Hostetler.

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**Deana Vickery Hostetler** - November 29, 2013 at 10:27 AM

JD

“ Our condolences to the family. This is a very sad time for all.

*Jim and Nancy Dickerson*

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**Jim and Nancy Dickerson** - November 29, 2013 at 10:18 AM