



# David E. "Weasel" Benkert

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**D**avid E. "Weasel" Benkert, age 66, of Nunica passed away Sunday, April 9, 2017 at the Leila and Cyrus Poppen Hospice Residence. He was born August 30, 1950, to Eugene Richard and Louise C. (Kleist) Benkert, and married Sherryn Gayle "Sherry" Barbrick on December 8, 1973, in Spring Lake.

David served his country in the Army during the Vietnam war. He attended numerous colleges (just to see if he could do it), and he did, receiving a degree in computer science. David worked as a brick and block mason for Draper Construction for 30 years. He enjoyed volunteering for Feeding America, loved traveling, all sports, going to the casino, and playing cribbage with his group at Norton Shores Library on Tuesday and Thursdays. David was well known for his backroad adventures, going well off the beaten path and taking the road less traveled.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Sherryn "Sherry" Benkert of Nunica; two brothers, Terry (Marilyn) Benkert, and Chuck (Karen) Benkert; three sisters-in-law: Linda (Ray) Mulder, Pam (Jack) Dickman, and Carol Allen; four brothers-in-law: Craig (Lou) Barbrick, Ron (Gretta) Barbrick, Dave (Sharon) Barbrick, and Mark Barbrick; his mother-in-law, Geneva Barbrick; and numerous nieces and nephews; and great nieces, and great nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his two brothers, Dan "Winger" Benkert (his twin), and Ted Benkert.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday April 22, 2017, at Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, The VanZantwick Chapel with Rev. Peter Theune officiating. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Spring Lake Township Cemetery. Memorials to Feeding America are appreciated. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com).



# Events

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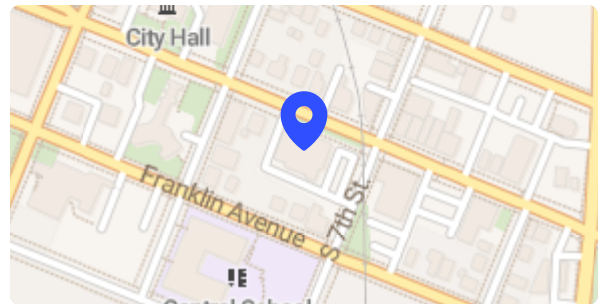
## Visitation

 **Saturday**, April 22, 2017

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

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

620 Washington, Grand Haven MI 49417



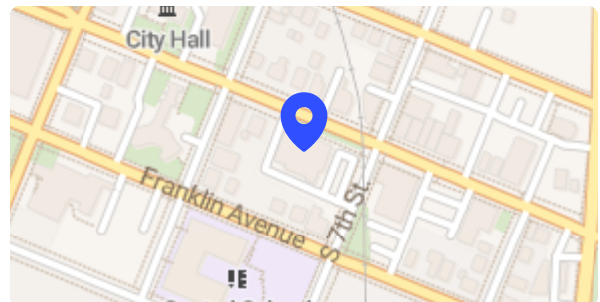
## Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, April 22, 2017

 2:00 PM ET

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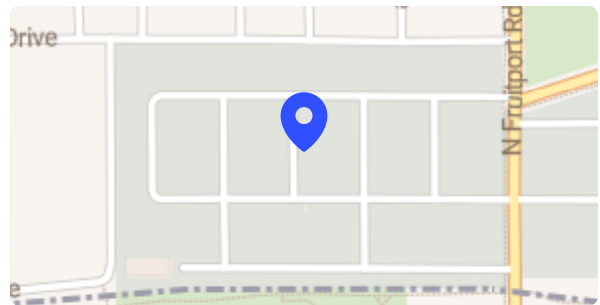
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## Cemetery Details

 **Spring Lake Cemetery**

17181 North Fruitport Road, Spring Lake MI 49456





# Tribute Wall

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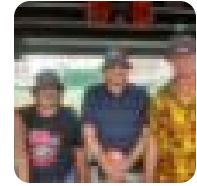
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**Mark Barbrick** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

PLAY BALL! Miss you Davey Baby. Mark

May 3 at 4:24 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Benkert family.

April 22 at 3:38 AM



**Al & Denise Fethke** lit a candle in honor of David .

April 22 at 2:07 AM



**Al & Denise Fethke** April 22 at 2:25 AM

We will always remember David for his sense of humor and his willingness to help other people. We loved that he always stopped by to see us when he was in our neck of the woods.



**Brian** posted:

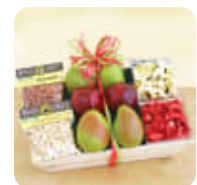
I will always remember playing trivial pursuit with a bunch of family members. Everyone always rushed to pick Uncle Dave for their team. He knew all the answers, and the rare occasion he didn't, he would fake his way through it. I will miss you Uncle Dave.

April 20 at 5:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Organic Sympathy Crate to the Benkert family.

April 18 at 7:10 AM





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**John Rossa** lit a candle in honor of David .

Miss U joking with me & others David! U R Well respected & a Great Guy Weasel!  
Go Boilermakers - I know U actually loved them #1 team. Haha. My respects to  
the family esp. Sherry, Terry, Charlie and the Benkert family!John R

April 17 at 10:45 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Benkert family.

April 17 at 8:34 AM



**Lorna** posted:

What a guy. I will miss you so much Weas. You always made me feel welcome and a part of  
whatever was going on. No one like you. Love to you my friend. Sherry, come up. Love you.Lorna  
Dee

April 15 at 2:54 PM



**Nelson & Chris** lit a candle in honor of David .

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dave will be greatly missed!Nelson &  
Chris

April 15 at 6:11 AM



**Jim & Nicole Klempel** lit a candle in honor of David .

April 12 at 3:27 PM



**Sharon Johnson** lit a candle in honor of David .

April 12 at 12:22 PM





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**Shannon, Everett And Courtney** lit a candle in honor of David .

April 12 at 8:25 AM



**Sue Collins** lit a candle in honor of David .

April 12 at 6:48 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sympathy Chocolates to the Benkert family.

April 11 at 12:54 PM



**Deb Madl** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My memory of Dave was he was really a good guy always there to help and always had a Joke or two, he will be missed.

April 11 at 4:14 AM



# Media

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May 3 at 4:24 AM





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

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



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