



Daniel W. Walenty

May 15, 1941 - June 10, 2005

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64, Emmett, "Dan Dan the Choo Choo Man" died Friday, June 10, 2005 at his home.

He was born May 15, 1941 in Detroit the son of Henry W. and Helen Boksa Walenty. He is a 1958 graduate of Edsel Ford High School, Dearborn. He entered the U. S. Army Reserves out of high school and discharged in 1968. His marriage to Bette Pingston was September 8, 1961 in Detroit. They moved to Emmett in 1971.

Dan designed and built several small-scale engines and cars for parades and individual events and served thousands of children with rides.

He was employed for 35 years with Detroit Edison in the metro area as a supervisor of mechanics and retired June of 1999.

Surviving in addition to his wife Bette of 43 years are a son and daughter-in-law Curtis and Laura of IL, daughter Sheryl Walenty of Marine City; his mother Helen Tapscott of NV; grandchildren Matthew, Jacob, Shelby, Brant, and Hannah and several nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather Warren Tapscott, aunt Lillian Killian, and cousin Michael Killian.

His family honors the memory of Daniel and invites you to visit and share Sunday 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Monday from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Richmond, and attend funeral services 11:00 a.m. Tuesday with

10:00 a.m. visiting.

Memorials are suggested to “Wishes of the Family”.

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Previous Events

Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kaatz Funeral Directors - Richmond
71235 Memphis Ridge Road
Richmond, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Betty,
So sorry to hear about Dan. We will always remember the choo
choo man. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.
Love Bob & Shelley*

*Big Hug.....##imported-begin##Bob & Shelley
Dillingham##imported-end##*

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“ *Betty
Just able to read my email(it has been down for a few days). Sorry to
hear about Dan, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
Be strong!*

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“ Dan brought smiles to all, young and old. His big heart and happiness was an inspiration to all. He touched many many lives and I am glad mine was one. I am proud to have known him as a friend.

Each time we run our Fire Clowns Hook and Ladder Truck I will remember Dan.

That was one of Dan's many great accomplishments. The front half of the Clown Team Hook and Ladder Truck he built for the Canton Fire Department Clown Team.

Thank You Dan, we will miss you and we know your spirit will always be with us.

Betty our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Jim Davison

aka "Dizzy" the Clown

Captain Canton Fire Department)##imported-begin##Jim Davison

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“ He was a great man and will be truly missed. My prayers are with you for you are in my thoughts every step of the way. They say memories are the legacy of love and there are the memories of all those great stories he so loved to tell. I personally will never forget the one of "the pigs and that 'damn' bowling ball".

Love Ya,

Bonnie & Family##imported-begin##Bonnie Steece##imported-end##

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