



Glenford Palmateer, Jr.

January 14, 1943 - May 28, 2023

Glenford R. "Bud" Palmateer, 80 years old, of Charlotte, Michigan passed away peacefully in his home on May 28, 2023, surrounded by his loving wife and children.

Bud was born on January 14, 1943 to Glenford and Phyllis (Kalbfleisch) Palmateer and was raised on the family farm in Yale, Michigan with his seven siblings. He graduated from Yale High School in 1961 and attended Eastern Michigan University. He taught at Avoca Elementary for several years before starting a masonry business. Quite often he enjoyed reminiscing about building projects that he had been a part of. He was also very active at Trinity Missionary Church in Yale, fulfilling various roles.

In 1985, his career shifted to insurance. This change moved the family to Clare, Michigan where they lived for nearly 20 years. During that time, he donated many hours to the development of the Brookwood Athletic Complex and faithfully contributed to projects at Brown Corners Church. Bud and Marion returned to Yale in 2014, where he served again on the board at Trinity Church.

Bud experienced health challenges later in life but his will to live remained strong. Watching grandchildren compete and perform, connecting with family and friends, and socializing about antique cars and tractors were his favorite

things. Despite chronic pain, he remained a farming buddy, tireless helper, and devoted friend to many. He had a servant's heart patterned after his Savior, Jesus Christ.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Glen and Phyllis Palmateer, his sister Sharon (Palmateer) Gonzalez, his brother Chuck Palmateer, his father and mother-in-law James and Bettie (Sawdon) McAlpine, his sisters-in-law, Jane McAlpine and Mary Ann McAlpine, numerous extended family members, and most recently his Uncle Clarence Palmateer.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marion (McAlpine) Palmateer, his son Bill (Karen) Palmateer of Atlanta, Georgia, his daughter Mary (Palmateer) Standerfer of Elk Rapids, Michigan, and daughter Liz (Brock) Peters of Olivet, Michigan. Bud's grandchildren are Adam and Luke Palmateer, Sydney and Sophie Standerfer, and Abbey, Taylor, Emily and Kendall Peters. His surviving siblings are Harold (Linda) Palmateer, Don (Rose) Palmateer, Jim (Pam) Palmateer, Tim (Traci) Palmateer, Tom Palmateer, sister-in-law Brenda Palmateer, brother-in-law Dave McAlpine, along with many beloved aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A memorial service to celebrate Bud's life will take place on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Missionary Church in Yale, Michigan, with Pastor Tom Knight officiating. Contributions can be made to any of the churches Bud loved and served: Trinity Missionary Church of Yale, Brown Corners Church of Clare, or City on a Hill Community Church of Olivet.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Missionary Church
304 North St.
Yale, MI 48097

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Glenford Palmateer, Jr..

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“ Tears fill my eyes thinking of this wonderful man who was very much like a bonus Dad during my youth. Always approachable, always a smile, the way he teased and that big BOO that could lift your feet off the ground. I tried impersonating it for my family but it just wasn't the same. When Bud took you under his wing, you wanted to rise to the greatness he saw in you. He saw the best in me and cheered me on in all I tried. I have old vhs tapes with him yelling from the stands not only for Liz and myself, but for so many others. He was a man who led by example. He loved God, his family and community. He was a hard worker, gave 100% to all he did and made all around him shine brighter. I'm thankful that God brought Bud and his family into my life. They helped build a strong foundation for me and so many kids at Browns and the Clare community. Love you Liz, Marion and family!

Mindy (Kleinhardt) Mulheron - May 30, 2023 at 09:21 PM