



Clifford Phillip Stebelton, Jr.

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Mr. Clifford Stebelton, Jr. age 66, passed away Tuesday, November 08, 2011 at his home. He was born July 17, 1945 in Muskegon to Clifford and Thelma (Curtis) Stebelton. Cliff was a 1963 graduate of Muskegon High School and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He received his associate degree from Muskegon Community College and furthered his education at Grand Valley College. He worked in the steel industry until his retirement from Harbor Steel as General Manager. He played golf with a senior traveling league, coached Beach League Softball and loved going to the casino. He was a member of the Fruitport Eagles. He married the former Karen L. Vledder in Muskegon on October 28, 1967. She survives him along with their children, Julie (Mark) Hronek, Jay Stebelton and Deanne Stebelton all of Fruitport; 2 grandchildren, Luke and Blake Hronek; 1 sister, Lillian Keyes of Fruitport; and sister-in-law, Shirley (Jim) Chambers. He was preceded in death by 2 sisters and brothers-in-law, Gerry (Leo) Smith, Shirley (Lincoln) Lamphere and Ralph Keyes. The funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011 at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St. (231) 798-1100. Visitation will be Friday 4 – 7 p.m. He will be laid to rest in Sunrise Memorial Gardens.



Events


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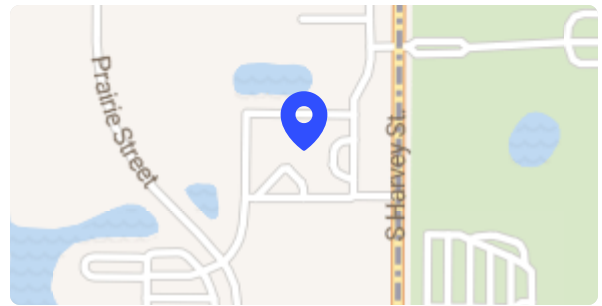
Visitation

 **Friday**, November 11, 2011

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

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

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444





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Anonymous posted:

Some of my fondest memories growing up were of Beach League Softball, and the Stebelton family. I am deeply saddened to hear of Mr. Stebelton's passing, but at last his suffering has ended. He was always very positive, and patient throughout my years playing softball... even though I wasn't a Fruitport Trojan. As I grew older, and started playing high school softball against Julie, Mr. S was always encouraging me to come to Fruitport and play (LOL). Even as an outsider, he always made me feel like one of the family. Sorry we lost a great guy. ##imported-begin##Theresa Vida Romans##imported-end##

November 14 at 4:44 AM



Anonymous posted:

Karen and family, I would like to convey my deepest sympathy to your family. I am out of town and I apologize for not being there. Please know that Cliff was a great friend to me and I will miss him greatly. Sincerely, Floyd and Pam Cheyne ##imported-begin##FLOYD & PAM CHEYNE##imported-end##

November 12 at 1:47 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers to Karen and the girls. ##imported-begin##Kenneth LeRoux##imported-end##

November 11 at 1:01 PM



Anonymous posted:

Karen & Family: You are in our thoughts and prayers. Keep all the fond memories in our heart. I can still see Cliff at the baseball fields coaching all the girls. ##imported-begin##Jeanne & Terry Rebedew##imported-end##

November 11 at 9:38 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Boy, do we go back a few years. We had a lot of fun on old Jackson Hill. Cliff is going to be missed by many. You would not have known he was sick for so long. Just take one day at a time and remember you have many friends if and when you need them. Love, Bobbie##imported-begin##Jerry & Bobbie Plichta##imported-end##

November 11 at 6:32 AM



Anonymous posted:

You will be missed my friend...To know him was to love him ! We were neighbors in the 40's and 50's ..went to school with him and remember his cushman eagle motor cycle.. He was always fun to be with ..##imported-begin##WILLIAM FORMAN##imported-end##

November 11 at 4:58 AM



Anonymous posted:

Karen and Family, we are deeply sorry for your loss, our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time. I have had the pleasure of knowing Cliff and Family for many years.I remember my first meeting with this one of a kind friend when he was hired into Beacon steel, wow the many good times and laughs that we shared I shall cherish forever.God bless and help you all thru this troubled time.Tim & Sue Kmiecik##imported-begin##Tim & Sue Kmiecik##imported-end##

November 11 at 4:21 AM



Anonymous posted:

