



## Charles 'Butch' Rutter

September 15, 1934 - December 1, 2019

Charles "Butch" Rutter, a man who lived a full-life even after the doctors gave him an early expiration date, died December 1, 2019 at the age of 85. Butch was born September 15, 1934 in Logan, Ohio to Valley and Estella (Wright) Rutter. He married Marilyn Sumerix in the summer of 1957, and they moved to Olivet where they raised their family. In the 1970's Butch had a terminal cancer diagnosis, and doctors told him that he wouldn't live to see his 25th anniversary with his wife, but he proved them wrong and lived a long and happy life with his beloved Marilyn. Butch enjoyed his church and served as a Trustee and a youth leader at the Brookfield Church. He enjoyed working with children and was a 4H leader with The Walton Wonders 4H Club. A very dedicated employee, Butch worked many years for the Calhoun County Juvenile Home as a childcare worker until his retirement. Some of Butch's favorite activities included hunting, fishing (with trips to Canada as often as possible), watching the Detroit Tigers play baseball, and traveling around the United States. Since 2005, Butch and Marilyn enjoyed winters in Ft. Myers, Florida.

Butch is survived by his wife of 62 year, Marilyn; children, Jacquelynn Rutter-Kwiatkowski, Jeffrey (Katie Collier) Rutter, and James Rutter; grandchildren, Katelyn and Stephanie Kwiatkowski and Alex Schneider. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Vance and Victor Rutter.

Friends are encouraged to support Butch's family at visitation and funeral services. Funeral services are Monday, December 9, 1:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Rev. John Morse officiating. Visitation is Sunday, December 8, 2-4:00 PM and 7-9:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society or Elara Caring Hospice. Friends and family are asked to share memories of Charles "Butch" on his Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Perry Cemetery

2688 Stevens Hwy.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

DEC 8. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Ceremony

DEC 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles 'Butch' Rutter*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 07, 2019 at 08:25 PM

WC

“ *Dear Marilyn, I 'm so sorry to hear of your loss. After reading his obituary and looking at the photos, I can see that he was a wonderful man. May God bless you and all of your family.*

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**Wilma Whiting Campbell** - December 08, 2019 at 02:45 AM

BS

“ *Marilyn, my thought and prayers are with you through this most difficult time.*  
*Beth Kays Saurer*

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**Beth Saurer** - December 07, 2019 at 03:47 PM

EM

“ *Ellen M. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles 'Butch' Rutter .*



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**Ellen M.** - December 07, 2019 at 03:14 PM

MI

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Mickey - December 07, 2019 at 02:50 PM

MI

*Uncle Butch always knew how to have fun!!*

Mickey - December 07, 2019 at 03:08 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 07, 2019 at 01:55 PM

SS

“ *Mr. Rutter (Chuck) was my Employer at Aluminum Extrusions, when I was a Senior at Charlotte High School, on Co Op. He was a very kind person and I truly enjoyed working for him. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I pray that God will comfort your family at this difficult time. May you remember many wonderful memories that you have shared to help ease the loss.*

*Silver (Royston) Spitzley*

Silver (Royston) Spitzley - December 06, 2019 at 06:44 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles 'Butch' Rutter .*



December 06, 2019 at 03:21 PM

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“ *Betty & Ed, Carol & Warren, Sandy & Leslie purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Charles 'Butch' Rutter .*



Betty & Ed, Carol & Warren, Sandy & Leslie - December 06, 2019 at 12:07 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles 'Butch' Rutter .*



December 05, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Charles 'Butch' Rutter .*



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December 04, 2019 at 08:12 PM



“ *Uncle Butch was always such an encouragement and a ray of sunshine when I was growing up. He was so welcoming to my husband David and myself at the family reunion. I will always cherish the memories. David and Kathy (Sumerix) Levell*

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**KATHRYN LEVELL** - December 04, 2019 at 01:13 PM