



Denzel Wayne Mann

March 7, 1932 - May 26, 2023

Denzel Wayne Mann of Vermontville was born on March 7, 1932 in Branch County to Leslie and Marie (George) Mann, and passed away May 26, 2023 at the age of 91. Denzel was a remarkable man known for his ambition, hard work, and passion for various hobbies. His gentle nature and willingness to join in conversations endeared him to many.

Denzel's journey began as a lineman for his uncle's local telephone company, after several other odd jobs. Denzel found employment as a final repairman at Fisher Body in Lansing, where he dedicated his skills until his retirement. Denzel possessed a quiet demeanor but was always ready to engage in conversations and connect with others.

In his leisure time, Denzel enjoyed reloading shells for his hunting trips, collecting clocks, and pursuing his love for photography. He even had his own darkroom at home, where he developed captivating photographs. His talent as a fabricator was highly sought after, and he often utilized his welding skills at the former Capital City Race Track, where he would weld competitors' race cars and sometimes construct entire chassis. Denzel's ability to analyze and solve problems, especially related to cars and other mechanical projects, was truly remarkable.

Denzel is survived by his children, Joyce (Joseph) Verbis, Leslie (Graciela)

Mann, John (Mary) Hemstreet, Sharlene (Terry) Thuma, and Harry (Carol) Kelley. He also leaves behind his long-time companion, Pat Yost, along with 19 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. Denzel was predeceased by his first wife, Barbara (Barnard); second wife, Alice (Haynes); girlfriend, Pat O'Dell; stepson, James Hemstreet; and brother, Lavaun Mann.

Visitation to pay tribute to Denzel's life will be at Pray Funeral Home on Monday, June 5 from 5 to 8:00 PM. The funeral service to celebrate his life will be Tuesday, June 6, 2:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Randy Royston officiating. Following the service, interment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Vermontville. Friends and family are invited to share memories of Denzel on his tribute page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

10911 Vermontville Hwy
Vermontville, MI 49096

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

JUN 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Denzel Wayne Mann*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 03, 2023 at 08:58 PM

DS

“ *A man is remembered by the legacy he leaves behind. His children are some of the nicest and kindest people I have been around!*

*My condolences to you the family who mourns Denzel's passing!
The world is a better place because you were here!*

*Sincerely,
Daryl and Melanie Stadel*

Daryl Stadel - June 06, 2023 at 03:47 PM

TH

“ *Denzel was one of the nicest people I've known in my life. Thanks for the Memories.*

Timothy Hill - June 06, 2023 at 11:59 AM

RP

“ *It's been a pleasure to know you. And Newb loved you. Enjoyed having many meals with t. RoseAnne Provencal*

RoseAnne Provencal - June 06, 2023 at 11:56 AM

SM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Suzette Mayle - June 06, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Denzel Wayne Mann.



June 05, 2023 at 11:38 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 04, 2023 at 07:44 PM



“ 29 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 03, 2023 at 08:58 PM

SB

“ Denzel Mann was an endearing quiet individual. He had a heart of gold, a gentle soul and was a very caring and giving to my mother Patricia for many years. I am sad that he has left this earth, but rejoice that he is in heaven. Rest in Pease kind sir!

Shirley Biggs

Shirley Biggs - June 01, 2023 at 10:17 AM

SB

“ Shirley Biggs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denzel Wayne Mann.

Shirley Biggs - June 01, 2023 at 10:08 AM

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“ Shirley Biggs purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Denzel Wayne Mann.



Shirley Biggs - June 01, 2023 at 10:08 AM

SH

“ May he rest in peace. With his candle making skills, and favorite buffet always serving hot.



Sabrina Harris - May 27, 2023 at 08:31 PM

TO

“ 1 file added to the album family



theresa odell - May 27, 2023 at 06:29 PM