Karn ans Family, Cliff was a good person, fun, soft spoken, kind, and a smile for everyone. Things were good no matter how he was feeling. We had many good times on casino trips, Az. visits, and laughing about our mischievous younger years. Please know we share in your loss. Love and prayers, Bill and Carla##imported-begin##Bill and Carla Southland##imported-end##

November 10 at 2:54 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Karen, Jay, Julie, and Deanne, I will never forget Cliff.. He was not only the best softball coach ever, but also a great man. I will never forget all of the times he would yell at me while I was in the outfield in my own little world, telling me to keep my head in the game. I still laugh everytime I think about that. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. I will never forget you coach.. Love, Tara Pearson###imported-begin##Tara (Pearson) McFarlin###imported-end##

November 10 at 10:39 AM



Anonymous posted:

Jay and family: We are sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. God bless!###imported-begin##Barb Deaton & family###imported-end##

November 10 at 8:15 AM



Anonymous posted:

To the Stebelton family ~ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Cliff was a wonderful guy who is going to be sorely missed by everyone at Harbor Steel. May god's strength guide you all through these difficult days ahead. Just know that Cliff is no longer suffering and is in a much better place. Love to all of you ~ Shattuck & Lisa Braafhart###imported-begin##Shattuck & Lisa Braafhart###imported-end##

November 10 at 6:00 AM



Anonymous posted:

We've known Cliff for a long time and he was a wonderful guy, always smiling always friendly and he was our daughters Desiree' and Bianca's favorite coach. We are all better for having known him and he will be missed. God Bless, Carl and Juanita Webb###imported-begin##Carl and Juanita Webb###imported-end##

November 9 at 2:35 PM



Anonymous posted:

Karen & family, I am SO very sorry about Cliff - I have no words to express what I am feeling, but my heart goes out to all of you. Now Cliff & Tom can 'ride together with the angels'. Shirley###imported-begin##Shirley Westra###imported-end##

November 9 at 11:04 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Karen and family, I am so sorry to hear of Cliff's passing. He was a good person and a good neighbor. If there is anything I can do to help just give me a call. May God be with you at this time and comfort you.##imported-begin##Kay Hammond##imported-end##

November 9 at 10:44 AM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for your loss – Cliff was a good man with a great sense of humor. I will miss him on the sidelines at the Football games, and the crazy songs he sang at the get togethers. We would always joke about our bikes – His, a Harley and mine a rice burner. He was a fellow Marine – It is only fitting that he will be buried on Veterans Day – The Day after the Marine Corps Birthday. Semper Fi Marine – I will miss you##imported-begin##Chris Beck##imported-end##

November 9 at 9:15 AM



Anonymous posted:

Cliff was a true gentleman and always represented Harbor Steel to the highest level. Great Smile and always a kind word. The memory of Cliff "Just stopping by" on his bike, just to let us know that he was doing "Fine and enjoying Life"; lives on in our hearts. Miss ya, but won't forget Ya! Stan, Larry D., Roger, Donna, LB.##imported-begin##Cliff's Friends at Dumpers Unlimited##imported-end##

November 9 at 7:32 AM



Anonymous posted:

To Karen and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Cliffie and I spent two years together in the Marine Corps while stationed in Hawaii. When you are with someone in the Corps for so long you really get to know them, because you work together, eat together, sleep in the same room, practice combat together, serve on the Fleet Marine Force Pacific Honor Guard together, play together, and share personal thoughts, hopes, dreams, worries, and aspirations. We even shared one of his happiest moments together in November 1965 when he met Elvis. Cliffie and I became like brothers. Cliffie was the closest friend that I had in the Marine Corps. I am so sad that I will not be able to see him again in this life, but through the grace of God I am for certain that we will again share great memories in Heaven when my life too is finished on this earth. Semper Fidelis Cliffie until we meet again in the arms of our Savior. - Your friend through eternity. Jimmy "##imported-begin##Jimmy Cover##imported-end##

November 9 at 7:04 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Aunt Karen, We are so saddened to hear about Uncle Cliff. He was truly a good man I know Steve really looked up to him, We remember him playing in his band at our wedding reception, We Loved him, I'm so glad i got a hug at the chemo center last time i saw him, he will be missed! You take care of yourself and your family, we love you !###imported-begin###Lois Steve & Jordan Smith###imported-end##

November 9 at 6:49 AM



Anonymous posted:

I am sorry for your loss. Cliff was a good man. My dad apologizes for not being able to attend the funeral. The Cheyne's###imported-begin###Floyd Cheyne###imported-end##

November 9 at 4:34 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Clifford Phillip by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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