



## Clarence Russell Betts

January 28, 1922 - July 13, 2011

Clarence "Clare" R. Betts, 89, of Sandy Pines Resort, MI died Wednesday, July 13, 2011. Mr. Betts was born January 28, 1922 in Gladwin, MI the son of Ray and Celia (Ottgen) Betts. He co-founded Diesel Equipment Sales and Services in Potterville, MI. He was a life member of the Charlotte Masonic Lodge #120 F&AM and a 50 year member of the Eaton County Shriners Club. Mr. Betts was a past-commander and life member of Charlotte VFW Post #2406. He is survived by his daughters, Linda (Charles) Heath of St. Louis, MO and Diane Betts of O'Fallon, MO; 6 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; 7 great-great grandchildren; brother Glen (Dorla) Betts of Nashville, MI; sisters-in-law Betty Betts of Charlotte, MI and June Carlson of Kalamazoo, MI; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Virginia, in 2009. Visitation will be 4:00-6:00 PM, Sunday, July 17 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte followed by a Gathering of Friends and Family in Celebration of Clare's life, which will be held at the Charlotte VFW Post 2406 from 6:00-8:00 PM. A processional will begin at 12:30 PM, Monday, July 18 at Pray Funeral Home and proceed to Maple Hill Cemetery for Graveside Services. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland. Online condolences may be made at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI.

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Clarence Russell Betts



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of your father/grandfather he was a wonderful man although I haven't seen him or your mother for years I always had them in my thoughts. I use to work (cleaning her house) for your Mom years ago when my boys were young, she was always so kind and loving to me and your father would always play with my boys if I happen to bring them with me when he was there. They were both two very special people and I will always remember them for their kindness and loving nature. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you during this sad time.

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**Linda McDonald** - July 26, 2011 at 08:18 AM

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“ I have fond memories of your family from when we lived on M-50. I remember my mother coming to your mother to get her hair done. Diane, I remember you when we were at Southworth School, fun times. Gary and Kathy Wells Grand Rapids, MI

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**Gary Wells** - July 15, 2011 at 07:51 PM

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“ *My thoughts are with you all as you go through this loss. I am one of many who will always have great memories of the man. I am glad that I had the chance to interact and know your father and grand father. He was a special person and I will always remember him for that.*

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**Troy Carr** - July 15, 2011 at 11:48 AM