



Allan 'Al' Arnold Hirt

January 19, 1936 - November 5, 2022

Allan "Al" Arnold Hirt, 86, of Okemos, a civic-minded man, passed away on November 5, 2022. He was born on January 19, 1936, to Arnold and Lydia Hirt in Cleveland, Ohio. On June 4, 1960, Al married Shirley and they enjoyed 62 years of marriage. He graduated with a Business degree from Cleveland State University, and began his career at Ford Motor Company in the Lansing District Sales office. In 1974, he bought Al Hirt Ford-Mercury in Charlotte. After closing the business in 1980, he became VP of Sales for a beverage distributorship in Battle Creek until 1985. Al joined a startup computer company in Okemos and later became a financial planner for Thrivent, a Lutheran insurance company. Next, he became district sales manager for a Cleveland company and concluded his employment history at Adtech Plastics in Charlotte in 2000. Al took two part-time retirement jobs: Eaton County Sheriff Department, 17 years; Wheat Jewelers, 21 years.

Al's love of community, country, and God led him to belong to the Rotary, Gideons, American Legion, First Lutheran Church, St. Luke Lutheran Church, AARP Foundation Tax Aide, HGB Development Council and Executive Committee, and the University Club of MSU. He proudly served his country in the National Guard and with active Army duty (1958-1964), serving during the Berlin crisis in the Kennedy years.

Beloved hobbies included golf, travel (especially to California to visit his

daughter and her family), and many cruises. He enjoyed skiing and snowmobiling with the kids, lots of motor home trips, and was a Spartan fan. His greatest source of enjoyment was raising two successful children and his marriage to Shirley. Al loved classic and luxury cars and this began early - at 16, he took an engine out of a 1940 Ford and rebuilt it, much to his father's surprise.

Al is survived by his wife, Shirley; daughter, Denise (Fred) Macias; son, Douglas (Linda) Hirt; grandchildren, Alex (Danielle McGraw) Brown, Cole (Sabrina) Macias, Logan Hirt, Lindsey (Daniel) Kopechek; great-grandchild, Willow Brown; and brother, Geoffrey (Linda) Hirt. He was predeceased in death by his parents and his brother, Donald.

Friends are encouraged to support Al's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 5589 Van Atta Rd, Haslett, MI on Monday, November 14 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM, and Tuesday, November 15 from 10:00-11:00 AM. Funeral services are Tuesday, November 15 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Trevor Sutton officiating. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Allan Hirt tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Luke Lutheran Church or Gideons International. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke Lutheran Church
5589 Van Atta Road
Haslett, MI 48840

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NOV **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Allan 'Al' Arnold Hirt*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 15, 2022 at 10:28 AM

LP

“ *So glad we were able to spend time with you these past few months. You will be dearly missed. ❤️🙏*

Don Rembiesa, Laura Perkins and Carol Davis



Laura Perkins - November 15, 2022 at 09:46 AM

LF

“ *Shirley and family,
It was an honor to have met Al. He touched so many lives, ours included. Our condolences to you all. You are in our prayers.
Tim and Lynda Frantz*

Lynda J Frantz - November 14, 2022 at 08:33 PM

GT

“ Shirley
So sorry to hear of Al's passing. He was an outstanding man and will be dearly missed by you and your family. May he Rest In Peace.
Gary and Janet Tellier

Gary Tellier - November 14, 2022 at 12:34 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Allan 'Al' Arnold Hirt.



November 14, 2022 at 11:10 AM

DH

“ I always looked up to my Uncle Allan. Literally, he was a tall and handsome man. But more than that he was sincere, thoughtful, and so very kind, as was Aunt Shirley and the entire family. And like my Dad, his brother, he was incredibly handy and mechanically inclined, able to fix just about anything, and would go out of his way to help others. He touched a lot of lives and I still fondly remember snowmobiling through the woods with him, playing hockey on his pond in the winter and fishing for bass in the summer, all of which were incredibly fun firsts and nostalgic times for a young kid from California, and memories I still cherish. So wonderful to see the photos of the newest member of the family, Willow, and a great gift that he was able to meet his great granddaughter.

Love to all, David Hirt

David Hirt - November 13, 2022 at 09:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Allan 'Al' Arnold Hirt.



November 13, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Allan 'Al' Arnold Hirt.



November 13, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Allan 'Al' Arnold Hirt.



November 12, 2022 at 08:39 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Allan 'Al' Arnold Hirt.



November 12, 2022 at 02:35 AM

BP

“ Hi Shirley! I'm sorry to hear about Al. You and your family are in my prayers.

Bonnie B Parr - November 11, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Allan 'Al' Arnold Hirt.



November 11, 2022 at 09:52 AM

LN

“ John and I send our condolences to Shirley and the rest of your family. John enjoyed his many years working with Al at the dealership. God's blessings to you all.

Laurie Newland - November 10, 2022 at 08:00 PM

BH

“ We always remember Al as thoughtful, kind, and helpful. It was a pleasure to know him and Shirley and have fond memories of them both. Al was a great christian and a model for all who knew him. So sorry to hear of his passing, he has earned his heavenly reward.
Joan and Bill Hartwig

Bill Hartwig - November 10, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Allan 'Al' Arnold Hirt.*



November 09, 2022 at 07:21 PM



“ *Mr. Hirt was a great friend to our family for many years. I always appreciated his humor, his advice, and the friendship. He is greatly missed, but my life, and the lives of my family members and of all who were blessed to know him, are better for having known him. Peace to all of his loved ones.*

Mark Foster - November 09, 2022 at 02:49 PM



*Al Hirt was a friend, neighbor, Ford co-worker, and fellow Ford dealer totaling 56 years.
Al was a practicing Christian man, a terrific husband, father, grandfather, and a MOST sincere man. If he said something, he meant it, and with no “chin boogie”.
My wife, BJ, and I enjoyed Al and Shirley for all these years. He will be missed by all who worked with him in all these assignments. Al Hirt will be outstanding in his next assignment.
Charlie and B. J. Holton*

Charlie Holton - November 10, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Allan 'Al' Arnold Hirt.*



November 09, 2022 at 12:28 PM

LJ

“ Lyle Robinette and Bill Jenkins purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Allan 'Al' Arnold Hirt.



Lyle Robinette and Bill Jenkins - November 09, 2022 at 11:51 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Allan 'Al' Arnold Hirt.



November 09, 2022 at 10:15 AM

AB

“ Our recent trip to Michigan to visit family. Grandpa Al got to meet Willow and I think it's safe to say they loved each other. Grandpa had Willow laughing uncontrollably with the biggest smiles. I'm so happy Willow got to meet her Great Grandpa. He is greatly missed and I will enjoy telling Willow stories about her Great Grandpa when she is old enough.



Alex Brown - November 09, 2022 at 10:09 AM

LP

Beautiful pictures!!

Lisa Parcels - November 09, 2022 at 04:30 PM

DH

Wonderful to see these photos, and so glad Allan had the opportunity to meet the next generation in his great granddaughter. Thanks for sharing, and congratulations Alex and Danielle.

David Hirt - November 13, 2022 at 09:55 PM

LC

“ *Lansing District Ford Colleagues purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Allan 'Al' Arnold Hirt.*



Lansing District Ford Colleagues - November 08, 2022 at 11:29 AM