



Celester Sylvester Fox

September 14, 1929 - October 17, 2025

Celester "Les" Sylvester Fox, 96, of Vermontville, Michigan, passed away peacefully, October 17, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, living a life marked by integrity, hard work, and love for his family and community. The legacy he left is one of quiet dedication and steadfast love, and his touch and ways will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

Born on September 14, 1929, in Westphalia, Michigan, he was the son of Joseph and Ida (Spitzley) Fox. He graduated from Pewamo High School, developing a lifelong enthusiasm for sports; a passion he would carry throughout his lifetime.

Les proudly served his country in the United States Army and was honorably discharged, continuing his commitment to service as a proud member of the American Legion in Vermontville, Michigan. When he returned from the service he married the love of his life, Virginia on October 1, 1955. Together they built a strong and loving family, and took immense joy in watching their children and grandchildren grow and excel in their various activities, especially in sports. His life revolved around the things that mattered most; faith, family, friendship, and honest work.

A successful and respected grain elevator operator/inspector, Les was known

for his tireless work ethic, fairness, and unwavering honesty. Outside of work, he was an avid sports fan and enjoyed playing cards, golf, baseball, and basketball. He found joy in both the games and the camaraderie they brought. Those who knew Les will remember him as a kind-hearted, dependable, and humble man; a good friend to many and a source of strength and support to his family.

Les is survived by his wife, Virginia; children, Michael (Kim) Fox, Rebecca (Kirk) Richmond, and Donald (Lori) Fox; grandchildren, Courtney (Tom) Farmer, Jason (Caitie) Fox, Tristen (Kelsey) Fox, Andrew (Tia Schutte) Fox, Paige (Jeffrey) Feldausch, Jordan (Ty) Hisler; great-grandchildren, Will and Eve Farmer, Olivia and Nathan Fox, Preslee Feldpausch, Chase Fox, and Waylon Huntley Hisler; siblings, Richard (Cheryl) Fox and Ambrose (Kathy) Fox. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Victoria Lynn Fox; siblings, William (Jarene) Fox, Stanley (Theresa) Fox, Carl (Carol) Fox, Betty (Herm) Schneider, Dolores (Don) Maidlow, Mark Fox.

Friends are encouraged to support Les's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. A memorial service will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop officiating. Visitation will be held just prior to the service from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. 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>>, click on Les'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 Eaton County Health and Rehabilitation Services, or the American Cancer Society. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral

NOV **10**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Celester Sylvester Fox*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 10, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Celester Sylvester Fox*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 08, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ 46 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 08, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ Dear Virginia and Family: I am so sorry for your great loss. May Les be in Heaven with Jesus and may He comfort you. I remember you coming over to my folks, Gene and Donna Cook, to play cards with the gang! You all had so much fun. God bless you, Sharon Cook Bledsoe

Sharon Cook Bledsoe - November 07, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ Our prayers to all of the family. Sincerely Dave and Brinda Hawkins

David L Hawkins - October 30, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ Kathy Franklin lit a candle in memory of Celester Sylvester Fox



Kathy Franklin - October 26, 2025 at 07:02 PM

SJ

“ Aunt Virginia, Mike, Becky, & Don

Please accept Andy and I's deepest condolences on the passing of Uncle Les. I like to think he is now in heaven enjoying a game of set back with my Dad and his other siblings who have gone before. And hopefully we have all gained an angel who will help to watch over us in heaven as he did in life.

His obituary was a wonderful testament to the life he led and the legacy he leaves behind. He will always live on in my heart as I remember his many kindnesses and his calm and steady influence in my life throughout all my years of growing up.

He lives on in my many fond memories. His was a life well lived and he will be dearly missed.

Warmest regards

Susan & Andy Joostberns

Susan Joostberns - October 26, 2025 at 04:22 PM

SG

“ *I can proudly say that Uncle Stretch was my godfather and a wonderful role model. He was there for me my whole life right up to the end. Some of my fond memories growing up other than our camping trips was the excitement at xmas time when I would receive a gift. It wasn't a doll or barbie like most girls but the "fun" toys like tractors, jeeps, baseball mitt or my most favorite was cap guns and holster set with a cowboy hat. He never failed to pull through with the best gifts. I love you and will miss you deeply-until we meet again.*

Sherri Gensterblum - October 22, 2025 at 10:59 AM

DF

“ Les taught me to throw a knuckle curve, shoot a jump shot and yell at referees. Rumor has it that my beloved big brother was tossed out of a high school basketball game for over enthusiastic critiquing of the officials. Good job Les I wish I would have been there to witness that.

When I was growing up in Pewamo Les was a bit of a sports legend. One of my many fond memories is watching him pitch in the Sunday afternoon baseball league.

I will treasure the many ways that Les was so supportive to me. He was always interested in what I was doing whenever we would get together. He would express his pride in whatever I had accomplished. I cherished that support then and now.

Gonna miss you big guy and wherever you are keep those refs in line.

Dick Fox - October 22, 2025 at 09:22 AM

MC

“ My condolences to you Virginia and all your family. I have many memories of you and family. I remember going to your wedding. You all are a wonderful family. Love to all, Marilyn Cahoon

Marilyn Cahoon - October 22, 2025 at 09:09 AM

EC

“ Sending our condolences from the staff at ECHRS

ECHRS - October 21, 2025 at 12:38 PM

SA

“ Sherry Agostinelli lit a candle in memory of Celester Sylvester Fox



Sherry Agostinelli - October 21, 2025 at 11:51 AM

SA

Sending love & prayers to all 🌸🌟💖

Sherry Agostinelli - October 21, 2025 at 11:54 AM

LS

Les was one of the best men I ever knew. I hope I can be thought of as well. Without question he had the best name I ever knew, for sure I won't match that.

lon smith - October 25, 2025 at 06:51 AM



“ What a wonderful man. Sincere condolences to Virginia and all of the family. Love and prayers from the Mixes.

Vicki L. Dean - October 20, 2025 at 10:30 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Celester Sylvester Fox.



October 20, 2025 at 08:33 PM

AF

“ when Les was a senior at Pewamo High he had the task of walking me to school. I was in kindergarten and needless to say, I had trouble keeping up with him. Snow white was popular back then and my big brother gave me the name "Grumpy". I carried that name all the way through high school. Going to miss you Big Bro.

ambrose fox - October 20, 2025 at 03:58 PM