



Wayne R. Claveau

June 10, 1954 - January 8, 2021

Wayne “Gordy” Claveau aged 66 of Ludington passed away on Friday, January 8, 2021. Wayne was born on June 10, 1954 in Ludington, the son of Ralph Duane and Jean (Olson) Claveau and graduated from Mason County High School with the class of 1972. At MCC Wayne played in Band, was a member of the Golf, Track, and Basketball teams and helped lead his Spartan basketball teammates to the state quarterfinals his senior year. Long after his high school playing days were past, Wayne still loved to pick up a basketball and play a good game of hoops with his family and friends. Always an athlete looking for competition, Wayne played several years with local softball teams as well. He loved the Mason County area and all it had to offer, especially with one of the most beautiful beaches in the world where he could spend countless summer days soaking in the sun and waves of Lake Michigan. Wayne was a huge “Beatles” fan and was often found listening to John Lennon music or scoping out muscle cars at car shows.

Wayne was preceded in death by his father Duane; his stepfather Larry Argue; and his grandparents Ralph & LaVerle Claveau, and William & Edith Olson. He will be greatly missed by his mother Jean Argue of Scottville; his stepmother Rosemary Claveau of Hot Springs Village, AR; his brothers Mark (Marlene) Claveau and David (Kellie) Argue all of Scottville; his son Dr. Tyler (Emma) Claveau of Canton, MI; his daughter Heather (Ian) Holewinski of Ludington; and many nieces, nephews, and great friends.

A gathering to celebrate Wayne's life will be held later this summer and burial will take place at Brookside Cemetery in Scottville. Those who wish to remember Wayne with a memorial donation are asked to consider Hospice of Michigan or Mason County Central Athletics.

Cemetery Details

Brookside Cemetery

950 W. State Street
Scottville, MI 49454

Tribute Wall

GM

“ Georgia Makowicki lit a candle in memory of Wayne R. Claveau



Georgia Makowicki - February 12, 2023 at 02:56 AM

TJ

“ I remembers going over to Wayne's parent's house as a kid. He had drawings on his bedroom wall. He was a very good artist. May he Rest In Peace.

Tim Johnson

Tim Johnson - January 16, 2021 at 09:44 AM

TH

“ It was a joy playing basketball with Wayne on the great '72 MCC team. Great guy! He will be missed.

Terry Hankwitz - January 15, 2021 at 09:42 AM

JL

“ You where a good friend Wayne, I'll miss you.



Jamie R Lilly - January 13, 2021 at 01:40 PM

MN

“ Our deepest sympathies to your family and friends,
RIP Wayne, See you on the other side.

Michael Nargis (Moose) and Wife

Michael Nargis - January 13, 2021 at 12:29 PM

MD

“ I am truly sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. We were great friends throughout the school years and locker partners through all four years of high school. Early on in 6th grade I think, we walked to the high school daily for band class and would pass his grandmother's house.

As everyone knows, Wayne was an extremely talented athlete and super basketball player. His game winning shot against a Shelby team that had won something like 30 straight games is itched in my memory.

I regret that we fell out of touch, only occasionally running into each other. I will remember him as fun, caring and just an all around good guy, a person I was lucky to be able to call a friend.

My sympathy goes out to the family and hope that they are comforted by the memories they share.

Mark Dobias

Mark Dobias - January 12, 2021 at 03:39 PM

JF

“ My mackerel teammate for years! RIP Wayne

jon franquist - January 11, 2021 at 09:15 PM

MN

“ I will never forget Wayne winning basketball shot, the crowd erupting and chaos! Another memory is my drivers training road trip. Yep, I was gawking at Wayne and buddies standing on the corner by the House of Flavors (probably a day at the beach for him). Wayne had fun teasing me for years to come, about almost rear ending a car in front of me and putting Drivers Ed instructor Jack Shriver (all 6 foot 7 inches) through the windshield, He found it very funny as Jack was Wayne's coach. REST IN PEACE WAYNE ~ MCC PROUD!

Mary Cooper Nichols - January 11, 2021 at 08:09 PM

KK

Thank you for sharing those great high school memories! I had no idea all the activities of my cousin! It is heartwarming to hear of some of these connections! Thinking of family! ❤️

Kristine Gable Kounelis - January 11, 2021 at 09:19 PM

 Rod Merrill

Although Wayne and I were 2nd cousins and graduated high school together, we lived very different lives except for our involvement with high school basketball. I was the manager so I attended every practice and game where I saw him work hard at perfecting his game to become the best "garbage man" we had hauling down rebounds and putting back shots. He was also a good shooter from the corner and did a great job on the defensive end, as well.

Wayne was also a great communicator with the girls at school and especially with the cheerleaders.

In later years I remember Wayne for all the bicycling he did as it was fairly often that I would see him somewhere in the Ludington-Scottville area on his bike. He seemed to be getting the exercise that many of us dream of.

Facebook was also critical to Wayne keeping in touch with family and friends. I'm going to miss his posts. RIP

Rod Merrill - January 12, 2021 at 08:34 AM

CT

Another high school classmates that has left us too soon. Wayne was a gym rat like in our high school playing days. A fierce competitor..Growing up in Scottville was a better place having people like Wayne in it...RIP my friend

Chuck Tracy - January 14, 2021 at 07:52 AM