



## John "Bubba" McDowell

January 16, 1934 - February 11, 2018

John Fletcher "Bubba" McDowell, 84, of Kalkaska, passed away on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at his home. Bubba was born on January 16, 1934 in Kilbourne, LA to Gurvis and Jewell (Newell) McDowell. He graduated from Kilbourne High School in 1952. He married Minnie Eloise "Tut" Kinney in August 1952. Three children were born to this union. They moved to Kalkaska in 1973. Tut passed away in 1988 after 36 years of marriage. In 1989, he met and married the love of his life Alma Groesser (Anderson) at the All Faith Chapel by Father Fred; and Bubba acquired three more grown children. Bub worked in the oilfields in Odessa, TX. He farmed in Louisiana and pipelined in many more locations. In Kalkaska, he went into business with his brother-in-law Larry and created B & L Hotshot Trucking. In the early 80's, Bubba and his son Rickey started McDowell & Son's. He was co-founder and co-owner of Grandview Golf Club. He retired in 1996. Before moving to Kalkaska, he didn't understand why people would hit a little white ball and then chase it in a pasture. He became addicted to golf and played everyday that ended in "Y". He and Alma motor homed to Texas for 10 years before building their dream home at the Packsaddle, later The Lighthouse Country Club in Kingsland, TX for another 10 years. Surviving Bubba is his loving wife of 29 years, Alma; children: Donna Gail (Brad) Yohe, John Rickey (Linda) McDowell, Barry Scott McDowell, Renee (Kerry) Creel, Matthew (Sandy) Groesser, and Greg (Valerie) Groesser; his "adopted" son Royce (Terry) Thomas; 15 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings: Claudine

Stephens of Kilbourne, LA, Edward Harper (Joyce) McDowell of Kilbourne, LA, Joan Priddy of Vicksburg, MS, James (Barbara) McDowell of Kalkaska; and special nephew Michael (Pet Coon) Stephens of Coffeerville, MS.

Visitation will be from 6-8pm on Friday, February 16, 2018 at Kalkaska Funeral Home. Funeral services will take place on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 11:00am with final visitation beginning at 10am in the Chapel of Kalkaska Funeral Home. Dan Johnson will officiate the service. A luncheon will follow at the Kalkaska United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Kalkaska Commission on Aging or Father Fred Foundation. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

If you would like to watch Bub's service today, it will be live streamed via our YouTube Channel. Use the following link, then click on the live video feed. We will go live 15 minutes prior to the service. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd5ytWq5FzfG45UOfMJwqFw>

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

272 West St.  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home  
152 S Cedar St  
P.O. Box 1457  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

## Final Visitation

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home  
152 S Cedar St  
P.O. Box 1457  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

## Service

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FEB 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home  
152 S Cedar St  
P.O. Box 1457  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ So sorry for your loss!!! Looking at these pics show you all made lots of precious memories! I pray for comfort, peace and God's blessing on each of you!!!

Kathy Franklin Cowden - February 17, 2018 at 02:44 PM

KS

“ Very sorry to read of your lose. Death is an enemy whenever it strikes. The words at Rev 21:3,4 are a comfort as it gives a hope for those we have lost to death. My hope is this is a comfort to you as well now and in the months ahead. Please except my sincere sympathy.

karen sw - February 17, 2018 at 07:45 AM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kalkaska Funeral Home - February 15, 2018 at 02:20 PM

BH

“ *It's not many times in your life that you meet someone who will leave a lasting impact on you for the rest of your life. Bubba was one of those people for me. From my first day at the golf course he became one of my very favorite people. I'm glad I had the chance to spend my summers with him. You will be greatly missed Bubba.*

*Love always,  
The Piss Ripper*

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**Brandi Helsel** - February 15, 2018 at 01:41 PM

CI

“ *Alma and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. Now Bubba is in God's loving arms. Prayers for all of you.*

*Dan and Cindy Ingalls*

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**Cynthia Ingalls** - February 15, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Bubba" McDowell.*



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February 14, 2018 at 05:54 PM

CA

“ *Carl and Jamie Anderson purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John "Bubba" McDowell.*



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**Carl and Jamie Anderson** - February 14, 2018 at 04:54 PM

DG

“ Bubba McDowell was a wonderful man I think the world of him. I can still hear his bantering every time someone on the golf course says "sorry about talking". I just turn to them and proudly say "I played golf with Bub McDowell" no talking laughing or badgering can bother me now ! RIP Bubba a life well lived.

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David Grimm - February 14, 2018 at 03:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John "Bubba" McDowell.



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February 14, 2018 at 03:03 PM

AD

“ Ricky, Scott and families.  
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I will always remember all the laughs I have had with him on the golf course. I am sorry that I will be out of town for the funeral. I will be thinking of all of you and see you along the way.

GOD BLESS YOU  
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Allen Dimon - February 14, 2018 at 01:57 PM

CM

“ Carol Mitchell purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John "Bubba" McDowell.



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**Carol Mitchell** - February 14, 2018 at 01:30 PM

GM

“ I'm sure right now he is answering the phone up there (B&L if we can't truck it, you don't need it). Friends that knew him learned a lot if they listened to what he was saying between BS lines he would mix into a conversation.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. George & Tammy Molski

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**George Molski** - February 14, 2018 at 11:35 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John "Bubba" McDowell.



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February 14, 2018 at 10:36 AM

KM

“ Ricky and family. Our prayers from Louisiana go out to you all. Harp and I were just sharing good memories a few days ago about Bub. He will be missed. Love all you guys!  
Keith Murray

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**keith murray** - February 13, 2018 at 09:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Bubba" McDowell.*



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February 13, 2018 at 09:34 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to each of you during this time. May God comfort you and give you peace. Love to all.*

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**Matilda Stephens** - February 13, 2018 at 08:16 PM



“ *Bub was more like an uncle than a cousin. I remember him riding a horse named Jelly Cake around a pasture before he chased little white balls around a pasture. Those of you who know me can understand why this would be my memory. I never asked Bub or Daddy how in the world he came up with that name for a horse. I'm guessing there was a funny story behind it knowing Bub.*

*--Sharon (Newell) Beeson*

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**Sharon Newell Beeson** - February 13, 2018 at 07:20 PM



“ *Donna, Brad and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss and send our deepest sympathy. We know you loved your dad with all your heart and you will miss him so. We pray you will find comfort in your faith. Prayers for all. Love Bob and Jana Gillstrom*



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**Jana Gillstrom** - February 13, 2018 at 05:53 PM

DS

“ We will miss you Bubba. You and Miss Alma always made us feel so welcome when we joined GRANDVIEW. We enjoyed all the years that we were blessed to spend with you and your family. I am sure your “Other Brother “ had a tee waiting for you.  
God bless you Bubba and your wonderful family.  
We love you all.  
Don & Annes.

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**Donald Styers** - February 13, 2018 at 05:44 PM

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*Don & Agnes*

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**Donald Styers** - February 13, 2018 at 06:37 PM

DS

*Sorry.  
Should have read.  
Tee time and  
Don & Agnes*

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**Donald Styers** - February 13, 2018 at 08:59 PM

MH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bubba's passing! We won't be able to attend the services because we are in Florida but want to send our thoughts and prayers to you Alma and all the family! We will never forget his love for golf and his kind words! We will miss him so much and always remember the fun times we had with him! Love and Hugs, Steve & Marri Hogerheide

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**Marri Hogerheide** - February 13, 2018 at 05:07 PM