



Wendell Vernon Holmes

June 24, 1925 - December 26, 2014

Wendell Vernon Holmes of Tustin passed away Friday, December 26, 2014 at Spectrum Health Blodgett Campus in Grand Rapids. He was 89. He was born on June 24, 1925 in Tustin to Sylvester & Lillian Pearl (Langworthy) Holmes and they preceded him in death.

Mr. Holmes was a decorated World War II Veteran serving in the United States Army. After returning from the war he worked at a General Motors plant in Grand Rapids. In 1955 he moved up north to raise his family and farm. He also had been employed at Kysor in Cadillac for 10 years. Wendell built and was the owner/operator of the Diamond Lake Lounge for 7 years. After he sold the lounge he retired and still enjoyed various business ventures. His loved to spend time with his family, tell stories, fishing, hunting, mushrooming, trapping and gardening and participated in the local farm markets. He attended St. Agnes Catholic Church in Marion and was a member of the VFW Post 10770 in Leroy and a former member of the American Legion Post 94 in Cadillac.

On July 1, 1947 in Cadillac He married the former Theresa Ann Harman and she survives him along with their children: Vickie (Thomas) Pangborn of Traverse City, Thomas (Gloria) Holmes of Leroy and Joey (Brenda) Holmes of Gaylord; grandchildren: Christine (Daniel C.) Wherry, Emily (Kenneth) Davies, Heidi Pangborn, Lance (Randi) Holmes; great grandchildren: Bryce and Theo

Wherry, Annistyn, Braelynn, and Kenleigh Holmes; a brother, Elden Holmes of Bristol; 2 sisters: Wilda Shaw of Reed City and Shirley Moffitt of Cadillac; many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a son, Oliver Wendell Holmes in 2006; 3 brothers: Alvin, Sherman and Doyle Holmes; 3 sisters: Aletha Feeley, Vesta Smith and Doris Draves and an infant sister, Myrna Holmes.

A Memorial Mass will be held 11:00 AM Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Marion with Fr. Joe Fix as celebrant and full military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. Friends may meet the family at the church on Monday from 6-8 PM with a Scripture service at 7:30 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation or to Make A Wish Foundation. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

KW

“ Prayers to Teresa and family. Heaven has welcomed an awesome guy whose full of good humor. I will never forget all the stories. People come and go in life and Wendell definitely is unforgettable. Rest in peace!

Kim Warzak - January 16, 2015 at 06:34 PM

DC

“ So sorry for the loss of Uncle Wendell. I was not able to attend funeral since I was out of town, but kept all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

Diana (Feeley) Carpenter - December 30, 2014 at 04:37 PM

CP

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Sending our love and prayers.

Carlton and Shelby Plyler - December 29, 2014 at 03:00 PM

JS

“ We are so sorry to hear of his passing, but so grateful for the contributions and value he added to this world while he was here! Tom and Gloria - we wish you and your family all the love all the love and peace we can send to you as you mourn his passing and celebrate his life.

Jennifer Morrill & Dave Sendre - December 29, 2014 at 02:58 PM

ME

“ My heartfelt sympathy and prayer for your family. Faith, Hope & Love...the greatest of these is Love. Love & care for each other in this time of grief for Wendell - what a wonderful man he was!!

Maggie Norman Ecker - December 29, 2014 at 01:34 PM

BM

“ *My condolences to the family. May you draw close to God for strength and comfort, knowing that he cares for you. (1Peter 5:7)*

Beatrice Mitchell - December 29, 2014 at 09:36 AM

TM

“ *Thinking of you all. Sending love.*

Tom and Marcia McDonald - December 29, 2014 at 07:51 AM

DB

“ *Surround those who have been shaken by tragedy with a sense of your present love, And hold them in faith.
Though they are lost in grief, may they find you and be comforted;
Through Jesus Christ who was dead, but lives and rules this world with you.*

Amen.

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

David and Lynne Buskirk - December 28, 2014 at 12:17 PM

CW

“ *Love you always Grandpa!*

Christie, Chris, Bryce, & Theo Wherry - December 28, 2014 at 11:46 AM

SH

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers*

Suzy and Mike Hees - December 28, 2014 at 11:04 AM