



Bernard "Bud" Wayne Ommen Jr.

November 24, 1933 - March 11, 2022

Bernard (Bud) Wayne Ommen passed away peacefully at the age of 88 with his children by his side on March 11, 2022. Bud was born November 24, 1933, in Lansing, Michigan to Bernard (Ben) Ommen and Esther (Sommers) Ommen. He spent his childhood in Lansing, attending Lansing Schools until he moved to Vermontville where he graduated from Vermontville Rural Agricultural School in 1952. While still in school, he started working under the direction of his father for the Lansing Public School District, Buildings and Grounds Department. Throughout his tenure, Bud worked his way up to supervisor of the department sitting at the same desk and in the same chair as his dad, retiring in 1986.

After moving to Vermontville, Bud met the love of his life, Audrey Mae Lightner. On October 9, 1954, they were married and it was the beginning of a true love story that lasted for 64 years. Upon returning from their honeymoon Bud received his draft papers, and he spent the next two years serving in the United States Army. Audrey joined him in Germany while he was stationed there.

Bud will be remembered as an ever-smiling, kind, gentle, easy-going man who enjoyed family, friends, the outdoors and watching his granddaughters show horses. Spending time with his family, traditional camping trips to Interlochen, horses, snowmobiling with friends, and anything with an engine were among his favorite things.

His service to the community included being a firefighter with the Vermontville

Fire Department and serving on the Vermontville Fire and Ambulance Board. He also served on the Vermontville Township Board of Review, Cemetery Board and was a member of the First Congregational Church of Vermontville. After retiring he spent many hours transporting members of the Amish community. He gained many friendships and enjoyed time spent with his Amish friends.

He will be lovingly remembered by his children, Karen (Steve) Newman, Scott (Cathy) Ommen; grandchildren, Alaina (Trent) Graham, Brielle Ommen, Kaitlin (Dylan) Haan, Kelsie Newman (Tyler Thering); great granddaughters, Eva Graham, Rylie Graham, Audrey Haan, and a fourth great-granddaughter coming soon; sister, Ann Samann; many nieces, nephews, and extended family members. He is also survived by his constant companion dog, Lexie. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Audrey; sisters and brothers-in-law, Bessie (Norman) LaCross, Laurene (Tyrus) Stine and brother-in-law Jim Samann.

Friends are encouraged to support Bud's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com A visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on March 15, 2022 at Pray Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be held at the First Congregational Church of Vermontville on March 16, 2022 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Andy Trowbridge officiating. Interment will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Maple Valley Memorial Scholarship Fund or Eaton Community Palliative Care. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

10911 Vermontville Hwy
Vermontville, MI 49096

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

MAR 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

MAR 16. 11:00 AM.

First Congregational Church of Vermontville

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard "Bud" Wayne Ommen Jr.*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 14, 2022 at 11:20 PM

JF

“ *He was the sweetest man and most wonderful uncle. I loved going to aunt audrey and uncle buds. their house was always filled with love and laughter . Uncle buds always had a smile on his face. I miss you so much but I know you are happy in heaven with aunt audrey so until we see each other again watch over us all and give aunt audrey a hug and kiss from us all*

Jackie french - March 21, 2022 at 09:44 AM

TB

“ *My love and care to all the family and friends of this very fine man.*

Todd Braithwaite - March 16, 2022 at 04:26 PM

LV

“ Friends like Bud and Audrey come along few times in a lifetime. I seldom think of one without the other and I am sure Bud was quite lost without Audrey. So many memories of them here and at the trailer with us, both fall for Color Tour and winter for snowmobile season, the trips, the laughs, the many meals with all of "our gang" together sharing Crock Pot Wars, and now we have those precious memories of Bud and Audrey. In my mind the "Perfect Couple" are together again.

Louise Viele and in memory of Charles Viele

Louise Viele - March 15, 2022 at 03:50 PM



“ 41 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 14, 2022 at 11:15 PM

JF

“ John & Denise, Jon & Bertie Forell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bernard "Bud" Wayne Ommen Jr..



John & Denise, Jon & Bertie Forell - March 14, 2022 at 09:56 PM

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“ Tom Eveland. Jane Echtenaw purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Bernard "Bud" Wayne Ommen Jr..



Tom Eveland. Jane Echtenaw - March 14, 2022 at 07:14 PM

DP

“ My prayers to you and all the family. He was a gentle giant, and is now home again with the love of his life

David Poole - March 14, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.prayfuneral.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bud" Wayne Ommen Jr..

March 14, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bud" Wayne Ommen Jr..



March 14, 2022 at 01:40 PM

CF

“ *I remember being out to the house many times as a child and as a young adult. Uncle Bud was always welcoming and never heard him say anything bad about anyone. I remember a time that he saw me walking across the parking lot at Walmart in Charlotte and he called out my name. I went back and talked to him, for a while and he had a huge smile on his face.*

Carla A Frazier - March 13, 2022 at 08:21 PM