



## Glen E. Berkobien

February 4, 1938 - August 29, 2017

Berkobein, Glen E.  
Saginaw Twp., MI

The Lord felt that Glen Berkobien's earthly to-do list was complete on Tuesday, August 29, 2017, in Saginaw, and so He has called Glen home to harvest his heavenly reward.

Glen Edward Berkobien was born to Saginaw farmers Edward and Selma (Nuerminger) Berkobien on February 4, 1938, in Saginaw. He married a city girl and the love of his life, Ruth E. Frick, in 1958, and together they built a life based in faith and family. Ruth survives him. Glen was a lifelong member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church where for years he served as an usher, but the real work of his faith was the life of service that he lived. Always ready with a joke, a strong and able hand, and the ability to fix nearly anything, Glen rarely passed up an opportunity to aid someone in need. He and Ruth opened The Little House, an antique shop in Old Saginaw City, in 1982, and together they also enjoyed selling at antique shows and festivals throughout Michigan. Retiring from Grey Iron Foundry in 1998 left more time for Farmer Glen to painstakingly tend his glorious yard and garden, where his fruit and vegetable harvests were plentiful and his roses were legendary.

Also left to treasure Glen's memory are his children, Sheila Rector of Saginaw, and Brian (Sandra) Berkobien of Midland; sisters Barbara (Len) Walter of Flossmoor, IL and Carol Meader (Terry Black) of Gahanna, OH; granddaughters Morgan Wetters and Morgan Mitchell; brother-in-law and his wife, Martin (Carole) Frick of Hale; and several nieces and nephews. Glen was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Irene Hausbeck.

Glen's funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Wakeman Funeral Home, 1218 N. Michigan Ave. in Saginaw, where visitation will take place on Thursday, August 31, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., and will continue at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 1, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 Court St. Glen's funeral will be at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. James F. Krueger will officiate with burial in Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery. In lieu of flowers,

please consider a donation to Holy Cross Lutheran Church or to the Cushway Preservation Society. In lieu of that, pick and eat a tomato warm from the sun and fresh off the vine, and utter a prayer of thanks for the wonders that God's nature has to offer. Memories and sympathies of Glen may be shared with the family on his memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery

# Events

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## Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery AUG

4700 Brockway Rd.  
Saginaw, MI, 48638

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### Visitation

04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.

1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI, US, 48602

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### Visitation

10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church

600 Court St., Saginaw, MI, US, 48602

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### Funeral Service

11:00AM

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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# Comments

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“ My Condolences To That Family I knew Glen well from Church & worked with him at the Foundry May GOD Bless

**John Griesmayer Jr** - September 04, 2017 at 11:59 AM

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“ Ruth we are so sorry to hear of Glen's passing. The antique world will never be the same without him. Our prayers are with you at this sad time.

**Suzanne Short** - September 04, 2017 at 12:03 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss Ruth & family . Our thoughts & prayers are with you. May you find comfort & peace in the memories you have until you are reunited again in Heaven. God Bless  
Randy & Pat Dexter  
Scott, Erica, Logan, & Alyssa Ostrom

**Erica Ostrom** - September 02, 2017 at 10:32 AM

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“ Sorry to hear about your loss Brian.

**Ray Faubert** - September 01, 2017 at 09:01 PM

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“ Ruth, I am sorry to hear of Glen's passing. Brings back memories of our Sunday bowling and Royal Palm pizza nights. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Judy Turner Bamberg

**Judy Turner Bamberg** - September 01, 2017 at 12:40 PM

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“ Brian, so very sorry on the loss of your father, prayers for the whole family, sending our love from Poland and Tawas City, Love Stan & Angie

**Stan and Angie Harwood** - September 01, 2017 at 12:36 PM

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“ I worked with Glen at grey iron foundry. He was a good guy to work with. My condolences to Glen's family....

**Terry Koscielski** - August 31, 2017 at 06:52 PM

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“ I was fortunate to have Glen as a treasured cousin. Many summers growing up I spent 2 - 3 weeks on the farm with Glen and the family. He taught me so much about farming and also how to innovate and solve problems with mechanical solutions. All fond memories that I have reminisced on so often. We also had several summer trips together to spend time with Len and Irene in Tawas. Glen was also our ace cleanup batter in summer softball. Our older lives have had us living many miles apart but I always knew I had a super cousin back in Saginaw that was as solid as they come! My heartfelt sympathy to Ruth, the family and all his many Saginaw friends.  
With much love,  
Bill Clark

**Bill Clark** - August 31, 2017 at 03:57 PM

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“ One of my fondest memories of Glen is when I purchased a new car. He asked if we could take it for a ride. He proceeded to become a race car driver It was so much fun! I will miss you always! Melodye

**Melodye Adomaitis** - August 31, 2017 at 01:26 PM

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“ Ruth, Sheila and Brian.....I am truly sorry for the loss of Glen. He certainly was a great man. A very kind soul for sure. I will always remember how he made me wine for the tables at my wedding, everyone raved about them! That wine was the best! I will always appreciate you all letting me live with you for months before graduation. The home grown potatoes rocked!!!! I am happy that I got to see him at the wedding in August. I know you will all miss him greatly. Love to all....Kim

kim - August 31, 2017 at 01:15 PM

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“ Holly Bloedel lit a candle in memory of Glen E. Berkobien



Holly Bloedel - August 31, 2017 at 08:58 AM

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“ Ruth. so sorry to learn about Glen's passing.  
Always enjoyed meeting him at MI Antique Festival, your shop and Coin Shows.  
A really nice fellow.  
Our condolences. RIP Glen.  
Chuck [Tom] and Darlene Sharpe

C T Sharpe - August 30, 2017 at 02:01 PM

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“ Ruth, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I know Glen was your soul mate and he will be deeply missed by everyone Deb Kaster.



Deb Kaster - August 30, 2017 at 12:57 PM

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“ Ruth and family. I am so sorry for the loss of Glen. I will always treasure the old glass cabinet from the house I was born in that he finished for me when Denny passed before he had it done. He did beautiful work on it and I will always remember when it was delivered and we shared stories about it with my brother who was visiting. Glen put a lot of love into his craft and it showed. We will miss you.

**Joyce Eurich** - August 30, 2017 at 12:48 PM

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“ Proud to say I knew Glen. I always sought his useful advice on problems and issues with my fruit trees. Glen would ask for help with computer issues also at my former pc shop. One of the best, will miss him.

Ron Willard

**ron willard** - August 30, 2017 at 10:24 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss of Glen. Saw him last Thursday and talked about antiques. He was always a good nature man to talk with. Heartfelt sorrow for you Ruth and your children. Kay Mac Vicar

**Kay Mac Vicar** - August 30, 2017 at 09:24 AM

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“ I have sat beside him in Church services since we were in school. He could never carry a tune, BUT when he sang it was all heart and I enjoyed sitting next to him.

**Merv Beyersdorf** - August 29, 2017 at 09:45 PM