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Clarence J. DeGraves
08/08/1933 - 06/24/2025



Clarence J. DeGraves, age 91, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, in Muskegon, MI. He was born on August 8, 1933, to Peter and Adriana (Bax) DeGraves in Muskegon, MI. Clarence was a Volunteer Fire Fighter with the Fruitport Fire Department for 30 years, an avid Mac Woods Dune Rides operator for 9 years, a member of the Scottville Clown Band as a saxophone player and someone who enjoyed rides around the ovals of Pere Marquette with a ritual stop at McDonalds. He was a Machinist at Brunswick Corp. for 40 years when he retired in 1995. Clarence is survived in death by his wife, Barbara (Arnson) TenBrink DeGraves; children: Doug (Carol) DeGraves, Cindy (Bill) Bellefeuil, Joe (Bonnie) DeGraves; stepchildren: David TenBrink, Larry (Dawn) TenBrink, Gary (Dawn) TenBrink, Nancy (Daniel) Slater, Debbie (Ryan) Hobbs; sister, Donna (John) Schmidt, 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his 1st wife, Geraldine (Hobbs) DeGraves; parents, Peter and Adriana DeGraves and brother, Bernard DeGraves. Visitation and memorial took place July 14, 2025. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Hope Reformed Church. Arrangements through The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services. Please consider signing the family's online guestbook and share memories at <https://sytsemafh.com>

2026 Mug Reveal & Season Kickoff Event for Bird Lovers

November 25, 7-9 PM at Hemlock Crossing County Park

Celebrate the start of the Coffee with the Birds season at this special event! Be the first to see the winning mug design revealed, connect with fellow bird lovers and enjoy an entertaining birding presentation. Mugs will be available for purchase at this event!

For just \$25, Mug Club members receive:

- The exclusive 2026 mug featuring the winning photo
- Access to special birding perks and events throughout the year
- Entry into door prize drawings at Coffee with the Birds events
- A chance to support local birding programs!

Every membership directly funds birding education and engagement efforts in Ottawa County

Learn more about the contest, birding events, and how to join the Mug Club at: miottawa.org/birding



The 2024 Mug Club Photo Contest winning photo was an American Avocet by Ryan Bebej.

One example of how immoral and sick America has become can be seen in what former President Biden said about the shooting of president Trump. He said it was “sick” and that “There is no place in America for this kind of violence.” Yet he is so blinded, that he does not realize, the terrible violence committed when they tear arms and pieces of body parts from babies being aborted/killed. He Supports that.

Manuel Ybarra Jr.

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