



Raymond VanderVlught

June 3, 1915 - February 14, 2011

Raymond VanderVlught of Cadillac went to be with his Lord Monday evening, February 14, 2011 at his home. He was 95. He was born in Lucas on June 3, 1915 to Ralph & Henrika Henrietta (VanWieren) VanderVlught. He married the former Marvis Eleanor Swartwood on March 27, 1937 in Lucas and she preceded him in death on October 30, 2000. He later married the former Juanita (Seelye) Moore in Cadillac on April 17, 2004.

He was employed at B.F. Goodrich for 18 years and later at the Cadillac State Bank for 20 years as head of maintenance for their several locations and retired in 1980. He loved wood working, carpentry and was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Ray was a member of the First Baptist Church in Cadillac and since his marriage to Juanita he also attended the Northern Lights Church of Cadillac.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita of Cadillac; daughter, Esther (Dallas) Ashbay of Cadillac; grandchildren: Steven (Mimi) Johnson of Virginia Beach, VA, Michael Johnson of Grand Rapids, Mark Ashbay of Grand Rapids, Paul (Ann) Ashbay of Cadillac, Susan (Aaron) Whipple of Racine, WI, and Sarah (James) Burkhart of Mount Pleasant; 11 great grandchildren; step children: Larry (Ann) Moore, Greg (Wendy) Moore all of Cadillac and Sharon (Thomas) Reamer of Lake City; step grandchildren: Larry (Carol) Moore, II of Tennessee, John (Kelly) Moore of Lake City, Lisa (Russell) Fox of Manton,

Aimie (Chad) Rayborn of Grand Rapids and Heidi (Brent) Shubring of Brighton; 10 step great grandchildren. In addition to his first wife Marvis he was preceded in death his sisters: Gladys Marvin and Gertrude Swartwood; a brother, Herbert VanderVlucht and a daughter, Emilie Hill.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, February 19, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Cadillac with Reverend David McMahon and Reverend John Mellish officiating. Burial will be at Richland Township Cemetery in Missaukee County. Friends may meet the family from 4-7 PM Friday at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund or to Northern Lights Church of Cadillac Renovation Fund. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

SP

“ Ray was one of those quiet soldiers for Christ. He is one of those who finished well. Enjoy heaven, Ray. See you soon.

Steve and Betty Playter - February 21, 2011 at 08:52 AM

CS

“ Juanita, I sorry for the lost of your husband. God bless you and your family this time of sorrow. With my deepest sympathy.

cheryl smith - February 18, 2011 at 05:14 PM

FS

“ Going to the Old Engine show won't be the same without you Uncle Ray. I don't know who was more excited to go there me or Uncle Ray. I'll miss you, but at the same time I know you're home with Jesus and the ones that have gone home before us.?

Frank Swartwood - February 18, 2011 at 07:35 AM

JC

“ I didnt get to know Ray for long but the time i did ge to spend with him was a blessing in its self. Ray was gental man, careing and loveing man who loved his family more than words could express you could she it in his eyes and faceurning the brife moments that Ray and i would talk, Ray would always talk highly his family and you could see how proud of his family he really was and there accomplishments they made in there lives. Ray was a model Husband to his late wife Juanita, Ray you will be missed down here on earth but now you can be with God in heaven, so Ray i say to you enjoy the new journey that you are on, and we will meet agian in heaven some day God Bless.

Jason Cooley - February 17, 2011 at 10:16 AM

SL

“ *Esther, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad, lonely, confusing, and difficult time.*

Sally Loughrin - February 16, 2011 at 09:52 PM

DA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you in our time of Rays loss. He will be missed but also remembered for the many life's he touched during his lifetime.*

Donald & Patty Anderson - February 16, 2011 at 07:12 PM

GS

“ *Although I haven't seen "Uncle" Ray for many years, I remember fondly the many good times I spent in his home as a youngster. He and Marvis always had a warm welcome for our family. It saddened me to learn of his death. May he rest in peace.*

Gordon W. Van Wieren, Sr. - February 16, 2011 at 04:24 PM

MH

“ *We will miss you so much, Ray. Our prayers are with your family.*

Michelle and Nate Heffron - February 16, 2011 at 12:35 PM

ML

“ *With deepest sympathy*

Michael Leonard - February 16, 2011 at 11:48 AM

PS

“ *May God comfort you during this time of great loss. Praying for you.*

Pastor Mike and Cya Stambaugh - February 16, 2011 at 11:22 AM

PF

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers that God will comfort you at this time of loss.*

Podbilski Family - February 16, 2011 at 10:13 AM