



## Arthur Robert Salisbury

February 27, 1932 - August 15, 2024

Rev. Arthur Robert Salisbury, a loyal husband and father lived his life as his testimony to Christ. He passed peacefully at home in Idaho on Thursday, August 15, 2024. Arthur moved to Idaho to be near his children and grandchildren after his loving wife, Norma Salisbury passed in August of 2021. He was born in Lapeer, Michigan on February 27, 1932 to Hilda and Elmer Salisbury. He grew up and attended school in the rural area of Lapeer, that is where he met his future bride Norma and they married on August 11, 1951.

Arthur was always helping the people around him and abroad, including many trips to different countries and mission fields. He was involved in the community, as a minister, on the School Board, Eaton County Sheriff Chaplin, as well as instrumental in the creation and operation of the first Eaton County Drug Counseling Center.

He loved construction work, during his time as pastor of the Charlotte Church of the Nazarene, with the help of the men in the congregation, the sanctuary was completely remodeled, and the basement was dug out by hand with a chapel and classrooms added. He also loved masonry work, building many split stone, marble, and sandstone fireplaces over the years.

Arthur is survived by his children, son, Arvid (Katie) Salisbury, and daughter, Arla (Lee) Barnhill; 5 grandchildren, Jenica Lawrence, Astin Salisbury, Brock

Salisbury, Cody Barnhill, and MaLeesha Wilmoth; and 11 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma Elaine Salisbury and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Arthur's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com) <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. Visitation is Friday, August 23, 2024, from 7- 9:00 p.m., at Pray Funeral Home. Funeral services are Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 1 p.m. at New Faith Church of the Nazarene in Charlotte with Pastor Tom Surdenik officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com) <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>, click on Arthur's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Horizon Home Care Hospice of Meridian, Idaho. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **23**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

AUG **24**. 1:00 PM (ET)

New Faith Church of the Nazarene  
302 E Lovett Street  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Arthur Robert Salisbury*

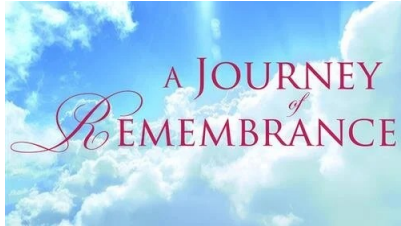


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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - August 24, 2024 at 05:07 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Arthur Robert Salisbury*

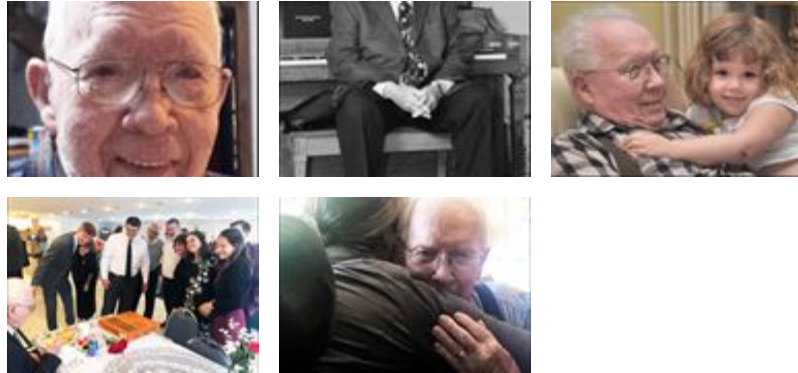


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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - August 22, 2024 at 08:50 PM



“ 66 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - August 22, 2024 at 04:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Arthur Robert Salisbury.



August 22, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ *KANE HEATING* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Robert Salisbury.

**KANE HEATING** - August 22, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arthur Robert Salisbury.



August 22, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ William & Maria Salisbury---We are so sorry to hear about Arthurs passing. Unfortunately, we will be unable to attend the services for him do to another commitment. We will be thinking about the family & will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.



William & Maria Salisbury - August 21, 2024 at 07:31 PM



“ Ina S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Robert Salisbury.

