



## Vincent Rodger Klamerus

March 24, 1940 - February 14, 2022

Vincent Rodger Klamerus, age 81, of Drummond Island, Michigan, died at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Michigan, on February 14, 2022. He was born on March 24, 1940, in Goetzville, Michigan to Frank and Helen (Zwolinski) Klamerus.

Vince grew up in Goetzville and graduated from Detour High School. He married the love of his life, Ruth on May 4th, 1963, later moving to Drummond Island. He began working as an equipment operator in his family business at an early age, before establishing and operating numerous businesses. He worked as an insurance agent with John Hancock Life Insurance Company, owned and operated Wa-Wen Resort on Drummond Island for 12 years with his wife Ruth, and was most well-known for his time spent operating Vince Klamerus Excavating throughout the Eastern Upper Peninsula for 30 years. He also owned and operated Sune's Food Center in DeTour Village with Ruth for many years.

Vince was an active member of his community, as a lifetime member of the DI Lions Club, DI Snowmobile club, and volunteer at many community events throughout the years.

Vince loved to travel and explore new places throughout his life and took many boating and snowmobiling trips with Ruth and his family and friends. He continued to travel and experience new places late in life, always taking time to stop and meet new people, learn about them, and create new friendships along the way. Vince loved his family and enjoyed visiting every chance he could, spending endless hours teaching, fishing, telling stories, and listening to their experiences as his family grew. He was beloved and will be greatly missed by all.

Vince is survived by his daughter, Wendi (Scott) Boger; daughter-in-law, Janis (Paul) Gratowski; sisters, Jeanne Klamerus, Kathleen Klamerus, Frances (Mike) Rairigh, brothers, Robert (Theresa) Klamerus, David (Sharon) Klamerus; sister in-law Ann Schultz; brother in-law Sune E. (Carol) Bucht; grandchildren, Janelle (William) Hurles, Nathan (Jessica) Klamerus, and Matthew Gratowski; and great grandchildren, Owen, Harper, Mason, and Camden.

Vince was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth B. Klamerus; son, Vincent Wade Klamerus; parents, Frank and Helen Klamerus; sister, Sally Klamerus; parent in-laws Sune and Hilka Bucht; brother in-law Carl (Bonnie) Bucht.

A graveside service and interment will be at Drummond Island Township Cemetery on Drummond Island, Michigan, in the spring of 2022.

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.galerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.galerfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Drummond Island Cemetery

34318 S Townline Road  
Drummond Island, MI 49726

# Tribute Wall

AG

“ So sorry for your family's loss.

Andy Gable - February 21 at 10:29 AM

SC

“ Wendy, Scott and the whole family,  
I am so sorry to hear this news. I sure thought the world of  
“Uncle Vince” (as you know, that’s how I knew him by being  
with Marie). He was such a jokester with a kind heart.  
Uncle Vince always greeted me with a big smile and a hug.  
He sure will be missed. Hugs and love to you and all who  
love him.



Stacy Black Christensen - February 21 at 08:39 AM

DM

“ Wendy and Vince's family,

So sorry for your loss. Vince was one of those people who had a gift of gab but  
he always had a friendly and positive attitude. His bother Bob and I were  
classmates and good friends.

RIP Vince, you will be missed by family  
and friends.

Dave Miller  
DeTour Village

David Miller - February 20 at 06:17 PM

JB

“ I’ve I have only known Vince the last five years, not as many as most. It was a  
pleasure being his neighbor and getting to know him. He was a very respected  
man who will be very much missed. Our condolences go out to all of his family.  
Jason and Jennifer Brimer and family.

Jason Brimer - February 20 at 03:57 PM

JS

“ So sorry for the passing of Vince, thoughts and prayers for the family.



Jackie Spangler - February 20 at 11:43 AM

JP

“ So sorry to hear of Vince's passing. We are thinking of you all at this sad time.  
Matt & Jody Peterson

Jody Peterson - February 20 at 10:27 AM

RE

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers are with all of you during this time. Randy and Karen Evans



Randy - Karen Evans - February 19 at 07:11 PM

LL

“ Linda Lehman lit a candle in memory of Vincent Rodger Klamerus



Linda Lehman - February 19 at 05:57 PM

M&

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts at this difficult time. We both have many memories of visiting with Vince, he always asked questions and seemed genuinely interested in our answers. We can picture it now, Vince and Ruth Polkaing up a storm! Loved to watch the 2 of them they had so much fun. Drummond will not be the same, Vince had quite an influence on so many. Polka away Vince! Wishing you peace,  
Mike & Diane



M&D - February 19 at 09:31 AM

SS

“ Sharon Sherlund lit a candle in memory of Vincent Rodger Klamerus



Sharon Sherlund - February 18 at 08:30 PM

SS

*we are so sorry for your loss, May God comfort you with the memories you now hold so dear.*

Sharon Sherlund - February 18 at 08:33 PM

MT

*Dear Wendy and family, I am sorry for your loss, Vince was always the same friend when ever we met! Love and prayers for all! Ms tassier*

matha tassier - February 19 at 09:48 AM

BC

*We're so sorry to hear of your loss Prayers for all. From Bill Clegg*

Bill Clegg - February 23 at 07:56 AM

JM

*Love Vince like a brother, and Pinky says she can dance his legs off, a St Patrick's day on Beaver, Isl. Jeff M*

jeff mestelle - March 31 at 11:48 PM