



## Martin John DeBats

September 27, 1937 - March 10, 2021

Martin John DeBats, 83, of Bay City, our caring, humorous, and most devoted father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend passed away on Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

Martin was born in Bay City on September 27, 1937, the son of the late John and Dorothy (Gerard) DeBats. He graduated from Bay City Central High School, and proudly served our country in the U.S. Army, where he joined the Army Band. While in high school, Martin met the former Judy Cahalan. Martin was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart in 1959; a wonderful marriage that was blessed with three beautiful daughters. Martin retired from Bay County in 1999, where he worked in maintenance for many years. An all-around handyman, he was a "Jack of All Trades" who would help anyone in need. In his free time, he enjoyed spending time enjoying the great outdoors, especially fishing up north at the family cabin. Very musically inclined, Martin was in several bands, where he played the saxophone. He was a lover of jazz and polka. Martin's humorous and fun-loving ways will forever live on.

He leaves to carry on his legacy, his three daughters, Julie (Mark) Woods, Mary (Robert) Buchanan, and Barb (Ken) Drabik; grandchildren, Matthew (Kim) Buchanan, Ashley Connally, Jay (Ashley) Buchanan, Alex Drabik, and Brendan Woods; great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Reagan, Jordan, Ryan, Liam, and Mae; sister, Carolyn, along with many nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to his parents, Martin was welcomed home to heaven by his sister, Gladys Chambers.

Martin's family will be present to receive visitors on Friday, March 19, 2021, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Skorupski Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 821 N. Pine Rd., between Ridge & Center.

The entire family wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks to those who stayed by Martin through thick and thin, especially his nephew, Ross, and dear friends, Dan Duso, Don Hollsinger, and Lynn Butterfield. Memorial contributions may be directed to the wishes of the family. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family online at [www.skorups](http://www.skorups)



# Events

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**MAR** **Visiting** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Skorupski Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services - Bay County  
821 N. Pine Rd., Essexville, MI, US, 48732

# Comments

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“ Mary Addison lit a candle in memory of Martin John DeBats



Mary Addison - April 19, 2021 at 02:27 PM

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“ My sincerest sympathy to Marty's family. He loved his girls, each of you hold a special place in his heart, as well as his grandchildren.

Marty was always so much fun and loved to laugh.

He, my husband Mark and Tom Miller enjoyed countless hours of playing in the band, The 4 Horsemen. Their band played for so many weddings and events, they were very well known in the area, and the guests danced all night. What a great testament to his love for music and all their talent.

May your precious memories bring you smiles and peace each and every day.

Lori Ruthruff - March 18, 2021 at 11:00 AM

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“ I always liked Marty. Many a time I came in to work and he would be in the area and always had a laugh or a hello. It was always a good way to start my shift.

Sympathy to the family and R.I.P. Marty.

Don Sargent

Don Sargent - March 18, 2021 at 10:58 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martin John DeBats.



March 18, 2021 at 09:37 AM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martin John DeBats.



March 15, 2021 at 02:47 PM

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“ Kelly Brown lit a candle in memory of Martin John DeBats



**Kelly Brown** - March 15, 2021 at 10:06 AM

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“ To Julie, Mary, and Barb; Your dad was a very nice guy who loved his girls above all else. I know you have so many good memories to bring you comfort, and that is the gift he leaves. Honor him and your mom by loving each other. Love you 3.

**diann gorte** - March 13, 2021 at 08:13 PM

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“ My sympathy to the whole DeBats family. Marty was such a special guy and I always enjoyed being around him and sharing funny stories. May he Rest In Peace, he'll be missed by all who knew him.

**Thomas Tober** - March 13, 2021 at 06:49 PM

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“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Martin John DeBats.



March 13, 2021 at 06:46 PM