

Wendall A. Clayton

The Outlaw

2008

(THE OUTLAW)

SEPTEMBER 24, 1956 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2008

LONG TIME MEMBER OF MICHIGAN'S
MAJESTIC ORDER OF VAN ENTUSIASTS VAN CLUB

A FOUNDING MEMBER OF MICHIGAN & OHIO'S
MOVE-N-TRUCKERS VAN CLUB

HIS VAN'S
WANTED THE OUTLAW (GREEN DODGE)
SHOWDOWN (BROWN DODGE)
STEEL HORSE (WHITE DODGE)
(1 MEMBER OF MOVE'S DODGE BOYS)

HE LOVED COUNTRY MUSIC, BOWLING, SOFTBALL, HUNTING, CAMPING & TRAVELING.

BUT MOST OF ALL **VANNING**. HIS CLUB JACKET RAN OUT OF ROOM FOR PATCHES LONG AGO, SO HE STARTED PINNING PATCHES OVER PATCHES.

HE ALWAYS CARRIED TWO COWBOY HATS, ONE FOR THE VAN & ONE FOR HIM.
AT ANY VAN SHOW, HE ALWAYS WORE HIS HAT, STOOD IN THE BACKGROUND, SMOKED MARLBORO LIGHTS & DRANK BUD LIGHT.

THOU HE WENT BY THE NAME **OUTLAW**, WHILE TEACHING OUR SON RUSSELL TO SHOW RESPECT, HE WAS NICKNAMED **UNCLE WENDALL** BY MY WIFE. FOR THE LAST 20 OR SO YEARS, HE BECAME **UNCLE WENDALL** TO MOST SECOND GENERATION VANNERS HE MET.

JUST ONE SHORT STORY:

WHILE ON OUR WAY TO COLORADO, HIS VAN BROKE DOWN. I WENT AHEAD TO CAMP AND GOT BIG JIM & HIS 4x4 TO PULL WENDALL THRU THE MOUNTAINS TO THE NATIONALS. WHEN HE GOT THERE, HE SAID "**I'LL WORK ON THE VAN TOMORROW, TONIGHT I'M GETTING DRUNK**". THE NEXT MORNINIG WHEN HE OPENED HIS DOORS THERE WERE THREE FULL MECHANIC TOOL BOXES, FLOOR JACKS, AND MORE HELP THEN HE COULD USE, WAITING FOR HIM TO GET UP. THREE DAYS & SEVERAL TRIPS TO THE AUTO PARTS STORE, THE TRANSMISSION WAS REBUILT.
THE NEXT TWO WEEKS WE SPENT "ON TOUR" THROUGH THE WESTERN STATES.

HE OFTEN SAID OF VANNERS, "**YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW WHO THEY ARE. THEY JUST HELP BECAUSE VANNERS HELP OTHER VANNERS**".

HE WILL ALWAYS BE WITH US

DON ONYSKOW (VANISH)

