



Glen A. Giant

August 27, 1939 - March 7, 2015

Glen A. Giant, age 75, passed from life through death to life eternal unexpectedly Saturday, March 7, 2015 as a result of a motor vehicle accident. He was born August 27, 1939 in Muskegon to Herschel and Moneth (Hess) Giant. Glen was a graduate of Grand Haven High School and following graduation started active duty in the U.S. Navy. He worked for Sealed Power and DANA Corporation for over 30 years prior to his retirement. Glen was a member of Spring Lake Presbyterian Church where he also volunteered at the food pantry. He was a former Boy Scout and leader for many years, enjoyed gardening, going for long walks, wood working, biking, fishing, spending time with family and loved being a grandpa. On April 6, 1962 he married Carol Welton in Fruitport and she survives him along with 2 children: Cindy (Terry) DeGroot of Jenison, Todd (Kathy) Giant of Norton Shores; 5 grandchildren: Christopher and Matthew DeGroot, Kristina Giant; Shane Rebedew, and Alexa Rebedew; brother, Marshall (Julie) Giant; sister, Jackie Vorholzer; sisters-in-law, Mary Giant, Marie (John) Babich, Joyce Forton, and Pat Forton; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Carl Giant; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Henry Vorholzer, Marilyn (Beryl) Stromberg, and Dick (Ruth) Welton. SERVICES for Glen will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Spring Lake Presbyterian Church with Rev. Lary Jackson officiating. VISITATION with the family will be from 6-8 PM Friday, March 13, 2015 at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St., (231) 798-1100. Burial will take place in Fruitport Cemetery. MEMORIALS to the Boy Scouts of America will be appreciated. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at www.sytsemafh.com

Cemetery

Fruitport Cemetery

6600 S. Brooks Rd.

Fruitport, MI, 49412

Comments



“ I was Glenn's hairdresser and friend for the past 15 years, i'm going to miss his smile his laughter his advice his stories, jokes and all the treats he would bring me from his garden. Wednesday morning it was very hard to drive up to the school and see a police officer doing his job, it broke my heart to know I won't be seeing him again. I probably seen him five days out of seven walking all around Fruitport with a big smile and a wave. I will miss you my friend!!❤️ Heidi

Heidi Pacillo - 2 hours ago



“ I was so very sorry and shocked to hear that Glen passed away. I talked with him many times around Fruitport as we crossed paths on our own walks. He was very friendly and always waved at the corner when I would drive by to pick my son up at the HS.

Cecelia K. Taylor - 4 hours ago



“ I never personally had an opportunity to officially meet Mr. Giant, but he had a great impact on many of our mornings. It was always a treat when we'd be heading back to the bus garage after our morning run & getting a huge wave and a huge smile while he was at the corner waiting for kiddos who needed to cross the streets to get to school. I think that might be why when I heard his last name was Giant I felt like that fit him perfectly. My fellow bus drivers and I have been talking a lot about him this week and wondering if he ever knew how such a seemingly small gesture had such a lasting impact on so many. He's taught us a great life lesson about how kindness can go so far.

Carrie - 6 hours ago



“ I am so, so very sad and quite shocked to learn of Glen's unexpected passing. Every morning and afternoon, I looked forward to seeing him, standing on the corner of Pontaluna and 6th, no matter the weather, helping the children cross the road safely. He always, without fail, would wave and smile. I would also see him waving to all the buses of children and other moms and dads as they passed by each day. I would also always see him walking all around town for exercise after the children were safely in school. I would beep and we would wave to each other. Then, one day I ran into him and his lovely wife at Meijer in the produce section and we laughed as I told him that I was the lady in the blue minivan who always beeped and waved. I will surely miss seeing his kind face, warm smiles and waves hello. I will also miss

seeing him tending to his lawn in the summer, and his generous gesture of giving away his squash and zucchinis for free on an upside down plastic milk crate by his mailbox. I will miss seeing him walk home with his stop sign after completing his duty of crossing the few children who walked to and from school.

I pray for peace for his wife and family in knowing that Glen made so many of my days (and many others) brighter by just being himself. And, although we here are grieving, I know he is taking many long walks with our Lord and Savior in heaven and we will see him again very soon.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Miller
Friend and Neighbor of Glen

Jennifer Miller - 6 hours ago



“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family, I could have written the exact word for word statement by Jennifer Miller , except for one thing , we had never met. He always smiled and waved at me, always made me feel so special by the genuine look of "happy to see you" as he walked and crossed the kids.. So very sad to read he is gone.
Sincerely,
Kathy Gould
also, friend and neighbor of Glen

KG - 6 hours ago

“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Glen A. Giant.



7 hours ago

“ Dear Carol, Todd, Cindy, and families, My deepest condolences to you in the loss of your husband, dad, and grandfather. My memories of Glen and your family go to the years that I shared with you at Fruitport Reformed Church. Glen played a significant role in my faith formation, contributing as a Sunday School teacher in Jr. High and High School; working with the Youth Group; and being available to talk. He always had such a good humor and helped me to not take myself too seriously, while assisting me to look at deeper questions. His encouragement, non-judgmental approach, and support to look at things in new ways was especially freeing. I remember that he and Carol attended my Ordination, supporting me further in ministry. Glen and Carol were so generous with their time, support, and genuine compassion that I will always be grateful to them for how they shaped my life, my career, and the ministry I was allowed to do. Thank you, Giant Family!

With Love and Gratitude,
Linda Bos

Linda Bos - 7 hours ago



“ Dear Carol and Family: We want you to know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. Our community has lost a very kind and friendly man. We were privileged to call Glen, and his family "neighbors" for 25 plus years. May our Lord wrap you in His loving arms, and grant you comfort and peace.

Sincerely,
Jerry and Pat Essebaggers



Pat Essebaggers - 21 hours ago



“ Carol, Cindy, Todd and families, we are so sorry for your loss, Glen was a great guy. Jerry worked with him for many years and Glen and Carol were the 1st couple we visited when Jer and I started going together, Cindy was a baby. Glen also invited us to Fruitport Reformed Church (now Word of Hope) when we moved to the area and we had a lot of good times there. Praying for all of you for comfort. Jerry and Bonnie Joldersma

Bonnie Joldersma - Yesterday at 03:27 PM