



Duane F. Marquardt

June 23, 1948 - January 4, 2026

Duane Frederick Marquardt, age 77, of Deckerville, passed away Sunday, January 4, 2026 surrounded by his family.

Duane was born on June 23, 1948 in Harbor Beach to Fred and Irene (Schneider) Marquardt. He grew up on the family farm near Applegate, MI and graduated from Cros-Lex High School in 1966. He was a handful from the beginning, frequently outrunning the police with his buddies and causing headaches for his family. Legend has it that he strutted into his childhood home after getting kicked out early of his senior class trip wearing a big cowboy hat with a pin on it proudly proclaiming "Born to Raise Hell."

Following school, Duane worked road construction prior to learning the trade of plumbing and heating. For the majority of his life, Duane was self-employed and serviced most of Sanilac County. It was widely known that if you wanted the job done right, it was best to call "Squirrel."

On February 8, 1969, Duane married Barbara Caswell in Port Sanilac, MI. They made their home and raised their family around the Forester area. He was an avid admirer of all things tools and was not satisfied owning even at least 6 of the same tool. Trains, traveling the state, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Matlock, cats, and Cocoa Pebbles were also favorite activities of his. For the past 10 years, he and Barb would winter in Bradenton, FL and he enjoyed hosting family and friends staying with them.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents and brothers-in-law, Dale Gabara, Kevin Martin, and Ronald Hooper. He is survived by his wife of

almost 57 years, Barb; sons, Derek (Laurie) and Brent (Lori); sisters, Judi Martin and Sheryl (Gabara) Hooper; grandchildren, Claire, Drew, and Allie Marquardt, and Jamie, Josh, and Jacob Wright; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will precede burial at Pomeroy Funeral Home, Carsonville, MI on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 from 2-8 PM and beginning at 10 AM prior to the service on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 11 AM. Burial will be at Downing Cemetery in Deckerville.

In lieu of flowers, Duane would encourage everyone to enjoy a drink at "Beer:30" in the afternoon with your loved ones. Otherwise, donations may be made in Duane's name to an organization of your choice.

AMF Grandpa Squirrel; may you fly high...we will miss you.

Cemetery Details

Downing Cemetery

Deckerville, MI 48427

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Carsonville
85 S. Main St.
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Visitation

JAN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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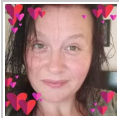
Tribute Wall



“ *Pomeroy Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane F. Marquardt*

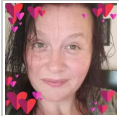


Pomeroy Funeral Home - January 06 at 09:41 AM



Your going to be missed. You was a very kind soul.. I was your neighbor for a few years.. you was always so kind to me an my children.. rip Duane.. fly high an see you again some day!

Amanda Hawkins - January 06 at 10:00 AM



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MU

*Barb,
Duane was a one of a kind. I hope Mike M and him are sitting together having a beer pain free now.*

Prayers and hugs you and your family

Mary (Murphy) Unger - January 06 at 05:18 PM

JW

Buddy hopefully you are resting in heaven and are pain free. I am going to miss you. Save me a spot

james wright - January 09 at 11:34 AM

CA

Barb, he definitely was one in a million and I'm sure he is up in heaven "raising hell" with Butch! Hugs and love to you and your family!

Christine Allin - January 11 at 07:15 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Duane F. Marquardt.*



January 06 at 02:31 PM

BT

“ *Brent and Tonya planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane F. Marquardt.*

Brent and Tonya - January 06 at 02:31 PM

DP

“ *So sorry for your loss Barb*

Dianne Burgess Peasley - January 06 at 09:58 AM

JP

Barb so so sorry for your loss he is in God's hands now durane will live in your heart always love jenny ❤️

Jenny pfeiffer - January 06 at 01:57 PM

SB

“ Squirrel helped us with our plumbing at our house in McGregor. He was such a character. Never knew what he was going to say or do next. He will be missed. We will definitely join in a few beer 30's with and for him. Prayers for you and your family 🙏🙏🙏

Sue and Bob Bowling - January 06 at 05:58 AM

DA

“ Barb, Bill and I send our thoughts and prayers to you and your boys! Squirrel always was there for us when we owned our cottage. Barb, Bill and I send our thoughts and prayers to you and your boys! Squirrel always was there for us when we owned our cottage. It was always so much fun when he would come over to fix something or close our place! It always turned into a chat session of some sort! Fond memories! We will be thinking of you in the days ahead. Love to you! It was always so much fun when he would come over to fix something or close our place! It always turned into a chat session of some sort! Fond memories! We will be thinking of you in the days ahead. Love to you!

Deb and Bill Ahrens - January 05 at 07:18 PM

MK

“ Barb, Derek, Brent and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts of strength and peace at this sad time.

Melissa (Parrott) Kolasinski - January 05 at 06:45 PM

MK

“ Melissa K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane F. Marquardt.

Melissa K. - January 05 at 06:41 PM

KJ

“ Katherine Jarabeck purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Duane F. Marquardt.



Katherine Jarabeck - January 05 at 05:56 PM

KY

“ Oh Barb and family, we are so very very sorry to hear this news. It has been quite a few years since we have seen u guys but have never forgotten u. Duane (Squirrel) was our plumber for many years. He was so dedicated and would come to our houses anytime of the day or night to fix things and would hardly charge. He was the best plumber we have ever had and we have had many! He was so funny. I remember him saying you know ours boys are only this big and he would show me with his hands how wide they were but then he said, but they use this much toilet paper as he showed me how much they used! He said I just don't understand it! He also told me if I ever needed to get ahold of him, I could contact him at his office, Forester Bar! Lol. We knew how much he loved his two sons and Barb. He was a great guy and we will miss him. Thinking of Barb, the boys, his family and all his many friends with our deepest sympathy. We are sorry we can not attend his funeral but we are Myrtle Beach. Love, K and Tom Youatt

Kay Youatt - January 05 at 05:51 PM

JF

“ Sure going to miss you LS. Beer 30 just won't be the same. But I will always think of you during that time. Love and miss you already. BHF and Jan Fuller

Jan Fuller - January 05 at 05:49 PM

DA

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Deb and Bill Ahrens - January 05 at 07:11 PM

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Deb and Bill Ahrens - January 05 at 07:16 PM



“Dwayne was quite a character. Not much time would go by I didn't have to call him and he was at our house in hours. Always ready to help us out when the plumbing went South! Even after he went South Barb would get him on the phone so he could troubleshoot our dilemmas. Whenever he came over he was sure to greet my two black standard poodles. Hello Barack and Michelle he would say (they were Molly and Loki) 😭 Hysterical! He was always full of piss and vinegar. Rest in peace you certainly deserve a rest. Sending much love to you Barb and the boys.
Sincerely,

Christine and Herb Collins

Christine Nobles Collins - January 05 at 05:37 PM

JH

“Jeremy Handley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane F. Marquardt.

Jeremy Handley - January 05 at 05:30 PM



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January 05 at 05:30 PM