



Ernam Lloyd Royston

January 28, 1928 - November 13, 2018

Ernam Lloyd Royston, a beloved and humble farmer and friend of many, went to be with his Lord and Savior on November 13, 2018. Ernam, age 90, entered this world on January 28, 1928 in Charlotte, MI, one of five children born to Lester and Leeta (Parr) Royston. His entire life was spent in Charlotte, graduating from Charlotte High School in 1946, and in school he was active in FFA and the Band, playing baritone and French horn. He also played violin and various other instruments. On September 20, 1947 he married Virginia Holley, and together they raised three children on the family farm. Farming was what Ernam enjoyed most, as a favorite poem stated, "I'm just a farmer, plain and simple. Not of royal birth, but rather a worker of the earth. I know not of riches, but rather of patches on my britches." He also worked at Eaton Intermediate Schools in maintenance for 15 years, and as a substitute rural postal carrier, but a farmer all his life.

A man of faith and lifelong member of the Crossroads United Brethren Church, Ernam enjoyed being active on the Board, Properties Team, many church activities, and belonging to the Men's Brotherhood. Always working behind the scene, Ernam preferred doing things without being noticed, out of the goodness of his heart and never for any thanks or recognition. His daughters lovingly recognize and remember him as a great father, and a quiet, patient, even-tempered, kind and compassionate man who was best known for his honesty and integrity in all that he did.

Ernam is survived by his daughters, Silver (Marv) Spitzley and Dawn (Dan) Hoffman; grandchildren, Autumn (Gary) Teeple, Nathan (Sarah) Spitzley, Cassondra (Casey) King, and Jason (Melissa) Hulsebos; 9 great-grandchildren; sister, Sharon (Lewie) Young; and sisters-in-law, Jean Royston and Carol Holley; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Ernam was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Virginia in 2011; son, Ronald Royston; great-grandson, Ethan Teeple; sisters, Anna Mae Conley and Elaine Gray; brother, Vernon Royston.

The family would like to thank Ernam's extended family: his home health care providers as well as the nurses, CNA's, and entire staff that became his extended family for the last six

years at Eaton Gardens.

Friends are encouraged to celebrate the life and support the family of Ernam Royston at visitation and funeral services. Funeral services are Saturday, November 17, 1:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Rev. James Kendall officiating. Visitation is Friday, November 16, 2-4:00 PM and 6-8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contribution be made to Crossroads United Brethren Church or Eaton County Health and Rehabilitation Services Activity Fund. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Ernam on his Tribute Page at <http://www.PrayFuneral.com>. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI, 48813

Events

NOV **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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401 W. Seminary St., Charlotte, MI, US, 48813

NOV **Funeral Ceremony** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 17, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ Loved the webcast! Being able to attend Uncle Ernam's memorial from FL was such a blessing. Thank you for providing this service!

April - November 17, 2018 at 07:57 PM



“ A tribute video has been added.



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 15, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ Dawn, Dan, Silver & Marv. I have been saddened all week with the news of Uncle Ernam's passing. I have had you all in my thoughts and prayers. I wish so much that I could be there with all of you, especially today for his farewell and burial. All of you should be so proud of the care you've provided him with and your faithfulness to always be there for him each and every day! I can hear the Lord saying - Well done my faithful and loving daughters and sons- !!! But now as your lives begin to change, embrace one another and its now time to live your lives. Have fun, relax, enjoy life! You all deserve it! I will miss your dad and continue loving him! Hugs from my heart and lots of love! Wish I could be there for you and with you, but only our Lord and Savior can give you the peace and comfort you need. Love you all!!!!!!!



April Hellinger - November 17, 2018 at 09:09 AM



“ Dear Royston family,

On behalf of the McLeod family, we are so very sorry for your loss. Ernam was a wonderful man and we feel very honored as a family that you shared him with us. We have many fond memories of the farm, Ernam, Virginia and of course Ron. We wish you great comfort in your time of loss.

