



## Donald Lee Thompson Sr.

October 5, 1935 - November 1, 2020

Donald Lee Thompson Sr., of Vermontville, died on Sunday, November 1, 2020. Donald, 85, was born October 5, 1935, in Lansing, MI, the son of Palmer and Martha (Everingham) Thompson. On December 4, 1954, Donald married his sweetheart Rose Marie Hummel and together spent the next 55 years. He worked 32 years as a Welder for Fischer Body until his retirement in 1983. Donald was an avid outdoorsman.

Donald is survived by his children, Alicia (Gareth) Tyler, of Olivet, Trese (Rick) Paisley, of Bellevue, Rose "Rea" Kirby of Vermontville, Sue (Kenneth) Cowell, of Vermontville, Donald "Bud" (Ursula) Thompson Jr., of Vermontville; many grandchildren; special companion, Deb Rogers, of Battle Creek; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Rose Marie; and grandson, Donald Thompson III

Funeral services are Friday, November 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Charles Jenson officiating. Visitation will be held for two hours prior to the service from 12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.. Mask, group capacity, and distancing guidelines will be practiced. 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 Donald's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Just prior to the beginning of the service, a link will appear

on this page to watch the webcast.

If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The Maple Valley Scholarship Fund. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Donald 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

## Woodlawn Cemetery

10911 Vermontville Hwy  
Vermontville, MI 49096

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Ceremony

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# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Donald Lee Thompson Sr.



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 06, 2020 at 11:18 AM

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Alicia and family, I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Don passing, I have enjoyed reconnecting with him this past year

April Maynard - November 06, 2020 at 03:24 PM

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Thank you April

Angela - November 07, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Lee Thompson Sr.



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 05, 2020 at 05:26 PM

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“ My Grandpa had to teach me how to tie my shoes because everyone else was backwards! Being left-handed wasn't weird it was special because we shared that trait. I remember going fishing on the river and ice fishing-I don't remember catching fish but we must have because I don't think we ever came home with an empty pail-my memories are of spending time with him and the stories he told. Seeing him on the sidelines when I played softball, giving pointers at practices and after. Oh and the "pets" he would bring to live at our house when I was growing up. Pop can money. A little extra cash for Syrup Festivals. A once in a life-time Helicopter ride over Vermontville. Vermontville is small but wow that view was so cool. Singing to my brother as a baby to calm him down. Filling in on the bowling team with him and Grandma was a lot of fun. So many experiences and memories. Grandpa, thank you for the extraordinary experiences and wonderful memories they are an eternal gift. Love Angela Tyler

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**Angela** - November 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Don was one of the nicest person in Vermontville , always acknowledged your present when he seen you. Never said a bad word about anyone. He was one of a kind, he will be missed.

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**JoeAnn Nehmer** - November 05, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 05, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Thompson Sr..



November 05, 2020 at 09:50 AM



“ So many memories of grandpa Don. Watching Jeopardy and yelling out answers, taking the quad and sleds up on the football diamond, Spending Halloween there every year of my whole life and getting to bring my 2 daughters along the last 8 years. Smores under the pavilion. Spending time people watching on the front porch and watching the sports on the field next door on the back porch. Ponderosa trips every Wednesday when Grandma was still with us. Enjoying the sloppy Joe's or tacos he made Syrup Festival weekend so we didnt have to buy fair food and getting to eat all his other interesting concoctions he made. Always remembered, never forgotten ❤️🖤❤️🖤

Aj Kirby - November 04, 2020 at 12:30 PM