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Mr. Clarence Erwin Start, age 72, passed away Wednesday evening, March 23, 2011. He was born October 2, 1938 in Muskegon to John and Jerine (Langeland) Start. Clarence owned and operated Start's Excavating for 26 years before retiring in 1993. He was a Muskegon County Commissioner for 10 years, and also spent 6 years on the County Road Commission. He had also worked for Fruitport Schools for 10 years before retiring. He was a member of Unity Reformed Church, where he served as a Deacon and Superintendent of the Sunday school. Clarence loved being with and around people! On July 18, 1957 he married Joyce Arlene Buit in Muskegon and she survives him along with 4 children, Terry (Joanne) Start, Larry (Mary) Start, Kenneth (Sheryl) Start all of Muskegon, Sheri (Carl) Wentzlof of Fruitport; 10 grandchildren, Kristy (Steve) Sweet, Matthew (Anna) Start, Joshua Start, Chelsea Peterson, Aaron (Kristyn) Start, Eric (Tillie) Start, Sheri Sue Start, Allison Wentzlof, Donny Wentzlof, Alex Wentzlof; 5 great-grandchildren; brother, Jim (Barb) Start of Norton Shores; sister-in-law, Shirley Start of Casnovia; several nieces and nephews, and leaves behind many, many, friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, David and Gerald Start. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held 2:00 PM Saturday at Unity Reformed Church with Rev. James Bos officiating. VISITATION will be from 6-9 PM Friday at The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 6291 S. Harvey St. (231) 798-1100 and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Muskegon Rescue Mission or the Unity Reformed Church Building Fund.




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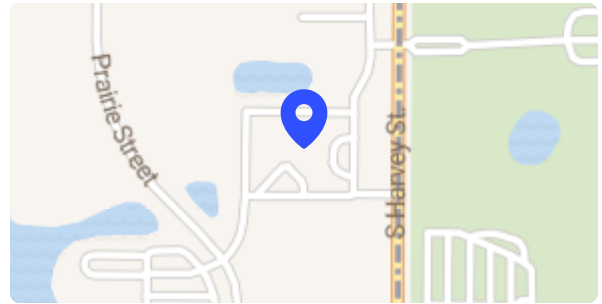
Visitation

 **Friday**, March 25, 2011

 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444





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Kristy Sweet posted:

Missing you every day....

March 6 at 11:29 AM



Jill Fri posted:

Clarence was a fun loving neighbor who would do just about anything for you. We enjoyed his visits. His humor was amazing. He could cheer you up even when you were down. He will be sadly missed by a lot of people in which Clarence knew probably everyone in Muskegon County. RIP to a good friend and neighbor. Jim and Jill Fri

March 25 at 3:37 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thoughts and prayers to Joyce and Family##imported-begin##Alan and Shirley (Fresby) Garvey##imported-end##

March 28 at 7:20 AM



Anonymous posted:

Joyce: I am so sorry about your loss of Clarence. He was a spirited person that brought a lot of life and vigor to those around him. Our loss of him will be felt by all who knew him. Again, I am sorry for your loss and wish you well. Sincerely, Jeff Hazekamp##imported-begin##Jeff Hazekamp##imported-end##

March 28 at 6:33 AM



Anonymous posted:

Sheri and family. Sad to hear of the passing of your father and best friend. I am sure he is in a better place now with no pain. It is a sad time but remember all the good times you had together. That is what counts. May God bless you all.##imported-begin##Larry Culbertson##imported-end##

March 28 at 2:48 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Clarence was one loving and caring man. He was known by many and never forgotten by those who met him. RIP Clarence, thank you for all that you've done.##imported-begin##Danielle Garceau##imported-end##

March 27 at 7:42 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time of great loss. Clarence will be deeply missed.##imported-begin##Rosemary Hulka and family.##imported-end##

March 27 at 4:22 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sending our condolences to the family. May God give you all strength during the difficult days ahead.Clarence was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. John and Lois VanDyke##imported-begin##John and Lois VanDyke##imported-end##

