



Earl Edwin Klager

December 3, 1944 - December 28, 2021

A full obituary may be posted in the future.

Tonight, the world suddenly lost one of the most remarkable and intelligent men in the world: Earl Klager. For those of you who do not know Earl, he was a true organic farmer, mechanical engineer, masterful inventor, UM alumni, and a disciple of Jesus. My family met Earl at church over a decade ago and he hasn't missed a single Easter, Thanksgiving, or Christmas of ours since. We sat next to him and talked to him every Sunday after church and he became family. Earl was the most humble and sincere man I have ever met in my life. He was the the salt of the earth and a man if you met him that you would never ever forget. Please pray for Earl. Sundays and holidays will never be the same. Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, with Pastor Drex Morton officiating.

Cemetery Details

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery

8805 Austin Road
Bridgewater, MI 48115

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 10:20 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HS

“*Earl was first, briefly, my student and then my life-long friend. He taught me so much about farming in the US. He was open-minded, always interested in discussing ideas. The world is a poorer place for his passing. May his memory be eternal.*

Hilary Shadroui - October 12, 2025 at 02:58 AM

RM

“*I am embarrassed to have just learned of Earl's passing today - Veterans Day 2024.*

Earl and I were both drafted into the Army in 1969 and Earl was my closest friend when we served together at the Armor and Engineer Board at Fort Knox Kentucky.

I spent several happy weeks at the Farm on Klager Road and have fond memories of harvesting corn in a muddy field by pulling his International H Tractor and one-row Ideal Picker with his Cat D-4 Bulldozer. Earl, being Earl, went to the junk yard the next day and brought home a 3-speed manual transmission which he then adapted to connect to the PTO on the Cat D-4 so he could eliminate the International H and pull the Ideal Picker directly with the D-4 dozer.

There was nothing that Earl couldn't fix or improvise.

We reestablished contact about 10 years ago and I tried to call him each year on Veterans Day. Obviously, I have been delinquent for the past three years.

Earl will be missed.

Bob Mitchell - New Hampshire.

Robert B Mitchell - November 11, 2024 at 10:06 PM

MA

“ Earl was a wonderful person, he taught me tremendous amounts about farming and repairing things. He allowed me a garden space on his property and I enjoyed working on the farm with him. I moved out of the area and I lost his number a few years ago. Today I was driving through Bridgewater and made a stop by his farm hoping to say hello. I was sad to see he is no longer there. Rest in peace, Earl. Thank you for what you taught me and your curiosity and energy for life.

Mary - August 20, 2024 at 02:30 PM



“ Earl Edwin Klager

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM

LI

“ I just saw Earl had passed away. We went to the same church for a while. He was always so kind to me. He was such a gentle soul and really cared about others. We lost contact after awhile, but I continue to think about him and hope he is enjoying a well deserved eternity in heaven with Jesus.

Lindsay - March 04, 2022 at 10:13 PM

LR

“ We just saw Earl had passed away. He was a friend to everyone and no greater man has ever lived on this earth, he will be so missed by so many.



Larry and Robyn Robison - February 03, 2022 at 12:14 PM

 Lisa Misiolek

“ *Im so sorry and sad to hear about his passing a week ago. He was a mentor and friend, I knew for nearly 20 years. We spent many hours having phone conversations with, and always there for me. He will definitely be missed!*

Lisa Misiolek - January 24, 2022 at 12:58 PM

 JB

“ *The world has lost a kind and wonderful man. We will miss him at our weekly Bible studies. His knowledge of the Bible was outstanding. I will always cherish our many trips to machine shop auctions and the fun times coming home with our bargains. He had a vast knowledge of machining and welding. When I got stuck on a project, Earl would always come up with the answer. He was a true friend. God bless you, Earl.*

Jim Burmeister - January 11, 2022 at 08:39 AM

 TP

Absolutely. Going to miss him more than anything. He touched my life in a short time.

Todd Pedrys - January 11, 2022 at 11:42 PM

 LG

I was so sad to hear of Earl's passing , I have been buying my hay from him for 30 years and he became a dear friend, he will be forever missed

Lorrie Grzych - January 21, 2022 at 07:52 PM

TP

“ *This is when we dropped in the trailer for a bridge. Was just another great idea we had.*



Todd Pedrys - January 11, 2022 at 01:54 AM

DW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Don Wild - January 08, 2022 at 07:18 AM

DW

One of Earl's professors at U of Michigan told me years ago that Earl was the best engineering student he had during his teaching career at Michigan. He was a special guy.

Don Wild - January 08, 2022 at 07:21 AM

TP

Earl was special. Never met someone so knowledgeable at everything

Todd Pedrys - January 08, 2022 at 11:01 PM

CN

Which one is Earl in that picture? He was my cousin and just remember him as always saying hello and being so kind 💕🥺

Cindy Noble - January 11, 2022 at 02:51 PM

DW

Of the 4 boys he in the front row he is furthest to the right when looking at the picture.

Don Wild - January 15, 2022 at 07:14 PM

DR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



David S Renner - January 07, 2022 at 10:32 PM

JF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Julie Falk - January 07, 2022 at 07:42 AM

DR

“ *Earl you were one of the greatest people I have ever known. The way that you cared for Gods earth was amazing. Always willing to listen and share ideas, you will be missed forever. I'm blessed to have had you as my friend.*

David S Renner - January 06, 2022 at 09:36 PM

DM

“ earl was a special friend and neighbor i would stop and get hay from him and spend an hour solving the worlds problems enjoyed many simple visits with him and his mother salt of the earth people very refreshing in these times god you have a good one enjoy each other
doug macomber

doug macomber - January 06, 2022 at 04:10 PM

PM

“ Earl was a good neighbor, best friend, and mentor for several years beginning with our move to Klager Road in 1966. He is missed, but the memories carry on.

Patty Hayes Murdock - January 06, 2022 at 08:26 AM

JM

“ Dear Earl, I am so sorry we lost you. I remember you as a very important religious educator at St. John's. You and some other youth leaders can be credited with the faith building of many of us who were high schoolers at that time. I will always remember and cherish those wonderful times we had at Youth group, a very special time. Your faith in the Lord was an inspiration. May you rest now, gently in our Heavenly Fathers arms and in his peace

Joan Meagher - January 05, 2022 at 09:37 PM

TP

“ I met Earl 3-4 yrs ago metal detecting. He let me detect his yard. We have been good friends since. I'm going to miss his talks we had every time I stopped by. If he wasn't sitting on computer I found him in the field. Never slowed down a minute. Rest in Peace my Friend.

Todd Pedrys - January 05, 2022 at 10:15 AM

DH

“ MY CONDOLENCES ! DAVID HAEUSSLER

DAVID HAEUSSLER - January 05, 2022 at 08:26 AM

DH

Last time I talked with Earl he was concerned about the country. A true patriot. A true Christian. Always took time to talk with me. Will miss running into him. Sincere and kind. Debbie Holbrook

Deborah Holbrook - February 09, 2022 at 01:23 AM