



Dewey Hummel

January 11, 1938 - December 16, 2025

Dewey Hummel (87) passed away on December 16, 2025, with his loved ones by his side.

Dewey was born in Pontiac, Michigan, on January 11, 1938, and his family moved to a big white farmhouse in Vermontville when he was 7. He loved playing sports and was the Captain of the Varsity Football Team. For many years, he competed in the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival's wood-chopping competition, winning numerous times.

Dewey moved to Charlotte in 1963 and worked in construction. In 1970, he started his own custom homebuilding business, Hummel Builders. He lived by his motto, "Quality Not Quantity." He was known for buying old houses and vacant churches, remodeling them into beautiful homes; Dewey had a unique gift for seeing the solid structure, envisioning what it could be, and then transforming it. He took pride in his work and taught his two sons how to build high-quality custom homes and to practice craftsmanship in remodeling.

Dewey's hobbies included motorcycle riding, hunting, scuba diving, finding seashells and sharks' teeth. He loved playing cards, board games, croquet, and kickball with his family. Dewey liked going to auctions and garage sales and was an avid collector of clocks, Hummel Figurines, and other antiques.

He and his younger brother, Don, enjoyed playing poker together. He spent

hours crafting one-of-a-kind birthday cards that his children and grandchildren adored; he called them "A Hummel Original."

Dewey was proud of his three loving children: LeRoy (Kayli) Hummel, DeWitt (Heidi) Hummel, and Tyler Ross. He was grateful for the love and time with his five grandchildren, Nicholas (Sydney) Hummel, Carley (Geoffrey) Cesaretti, Alexis (Emmett) Holliday, Kelsey (David) Gormley, and Logan (Christina) Ross, and his seven great-grandchildren, Hailee, Carson, Brantlee, and Hudson Hummel, Kennedy and Madison Cesaretti, and Brynleigh Gormley. Dewey and Sandra Hay, his loving partner of 42 years, were snowbirds in Venice Florida where they enjoyed the sunny, warm winters and watching boats sail down the Intracoastal Waterway.

Dewey joins his father, LeRoy, mother, Esther, and older brother, LeRoy, in heaven. His family and friends will greatly miss him. May he rest in peace.

A final note, Dewey had a passion for playing the harmonica; he was self-taught, and his music brought joy to his family and to everyone who heard him play. His music will live on in our hearts forever.

The family will hold a private graveside memorial at Lakeside Cemetery in Lake Odessa.

Friends are encouraged to support Dewey's family by sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com.. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

JT

“ John Trumley lit a candle in memory of Dewey Hummel



John Trumley - December 26, 2025 at 04:11 PM

TH

“ 17 files added to the album Dad



Tyler Hummel-Ross - December 22, 2025 at 05:17 PM

CD

“ One of my favorite memories growing up on Krebs Court with Dewey Hummel was the house painting story. It's been told several times, But it's true! Our family was getting aluminum siding put on the side of our house in the 70's. Dewey Hummel came over the night before the siding went up and in red paint wrote _____ on the side of our wood house (you'll need to ask Dick or take off the siding to find out what he wrote). The next day I found the red paint and went over to Dewey's house and wrote on the side of his house. He wasn't getting aluminum siding on his house (I think I wrote BIG DEWEY but that'll need to be fact checked). I loved Dewey growing up. There was never a dull moment. From riding motorcycles, to his garage that was like walking into the most fascinating flea market, playing gin rummy, homemade fair games and learning how to build anything and everything. I remember seeing his house for the first time and thought - you have gym lockers and twirly barstools! Krebs Court wouldn't have been the same in the 70's with Dewey Hummel. I always thought of you as a 3rd dad and always will Dewey. Thank you for memories!

Chris Dingman - December 20, 2025 at 05:57 PM

DH

“ Over the years, Dewey filled many roles in my life. He was not only a neighbor and family friend growing up, but also a former father-in-law. Most importantly he was a fun and loving grandfather to my children, Nick and Carley. He had a gift for making people laugh, and the memories he gave us will last a lifetime. My deepest sympathies go out to LeRoy, Dewitt and Tyler and their families during this difficult time.

Denise Hummel - December 20, 2025 at 04:41 PM

CD



Chris Dingman - December 20, 2025 at 05:58 PM

AB

“ *Dewey was a very fun uncle! He was always ready with a game or a joke, and he always seemed ready for a bit of adventure, from riding go-carts and mini-bikes to puzzling over something to figure out how it worked. His handmade cards were amazing, and got more and more elaborate as the years went by. He was a good brother to my dad, and I'm so thankful they stayed close over the years. RIP Uncle Dewey.*

Ann (Hummel) Boreing - December 19, 2025 at 08:46 PM

CD



Chris Dingman - December 20, 2025 at 05:58 PM

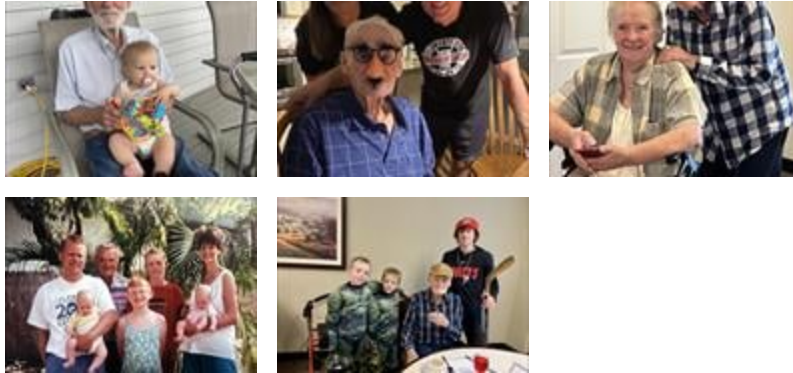
DH

Oh, the mini bikes at Gpa and Gma house—such fun childhood memories at the Hummel farm.

Denise Hummel - December 21, 2025 at 05:52 PM

KA

“ *14 files added to the tribute wall*



Kayli - December 19, 2025 at 07:21 PM

KH

“ 17 files added to the tribute wall



Kayli Hummel - December 19, 2025 at 06:19 PM

KH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kayli Hummel - December 19, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ Condolences to the family of a man loved by so many. It makes my heart full to read about a man who lived a love filled and family oriented life.



Marg Holliday - December 19, 2025 at 01:32 PM

KH

“ I enjoyed hearing him play his harmonica in the lunch room at ICAL. Enjoyed walking him to his room chatting with him. RIP Dewey.

Kathy Hengstebeck - December 18, 2025 at 07:32 PM

LG

My husband meBob Gardner was a class mate. Dewey built our house on Nashville Hwy. Vermontville. He will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers for his family. 🙏🙏

Lois Gardner - December 19, 2025 at 08:23 PM

TA

“ While I worked at ICal I had the pleasure of helping take care of Dewey. I will forever hear you playing your harmonica. I will miss you wheeling up to me and hanging onto my hand. You always made my weekend shifts at ICal great. I will miss you always Dewey.

Tammy - December 18, 2025 at 07:05 PM