



## George "Bud" Darling

August 13, 1940 - February 14, 2019

George "Bud" Darling, 78, of Coloma died Thursday, February 14, 2019 at the Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, Feb 19, at the Faith Lutheran Church on Paw Paw Ave in Coloma. Burial will follow in Coloma Cemetery. The family will receive friends and relatives from 5 PM to 8 PM on Monday at the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma. Memorials may be made to the family or to the Humane Society. Please share memories, messages or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Bud was born on Aug 13, 1940 in Hartford Township to George and Mary Darling, Sr. He married his wife, Martha Quigley, in 1963 and together they have celebrated 55 years of marriage. He was employed for 25 years at the Watervliet Paper Mill from 1969 to 1994. He then was employed for 9 years at the National Copper Products Co in Dowagiac before he retired. Bud was a long time member of the Faith Lutheran Church. He loved Detroit sports teams and NASCAR. He also enjoyed classic cars and trucks and working on them. He was a hard worker who was lovable and accepted others. Bud was funny and had a dry sense of humor and loved to talk with other people especially at his favorite restaurant the Hot Spot.

His family includes his wife, Martha, his daughters, Katherine Darling of

Coloma, Carol Darling of Coloma and Lori (Larry) Jeffers of Massillon, OH; his brothers, Paul (Nikki) Darling of Coloma and Karl Darling of Coloma; his sisters, Linda (Greg) Darling of Niles and Irene Tinkey of Mansfield, OH; his grandchildren, Michael, Rachel, and Erin and his many nieces and nephews including his special nephew, Pauley Darling. He was preceded in death by his son, Ricky, 1972, his parents and his sisters, Lorraine and Marylou.

# Cemetery Details

## Coloma Cemetery

5900 Coloma Road  
Coloma, MI 49038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
249 East Center Street  
Coloma, MI 49038  
(269) 468-3181  
staff@florin.net

## Service Celebrating His Life

FEB 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
6756 Paw Paw Ave  
Coloma, MI 49038

## Burial

FEB 19. 12:30 PM (ET)

Coloma Cemetery  
5900 Coloma Road  
Coloma, MI 49038

## Luncheon

FEB **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
6756 Paw Paw Ave  
Coloma, MI 49038

# Tribute Wall

KV

“ Dear Martha, my memory of first meeting you and your husband was one of great laughs. Joining the table at Sunday brunch, I enjoyed the stories the laughter and the love that your family shared with me. I know I was a stranger but you both treated me love, warmth and kindness that I have not received even for my own family and for that I will always truly be grateful.

I am so very sorry for your loss know my heart and prayers are with you at this time of great sorrow. As wonderful as the two of you are I know he is with God and is save in our Savior's arms.

If there's anything that I can ever do for you please know I'm always here just a phone call away. With my deepest heartfelt sympathy I send you my love and prayers for God's guidance and courage as you MoveOn in this stage of life.

With great love and respect always, your friend Kathi Valenti ❤️

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**Kathi Valenti** - March 07, 2019 at 09:36 PM

JA

“ Just saw Bud in the past couple of weeks and spoke with him. Am so sorry for your loss.

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**James** - February 19, 2019 at 05:48 PM

NB

“ Martha am so sorry to hear of Bud's passing. Will keep you in my prayers.

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**Nancy A Butzbach** - February 19, 2019 at 05:47 PM

WH

“ Martha & Family! I'm so sorry to hear of George's passing! My heart is with you but my body is not able! With Sympathy and Love! My thoughts and prayers are with you! Wanda Hembree

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**Wanda Hembree** - February 19, 2019 at 04:40 PM

 Kay  
Lawson

“ Oh Bud we are going to miss you so much. You lit up a room with your smile and suspenders ! You had a heart of gold and a great sense of humor that I will miss at the restaurant table . I remember the day you met Martha and all the memories since.

*I feel so blessed that you and Martha have been a part of my life.*

*Rest in peace my dear friend...Kay*

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**Kay Lawson** - February 19, 2019 at 12:26 AM

WH

*Martha and family! I'm so sorry for your loss! My heart is with you but my body is not able to be there! You are in my thoughts and prayers!  
Love Wanda Hembree*

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**Wanda Hembree** - February 19, 2019 at 12:40 PM

JS

“ I am so very sorry for your loss.

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**Jody Iliff Stiles** - February 18, 2019 at 08:16 PM

BB

“ Martha and family. I am so sorry to fead this tonight, he was a wonderful and very lovable man. I know he will be greatly missed. My prayers are with all the family during this time of loss. Martha if I can be of any help just let me know. God bless you all and grant you peace. Brenda Bryan

Brenda Bryan - February 18, 2019 at 07:47 PM

MS

“ So sorry to heard of your loss. We will miss seeing him at the Hotspot.

Stephen and Mary Snyder



Mary Snyder - February 18, 2019 at 04:51 PM



“ In Memory Heart Shaped Music Box was purchased for the family of George "Bud" Darling.



February 18, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of George "Bud" Darling.



February 18, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of George "Bud" Darling.*



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February 18, 2019 at 10:19 AM



“ *Love Irene, Jackie and Terry purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of George "Bud" Darling.*



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**Love Irene, Jackie and Terry** - February 18, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ *Deepest condolences.*



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**Jayne tregoning** - February 18, 2019 at 02:27 AM

LO

“ I miss my Dad so much already. He was the type of Dad who was at every special moment of my life and childhood from every track meet to traveling on the days my two children were born. His grandchildren adored him. He always made everyone laugh. Just a goofball we all loved. I don't remember a day in my life I was ever mad at my Dad. He was my first love and everyone was always compared to him. Breakfast for dinner always reminds me of my Dads and watching the Detroit Lions and The Wolverine Football games. He gave me so much joy and I am proud to be his daughter. I love you forever Dad. Love,Lori

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**Lori** - February 18, 2019 at 12:48 AM

CD

“ My deepest condolences to the Darling Family. You are all in my heart, my thoughts, and my prayers. You've earned your wings George...fly high 🕊️



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**Cindy Ditchie** - February 17, 2019 at 10:39 PM

SL

“ Steve, Shawn and Lori purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of George "Bud" Darling.



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**Steve, Shawn and Lori** - February 17, 2019 at 07:21 PM

SQ

“ Aunt Martha and all our Michigan family. So sorry about Uncle Bud. He will be greatly missed. I am sure he was met in heaven by all and had the golf cart waiting for him to start his visiting. One awesome man. All our Love and prayers. Stay strong all. The journey will be tough but the friends and family are many and you will make it through.

*Susan, Suzanne, Jason and Odin.*

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**Susan Quigley** - February 17, 2019 at 12:41 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George "Bud" Darling.



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February 17, 2019 at 12:30 PM

SW

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers are with you.

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**susan long wade** - February 17, 2019 at 12:10 PM