



Bob E. Starkweather

June 29, 1929 - September 10, 2010

Bob E. Starkweather, Sr. born June 29, 1929 in Oneida Township to Pearl and Georgia (Goodrich) Starkweather, died peacefully on September 10, 2010 at Hospice House of Mid-Michigan with his family at his side. At an early age he worked for Pryor Gravel and Eaton County Road Commission. He also served in the National Guard in Charlotte. On September 3, 1949, he married Alida Van Dorpe. They settled on a farm where he also hauled milk. In 1953 he hired into the Charlotte Police Department where he retired as Lieutenant. In 1972, they, along with youngest daughter Wendy Sue, moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming where they made their home for many years. During his time in Cheyenne he was terminal manager of Ruan Transport and leased trucks to that company until his retirement in 1989. In 1989 they returned to Charlotte where his passion became delivering fire truck chassis for Spartan Motors. He did this until his 80th birthday. Bob was a life member of the Eaton Area Senior Center a member of the Moose Lodge in Cheyenne for 33 years and a volunteer for meals on wheels for many years. He will be remembered as a kind and caring man. Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Alida, three children, Bob, Jr. (Sally) Starkweather, Sue Ann Hayward and Wendy Sue (Wayne) Carpenter, five grandchildren, Bill (Mandy) Sleight, Jennifer (Dan) Sleight Dowling, Heather (Josh) Starkweather Wooden, Ryan (Katie) Starkweather, and Casey Carpenter; five great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death, by his parents, Pearl and Georgia Starkweather, sisters Leone Rochester and Hilda Patterson, brothers Junior,

Enos, and Theo, daughter in law, Barbara Jean Starkweather and son in law, Edward Hayward. Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at Pray Funeral Home with Services at Pray Funeral Home on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Charles Jensen officiating. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery, Charlotte, MI. Online condolences may be made at www.prayfuneral.com. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice House of Mid Michigan or Charlotte Police Department.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Bob E. Starkweather*



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“ *Dear Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Bob was a wonderful man.*

Cindy Goodrich TeVelde - September 12, 2010 at 10:43 PM