



## Coy Kirk Morton

December 1, 1930 - December 4, 2022

Coy Kirk Morton, Jr., 92, of Charlotte, a hardworking man of integrity and love for his family, died peacefully on Sunday, December 4, 2022 in Lansing. Coy was born December 1, 1930 in Lansing, the son of Coy Kirk and Nettie Pearl (Mick) Morton. He graduated from Everett H.S. in 1950, where he loved playing football, before enlisting in the National Guard during the Korean Conflict. Coy married his lifelong love, Norma Jean Young on November 5, 1955 and the two settled into family life. He worked over 30 years as an Operating Engineer, setting steel with a crane for various companies throughout the years. He was a proud member of Operating Engineers Union Local 324 in Lansing. Coy and Jean moved to their farm in Eaton Township in 1965, where they raised cattle, most recently Longhorns. Coy loved life on the farm. He was also a founding member of the Eaton County Sherriff's mounted posse, and enjoyed parades throughout the county and the relationships he developed along the way. Throughout his life, Coy was a deeply devoted Republican. He served on the executive committee of the Eaton County Republicans, and was Volunteer of the Year as well as a recipient of the Frank M. Fitzgerald Lifetime Achievement Award. He was a proud Spartan Fan, attending MSU football games for years. Above all, Coy lived a life devoted to his family.

Coy is survived by his wife of 67 years, Jean Morton; three sons, Brian (Tracy) Morton, Bradley (Teresa) Morton and Brent (Kelly) Morton; 11 grandchildren,

Christopher (Carissa) Morton, Rachelle Miller, Douglas (Sarah) Flanagan, William (Crystal) Ashley, Adam (Ciara) Ashley, Renae Morton, Shawna Morton, Kay Morton, Kaeden Maynard, Carly Morton, and Audrey Morton; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his infant granddaughter, Cara Ann Morton; and sister, Linda Garrett.

Friends are encouraged to support Coy's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Garry Fisher officiating. Visitation will be from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 9, 2022 at Pray Funeral Home and on Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. just prior to the service. Interment will take place at Center Eaton Cemetery. 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 Coy'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 Center Eaton Historical Committee. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Center Eaton Cemetery

2093 Narrow Lake Road  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Visitation

DEC 10. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813



# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Coy Kirk Morton



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 10, 2022 at 10:54 AM

DW

As I was unable to attend the funeral for Bud the video made me feel like I was there. Beautiful service. Prayers and hugs for the Morton family. Love Deanna Wolford.

Deanna Wolford - December 10, 2022 at 07:45 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Coy Kirk Morton



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 08, 2022 at 05:20 PM

RM

“ To the family of Coy Morton, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Coy was a wonderful man, trusted & honest, with a great sense of humor! It was a pleasure and honor to know him.

Robin Musselman - December 17, 2022 at 11:09 PM

JK

“ I was so sorry to read about Coy's passing. Although not seeing him for many years, I can remember many times he would stop into my office just to visit, whether about farming, or deer hunting. I always enjoyed seeing him, and getting his opinions regarding various issues. Also got to meet Brad through Coy, and I enjoyed that friendship also. Whenever I see a book or story about lighthouses, I also think of Coy. He also stated that fondness with me.  
Again, sorry to hear of his passing. He was a fine fellow.  
Judd Knaup

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**Judd Knaup** - December 15, 2022 at 10:56 AM

LT

“ What a wonderful man! I'm so sorry for your loss.

*Leslie Taylor*  
(Lew and Jo's daughter)

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**Leslie Taylor** - December 10, 2022 at 12:07 PM

LT

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Leslie Taylor** - December 10, 2022 at 11:51 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Coy Kirk Morton.



December 09, 2022 at 04:09 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Coy Kirk Morton.



December 09, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ 7 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 09, 2022 at 11:19 AM

BD

“ Bud Morton was an influential person in our family lives. I have know the Morton family for most of my life, beginning as neighbors to dear friends. I had the pleasure of working for Jean and that meant you knew the whole family and what a wonderful experience. Bud was always there to share his experiences and opinions that would help mold my thoughts in politics even yet today. Our boys loved hearing his stories, talking politics and history as they worked with him on several occasions. So many memories... we will miss you Bud. Thank you Morton family for sharing him with us. Our prayers for comfort for you now.