Marci Hicks - November 16, 2018 at 06:03 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
He was a faithful servant of our Lord.
Lonnie and Grace Wolfe

Grace Wolfe - November 16, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ We will miss seeing him working on the fields in front of our house, he always had time to wave. I had a few interesting talks with him when visiting Virginia getting advice about AVON.

Margaret Meilstrup

Margaret E Meilstrup - November 16, 2018 at 09:41 AM



“ 44 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 15, 2018 at 09:20 PM



“ What a great man, husband and Father. I will always remember his friendliness!

Mary Hall - November 15, 2018 at 02:12 PM



“ Dawn, Dan and Family,

I am sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved father. He will always be with you in memory and in spirit and of course you and your family will join him and all those who have gone before you.

Over the years, I have been so awed by your family and the love and devotion that you have for each other. That is certainly a tribute to how you were raised and how you I you chose to live your lives. I am sure your parents are profoundly proud and looking down with such pride.

May God Bless all of you during this time. Your family legacy continues on earth as it does in heaven.

Mary Uerling - November 15, 2018 at 08:06 AM



“ I was deeply sorry to hear of Mr Roystons passing...It is always so bittersweet to know they are in heaven and reunited with those who have gone before them, but also the sorrow of those left behind...

He was such a kind and gentle soul and I am so glad to have come to know him.

I will be thinking of all his family as they celebrate his life , I know he will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Lori Brown

Lori J Brown - November 14, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ Silver and Dawn, We are so sorry for the loss (on earth) of your dear father. He has finished the race laid out for him. We will miss his sweet smile and his singing with us the great hymns of the faith that he knew and loved so well. Promoted to glory!
David and Brynda Filkins

Brynda Filkins - November 13, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ What a well posted obituary! So many memories of visiting the farm as kids and wanting to help Grandpa and Uncle Ernam do the chores. I used to love being there when they would cut the silage (loved that smell). I can still picture that ornery grin that broke into a full smile and hearty giggle. He was a Godly man from a Godly family! I am so thankful to be a part of the Royston family. Our loss here on earth is certainly Heaven's gain! Love and prayers to all!

Kurt Gray - November 13, 2018 at 08:34 PM



“ He stayed with you a long time. Sorry to hear that he is gone. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Thomas Folkert - November 13, 2018 at 07:44 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Ernam was a sweet sweet guy that had a smile on his face that would make your heart melt. Prayers & hugs to all of you.

Lanette Cater - November 13, 2018 at 06:58 PM



“ So sorry for your loss , I loved ernam ! I found out today he passed ...hugs to all of you , I'll miss him too

Teresa Bisalski - November 14, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ Dawn, I am so sorry for your loss. You were blessed to have him for 90 years. I'm sure you have many happy memories to comfort you at this difficult time. Gob bless you my friend.

Terri Slade

Terri Slade - November 15, 2018 at 07:42 PM



“ Uncle Ernam was a quiet, honest & gentle man. I loved him and will miss him. My brother & I used to spend a lot of time on the farm with he & his family when we were young children. His death brings back many warm memories. He was so faithful to his church and his brothers & sisters in Christ. He is home with his beloved savior, wife and son.

Sheri Sanders - November 13, 2018 at 07:13 PM



“ Dawn and Dan, We just learned of your father's death. While we didn't really know him, personally, we have heard about him. He sounds like a great guy. You are fortunate to have had him as a father. Remember those good times, as they will sustain your family through your grief. Remember, you did NOT lose him. You know exactly where he is.

Theron & Helen Smith

Theron & Helen Smith - November 13, 2018 at 07:04 PM



“ Very sorry to learn of your loss Dawn & Dan. May his memories live on through you.

Richard Deer - November 13, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ Enjoy your wife, son and great grandson. You have been a patient man and now sit in the best place in the world. It has been my privilege to know you and your family.

Linda Moloney - November 13, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ Ernam always gave us a little wave when we would sit down in our pew on Sunday morning! He was a quiet man, but you could tell he cared for you by his smile! I always am proud to say I'm distantly related to the Royston Family!

Carol LaCross - November 14, 2018 at 10:04 AM