March 27 at 9:38 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Joyce & Family:Deb and I wish to share our deepest condolences on Clarence's passing. We so very wish we could have been there today for the service, but unfortunately are traveling and could not get back in time. You have been on our hearts and minds all the while we have been on the road and just wanted to let you know that you are and continue to be supported in our thoughts and prayers. I will always fondly remember the many times we shared various occasions at your home and ours, especially when my Dad and Clarence were both in attendance. Never a dull moment with those two around. I'm sure they are both sharing laughs and good times together once again. Please know that although we missed today's service, you were very much on our minds and our hearts go out to you all.LoveTerry & Deb Oosterhart##imported-begin##Terry & Deb Oosterhart##imported-end##

March 26 at 5:22 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of Clarence's passing and will always remember his laughter and how happy he was. Heaven has gained another angel and we will see him again one day. Love and prayers to all of you. Deb VanDyke##imported-begin##Deb VanDyke##imported-end##

March 26 at 8:22 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Start Family, Although I didn't meet many of you personally I met Clarence through Bert Grega aka Rose and Marcie aka Mouse As you might imagine the laughs were many and I know it surely is sad to think I won't see him again. My thoughts and prayers are with you because I know what a large void there will be not only in your family but in the community as well. My your faith sustain you. Mary##imported-begin##Mary Holmes Sorensen##imported-end##

March 26 at 6:40 AM



Anonymous posted:

Joyce and family, Sorry for your lose and you have our sympathy. Clarence will certainly be missed by many people. His long friendship with the VanderStelt family will leave memories of good times. Joann and I will always remember the night we shared a table at Mr Scrib's Pizza on Laketon. Joyce, you'll be in our prayers and thoughts during this difficult time. Sincerely, C&J##imported-begin##Charles & Joann (VanderStelt) Hagen##imported-end##

March 25 at 5:58 PM



Anonymous posted:

My sympathies go out to the Start family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Clarence was a great man and he will be missed. But you all can take comfort in knowing he is in heaven pain free and walking on two legs. I pray you all will feel Gods loving arms around you to comfort you in your time of sorrow. RIP Clarence.##imported-begin##Jessie Kleyn##imported-end##

March 25 at 5:35 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the Start family, we send our thoughts and prayers. Clarence will be missed. God bless##imported-begin##Herbert Nicholl & family##imported-end##

March 25 at 1:06 PM



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Anonymous posted:

we are sorry for your lost our thought and prayers are with your family. clarence will be missed god bliss tim &tracy Breitwisch##imported-begin##Tim&Tracy Breitwisch##imported-end##

March 25 at 12:37 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Terry and Jo, we look forward to seeing you at the lake when we get back. Take care!##imported-begin##Bill&Marcia Romanosky##imported-end##

March 25 at 10:10 AM



Anonymous posted:

Uncle Clarence will be greatly missed. I have so many fond memories of Uncle Clarence, many good times camping and riding in his "Billy Goat". He was truly a fun man that everyone enjoyed being with. My sympathy to Aunt Joyce and the rest of family. We will all miss Uncle Clarence.##imported-begin##Philip and Heather Bowen##imported-end##

March 25 at 7:15 AM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this trying time.##imported-begin##Carolyn Smith Kamerad##imported-end##

March 25 at 4:22 AM



Anonymous posted:

Clarence is one of the nicest men that I have ever met. He walked the talk. Honest, kind ,considerate. Never condescending. He truly served others.##imported-begin##Barry Loyselle##imported-end##

March 25 at 3:26 AM



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Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Clarence's passing. He was truly a blessed man and blessed all who came in contact with him. I will always remember his wonderful smile and great hugs. Everytime I saw him he would say hi and pay extra attention to my children. He will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Debra & Erving Atkinson##imported-end##

March 24 at 5:46 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the family of Clarence,My thoughts and prayers are with you. Clarence was a true servant of the people and will be sorely missed by all.Joan J. Raap##imported-begin##Joan J. Raap##imported-end##

March 24 at 5:06 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Clarence E. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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