



# Robert Goodburn

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**R**obert Vail Goodburn, age 67, of Spring Lake passed away Monday, September 19, 2005, at his home. He was born June 15, 1938, to George and Mary (Helms) Goodburn in Hersey, Michigan; and he married Elaine Pearl Collins October 14, 1961 in Millersburg, Ohio. Mr. Goodburn served in the United States Army and had been a diesel mechanic for Ryder Truck Rental and was formerly a driver for R&K Express.

He moved to the Tri-Cities area from Hersey 40 years ago and he attended Spring Lake Presbyterian Church. Mr. Goodburn enjoyed motorcycling, traveling, woodworking, hunting, and camping.

Survivors include his wife Elaine P.; two daughters, Gwen (Ernie) Grabman and Joy (Terry) Robertson both of Grand Haven; his son James (Judy) Goodburn of Grand Haven; six grandchildren: James, Cody, Molly, Jamie, Jasmine, and Jeremy; four sisters: Dorothy Collins of Butler, Missouri; Kay (Raymond) Lisco of Holiday, Fla.; Cheryl Maxon of Rodney, Mich.; Nancy (Don) Adams of Hersey, Mich.; two brothers, Walter Goodburn of East Jordan, Tim (Karen) Goodburn of Tyngsboro, Mass.; and nieces and nephews. Mr. Goodburn was preceded in death by his grandson Adam Goodburn; his parents, and stepmother Josephine (Lambert) Goodburn; and brother Edward Goodburn.

A Memorial service for Mr. Goodburn will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday at Spring Lake Presbyterian Church with Rev. Daniel Anderson officiating. Friends may meet the family 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Thursday at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Spring Lake.

Memorials to Hospice of North Ottawa Community or Spring Lake Presbyterian Church are appreciated. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at




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# Events




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## Visitation

-  **Thursday**, September 22, 2005
-  2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET
-  **Spring Lake Chapel**  
213 East Savidge, Spring Lake MI






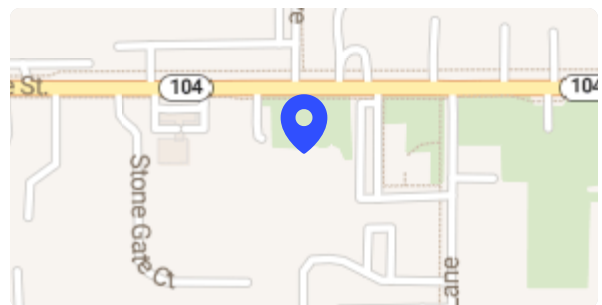
## Visitation

-  **Thursday**, September 22, 2005
-  6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Spring Lake Chapel**  
213 East Savidge, Spring Lake MI



## Service

-  **Friday**, September 23, 2005
-  2:00 PM ET
-  **Spring Lake Presbyterian Church**  
760 E.Savidge Street, Spring Lake MI





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Elaine; Jim, Joy, Gwen and family - What a wonderful joy to have had Bob in our chain of friends. It was a pure joy, along with a chuckle or two, to try and help Bob get the greatest amount of mileage out of every gallon of gas! Never knew anyone who would go to such lengths to squeeze out one more mile of each gallon. Elaine - we both laugh out loud as we think about the plan that never materialized, which I think was dreamt up by you, to syphon some gas out of the tank one day, then the next day add a few gallons - just to see Bob react!! It would have driven him absolutely nuts!! We will truly miss Bob - but all the memories will still keep him very close. If there is ANYTHING we can do to help - PLEASE call. Love and comfort to all!##imported-begin##Phil & Norma Cook##imported-end##

September 27 at 9:40 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

All our love and prayers are with you all. I will forever miss Uncle Bob, and extend my love to him in prayer as the greatest journey of his life begins. God speed Uncle Bob. Love Allen and Debbie lisco and family##imported-begin##allen lisco##imported-end##

September 24 at 2:59 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Elaine and Family, Our most heartfelt sympathies to you all. Bob will be missed by so many people, as he touched the lives of people everywhere he went. We were blessed to have know him, and will always remember his humor. I know the heavens were singing praises when God called him home. Praise God we will all be together again someday. With much love to you all, Tony & Nancy Port Richey, FL##imported-begin##Nancy & Tony Cusumano##imported-end##

September 24 at 3:58 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

To Aunt Elaine, Jim, Gwen, Joy and their families I always enjoyed when you and your family would come to visit us in North Carolina. We got to spend some good times together and catch up on family news and happenings. You are our life-line to the north, keeping us in touch with family spread out over the area up there. Bob was such a good person. He was always willing to help someone in need and he enjoyed being able to help them. He liked being able to fix things, whether it was some mechanical problem with something or a family member in need. He liked to help. May God watch over you and yours during this time and always. Bob is in a better place now, free from the ills of this world. May this somehow bring you peace during this difficult time. You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers. Gabriel##imported-begin##Gabriel Stamey##imported-end##

September 23 at 5:16 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I always enjoyed talking to Bob when he came into my office about his Insurance. I can not drive my car. That is why I did not come to the Funeral Home for the Visitation.##imported-begin##Lloyd R. Kieft##imported-end##

September 23 at 7:28 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

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September 23 at 7:18 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Family & Friends of Robert (Bob) Goodburn, Their was a celebration Monday night in Heaven, as God called home one of his very special souls. But left the rest of with a great hollow in our lives. A hollow we can only fill with the love and memories Bob left us. My prayers are with Elaine and the families of Jim, Gwen & Joy, who have given so much to make things easier for Bob & Elaine. And for the wonderful Grandchildren who have pitched in to make things easier for Bob in his fight to stay with us as long as God would allow. (Who said that young people today don't care?) As for me I am proud to have had Bob in my life, and I say farewell Brother until we meet again. God Bless all of you. Ray Lisco Holiday, Fl.##imported-begin##Ray Lisco##imported-end##

September 23 at 6:37 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Elaine, I didn't know Bob very well, but he was always very nice to me when you both would come down and visit Kay and Ray. I know he is now at peace and well again. My sympathies to you and your family and to Kay and her whole family. May you find some peace now and God Bless you, your friend, Cyndi Blas##imported-begin##Cyndi Blas##imported-end##

September 22 at 7:12 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Molly, So sorry to hear about your grandpa passing away. I'm so glad you could be there with him. My prayers are with you and the family.##imported-begin##margret##imported-end##

September 21 at 11:44 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mr.Goodburn....to this day I could never call you Bob..or Mrs. Goodburn, Elaine....I always respected you two and you were very special in my life...from being neighbors...to babysitting for you...picking blueberries...sliding out behind your bluebeery field...riding go carts down your road...always had a great and memorable time when the families were together...you will be missed alot...but now your with mom...so please watch over us.....God Bless...##imported-begin##Brenda Griffin##imported-end##

September 21 at 8:12 AM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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