



## Wayne Webster Clements

July 30, 1931 - December 31, 2015

Aged 84, passed away Thursday, December 31st, 2015 at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor, MI. Wayne was born on July 30th, 1931 in Ann Arbor, MI to parents Ferman and Lucy (Webster) Clements of Saline, MI. Wayne grew up helping his dad on the family farm. He attended the Lodi-Plains one-room country school and graduated in 1949 from Saline High School. Wayne graduated from Michigan State University in 1953 with a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering. He joined the Army Ordnance Corps, serving in the U.S. and Korea. After his service was completed, he married Virginia Jane Rowe on April 7, 1956 and they moved to Mishawaka, IN to work at Wheelabrator Corporation. In 1973, their daughter Penny (Johnson) was born and the family moved back to Saline. Wayne started an industrial cleaning business, Captain Clean, and worked until he retired in 2000. Wayne's daughter married Zac Johnson in 1997 and they had Wayne's grandson Henry in 2006. In 1987 Wayne joined the Saline Area Historical Society, which became his life's passion. He worked on many projects including the moving of a Livery Barn to the Saline Depot in order to house a windmill and extensive work to the Depot building – which became Saline's first museum. Wayne worked with the city of Saline to establish and open the Rentschler Farm Museum. Wayne stayed active in the society serving as President until 2008 and then as the Building and Grounds Chairman. He was involved in providing tours at the Rentschler Farm, the Weber-Blaess One-Room Country Schoolhouse, and provided guidance on dozens of historical preservation projects throughout the state.

His knowledge and creativity made the Saline Area Historical Society the success it is today and created a framework giving future generations the opportunity to become involved in Saline's history. Wayne felt that no other work presented the challenge of creativity or the feeling of lasting value that came with museum work with the Historical Society. In addition to his dedication to history, family, and community, Wayne was a lifelong sports fan, having played football, basketball, and baseball for Saline High School and tirelessly cheering on his Michigan State Spartans. His life on the farm led to an enthusiasm for John Deere tractors, and Wayne's curiosity and excellent sense of direction fed into his interest in travel. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Penny and Zac Johnson, his grandson Henry, his sisters-in-law Millicent Mank (John), Alice Marinos (Lou), Helen Rowe Arnoldi, Kathryn Berger and Mildred Hogan (Pat), cousins Harry (Cheryle) Waters and Cynthia Carr (Peter) Kramer, and their families. Wayne is preceded in death by his parents Ferman and Lucy and his wife Jane (2003) his brother-in-law Jack Rowe (2002) sister-in-law Dottie Rowe (1999), brother-in-law Rolley Berger (2011) and his cousins Tom Waters (2011) and Carolyn Carr (2015). Funeral Services will take place on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at the First Presbyterian Church of Saline, with Rev. Jaco Bester officiating. Burial will take place in the Lodi Township Cemetery at 2:00 P.M. following a luncheon at the Church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks you make a donation to the Saline Area Historical Society. Envelopes will be available at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline where friends may begin calling on Monday, January 4, 2016 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Visitation will continue at the Church on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at 11:00 A.M. To leave a memory, to sign Wayne's guestbook, or for more information or directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lodi Township Cemetery

Corner of Textile Road and Ann Arbor-Saline  
Road  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Visitation

JAN 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline  
143 E. Michigan Avenue  
Saline, MI 48176  
<http://salinepres.org/>

## Funeral Service

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JAN 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline  
143 E. Michigan Avenue  
Saline, MI 48176  
<http://salinepres.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wayne Webster Clements*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



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**Nate Girbach** - January 06, 2016 at 07:16 AM



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**Scott Yoders** - January 03, 2016 at 02:12 PM



“ *Every time I brought my Saline High School students to the farm or depot Wayne was always there to meet us and share his knowledge and pleasant personality. Several generations of Saline students will miss him. Thanks Wayne!*

**Jim Cameron** - January 03, 2016 at 01:16 PM

MC

“ Wayne was one of the sweetest people I have ever known. He was my partner in our Lodi Historical Preservation Group, and I might add, our driving force. He was tireless in his work for preserving the history of this area and his loss will be felt for a long time to come. I shall dearly miss him.  
Margaret Canham-Keeley

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**Margaret Canham-Keeley** - January 02, 2016 at 10:32 PM

LL

“ We are very sorry to learn that Wayne passed on. Our contact with him was primarily at Rowe reunions. Always enjoyed seeing him and visiting with a "Roach". We did stop one year returning from Florida to visit with him and Jane when she was in a hospice. He will always be in our memories. Sincerely, Lee and Sue

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**L. LEE LARSEN** - January 02, 2016 at 12:44 PM

GM

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**George Moser** - December 31, 2015 at 03:35 PM

MH

*What a unique wonderful man. Rest in Peace Wayne..*

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**Mary Hess** - January 01, 2016 at 03:09 PM

RG

*A pleasure to have known such an intelligent, giving person. A loss to the whole Community.*

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**Ruth Garrison** - January 02, 2016 at 11:43 AM



*What will we do without him? Continue to love Saline as he did.*

**Lance Holland** - January 02, 2016 at 12:03 PM

CC

*I have such wonderful memories of Saline Thanksgivings at the farm with the Clements family and will forever be so grateful for those times.*



**Cynthia Carr-Kramer** - January 02, 2016 at 01:54 PM

RK

*I am truly saddened by the loss of Wayne Clements. I just found out that Wayne has passed away. Wayne was a gentleman and friend to all. His name is right there on the list of Saline's most influential people. My prayers are with Wayne and his family. While I can't get back to Saline, I will be at a church praying and remembering Wayne on the day of his visitation. I just can't believe that this day has come so soon.*

**Rick Kuss** - January 04, 2016 at 12:53 PM

GW

*I just learned of Wayne's passing and feel that Saline has truly lost one of its most important citizens. My husband and I knew Wayne primarily through the Saline Historical Society, for which he was the driving force. I think that the best way we can all remember Wayne, and pay tribute to him, is to make sure the Society stays as strong and vibrant as it was with Wayne at its helm and as its most dedicated volunteer. He will be sorely missed, but always remembered, by those of us who had the pleasure to know and work with him.*

**Gretchen Waters** - January 05, 2016 at 01:42 PM

DR

*I did not know Wayne personally, but I know his daughter Penny, and he must have been a great guy! I heard from her about his work with the Saline Area Historical Society and I can only imagine what a great loss this is to the community!*

**Dana Randall** - January 06, 2016 at 09:11 AM

TC

*I will miss Wayne Clements! He was a positive person and I enjoyed working for him and with him on various projects at his home and around Saline. Wayne knew how to have fun and his sense of humor was always appreciated.*

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**Tim Cornelius** - January 06, 2016 at 01:17 PM