Ina S. - August 21, 2024 at 07:20 PM

RP

“ I first met Rev. Salisbury at youth camp when I was 16, Art and Norma were counselors. Then when Russell Payne began our ministry in Eaton Rapids and they were pastoring in nearby in Charlotte we became close friends with the Salisbury's. We enjoyed many times of fellowship together. Many fond memories of traveling to fellowship together with other pastor friends. It was always Art and Norma together. He was very involved with mission projects. Today Art and Norma Salisbury are together again with Jesus. God Bless their memories. Our prayers are with the family.

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**Russell & Ruth Payne** - August 21, 2024 at 03:10 PM

RH

“ My first appointment as Pastor in the United Methodist Church was to the Center Eaton and Brookfield churches in Charlotte. I was fortunate to discover two mentors in Vern Summers and Art Salisbury. Art was a jovial and kind hearted pastor who loved people and cared deeply in times of crisis and grief. I always appreciated working together with Pray Funeral Home because generally, Art was an assistant that connected with me. Over the years, our paths crossed and Art was always interested, supportive, and encouraging ... which are all treasured memories. He was a true model of servanthood. May God's peace and comfort support his family and friends in this season of loss.

*Rev. Dr. Robert Hundley  
Grand Rapids, MI*

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**Robert Hundley** - August 21, 2024 at 09:15 AM

PG

“ Pam and Dave Guernsey purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Arthur Robert Salisbury.



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**Pam and Dave Guernsey** - August 20, 2024 at 06:01 PM

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“ Pam and Dave Guernsey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Robert Salisbury.

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**Pam and Dave Guernsey** - August 20, 2024 at 06:01 PM

MI

“ I am a life long member of the Corey Church of the Nazarene, and I remember Art and Norma very well. They came to my parents--- Charles and Margueret Norton--70th Anniversary open house. Arvid was named after my Uncle Arvid. He was one of several. While they were at Corey, Art negotiated the purchase of the present parsonage and the property around it, which surrounded our church building on the front and north side. Before, we only had the church building itself, and the land it sat on---the front steps were in the yard of the neighbors. And Art drew up the plans to extend the basement and build the present sanctuary to the north of the original church. He may have been involved in the digging of the basement, here, too. I am a little fuzzy on that. I do remember, it was dug by hand, and my dad was one of the diggers. He also challenged us to have 250 people present on Easter Sunday--in our original Sanctuary! We did it! It was standing room only. I sat on the platform, and I could see every inch of space taken. Wow. And we have not done that for a regular church service since. We have for specials and for funerals, and we have room thanks to Art's planning. My condolences to Arvid and Arla and their families. He was a special Pastor.

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**Maxine Norton Isaac** - August 20, 2024 at 02:36 PM

JS

“ Jeff Smith lit a candle in memory of Arthur Robert Salisbury



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**Jeff Smith** - August 20, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arthur Robert Salisbury.*



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August 20, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ *Michigan District Church of the Nazarene planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Robert Salisbury.*

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**Michigan District Church of the Nazarene** - August 20, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ *We lived next door to the Nazarene Church and I have many good memories of Reverend Salisbury. He definitely walked the walk! Christmas service were especially moving the singing and sermons were moving!*

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**Theresa Spagnuolo ODell** - August 20, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ *Rev. Art Salisbury was a loving and very generous human being. He had a very caring heart. Members of our police department would often find him out in the middle of the night caring for a lost soul which was usually an alcoholic or drug abuser. He pioneered the Eaton Substance Abuse Program and served as the Chair Person for many years. He was a silent hero for this community.*

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**Tom Potter** - August 19, 2024 at 07:44 PM

KK

“ *Rev. Salisbury married my late husband and I in 1981. He will be missed. Karen Krumm*

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**Karen Krumm** - August 19, 2024 at 04:19 PM

JS

“ *Jeff Smith lit a candle in memory of Arthur Robert Salisbury*



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**Jeff Smith** - August 19, 2024 at 02:16 PM