Becky Dolman - December 09, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Coy Kirk Morton.



December 09, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coy Kirk Morton.



December 09, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Coy Kirk Morton.*



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December 08, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ *51 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 08, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ *Bud was a wonderful friend and neighbor to my dad John Franks. My dad could have never survived living at home for a few years after my mom passed. Bud would stop by the house and have coffee with him and my dad would walk (or drive - even after he was not supposed to drive!!!) down to Bud and Jean's for coffee. Bud was one of his best friends. Scott and I also loved to stop over with dad (or without dad) to just visit with Bud and Jean to catch up on life and always laugh a lot! We are so thankful for his love and friendship all these years. Love Scott and Sue Becker.*

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Sue Becker - December 08, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Coy Kirk Morton.



December 08, 2022 at 08:21 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coy Kirk Morton.



December 08, 2022 at 07:58 AM



“ So sorry to hear this. My sincere condolences to Jean and the whole Morton family in their loss. Diane Hudson

**Diane Hudson** - December 08, 2022 at 07:52 AM



“ From Aaron Koehler and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Coy Kirk Morton.



**From Aaron Koehler and family** - December 08, 2022 at 07:35 AM

LM

“ Goodbye “Bud” our long term friend. Life has been good us. We have wife’s that are angels; children that can handle any task. We have enjoyed all sorts of activities. We learned to fly, chase deer through the north woods, attempted to sleep next to a major highway, visited popular businesses, etc. In other words we had our “Seasons in the Sun.” Your friends, Lew Gustafson and Sam Mallory

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**Lewis Gustafson @ Sam Mallory** - December 07, 2022 at 06:55 PM

JS

“ My sincere condolences to Bradley Morton and Family.

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**Judy Sullivan** - December 07, 2022 at 03:31 PM

CW

“ Chad And Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Coy Kirk Morton



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**Chad and Carol Walker** - December 07, 2022 at 03:25 PM

RH

“ For three years, (1979-82) I was honored to serve as ‘pastor’ of the Center Eaton and Brookfield United Methodist Churches. They were three formative years in a long and wonderful career in pastoral ministry. So many people from that little church on Narrow Lake Road are memorable and influential, not the least of which is Bud, Jean, Bud’s mom, Perl, and Brian, Brad and Brent. Bud and Jean were faithful, caring, and passionate about their faith, their community and their personal values. They were trusted advisors to me, and over the years, I have been grateful for the experiences afforded me during those three years. Growing up in a Baptist tradition, Bud questioned and disagreed with United Methodism. We could debate and disagree while remaining respectful and loving. I appreciated Bud and Jean more than I have had the opportunity to express. It is a model we need desperately in our world today. May God bless the Morton family in your time of loss. You all are remembered fondly by this pastor.

*Rev. Dr. Robert Hundley  
Grand Rapids, MI*

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Rev. Dr. Robert Hundley - December 07, 2022 at 07:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Coy Kirk Morton.



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December 06, 2022 at 07:54 PM

JD

“ Sorry For the Loss of a Wonderful Family Man,  
I Meet the Morton Family in the Late 1960's, What a Pleasure to  
Grow in a Community where everyone is a Family member,  
I was Elected as a Township Officer in the 1980's,  
I became Close Friends with The Morton Family, I have The Highest  
Respect for all,  
Our Elected Eaton Township Clerk was Jean Morton, what a  
Pleasure to hear of family Stories over the Years,  
"Christian Values", "Strict Work ethic", "Love Thy Neighbor" was  
Apparent to anyone that Spent time with the Morton Family.  
I "Praise the Lord" For Spiritual Leaders in Our Agricultural  
Community,  
We will miss Bud Morton.  
Jim & Denise Droscha

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**James R Droscha** - December 06, 2022 at 02:35 PM

TM

“ My sincere condolences to all of the Morton family. Coy was a great  
man and you always knew where you stood with him. We shared  
many times together at GOP events and I always looked forward to  
his genuine greeting and big smile. His was certainly a life well lived  
and he will be missed.

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**Terry Marquardt** - December 06, 2022 at 01:30 PM