



## Ernest Russell Means

February 1, 1939 - January 10, 2018

Ernest "Ernie" Russell Means, 78, of Charlotte died, Wednesday, January 10, 2018. He was born in Charleston, West Virginia on February 1, 1939, to Clark and Violet Means. Following graduating from Charleston High, Ernie served in the US Army. He was one that loved to tinker with automobiles and appliances and this led to Ernest becoming a gauge mechanic at Owens Illinois. On February 22, 1974 Ernie married his best friend Juanita "Jane" Rodriguez and together they spent 43 years creating their legacy together. Ernie will be remembered by many for his endless wisdom, the ability to make something out of nothing, and for his heart of gold. He loved being outdoors, fly-fishing, hunting, golfing, traveling to different National Parks and also riding his Honda Goldwing. Ernie was also known for spending time at the casino on the slot machines. Above all Ernie was proud of his children and the fine adults that they have become. He was proud of his granddaughters and loved attending their numerous activities that they participated in. He was also proud of his grandsons who are both serving in the military.

He is survived by wife, Jane; children, James (Tina) Potter and Lisa (Scott) Patterson; and grandchildren Elena, Clareese, Logan and Devon. Ernie is predeceased by son, Jason Means and both parents.

Funeral Services are Monday, January 15, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Jenson officiating. Visitation will be held Monday,

January 15, 2018 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The American Heart Association. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Ernie on his Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Ceremony

JAN 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Ernest Russell Means



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 14, 2018 at 11:40 PM



“ Jane, Ray and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. It was a privilege to have met Ernie even if it was only at those class reunions. It was clear that the two of you had a very special love. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Know also that I have held you close in my thoughts over the years and will continue to do so. I love you, my friend.

*Julie Martens*

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**Julie Martens** - January 15, 2018 at 06:09 PM



“ My dear old friend Janie. I just received a message from Julie regarding your loss. I am so sorry for you and your family. I was so hoping to see you last summer. I am sending love and prayers your way and hope we will have a chance to see you again. Miss you very much. Dorothy Marsh McEvoy

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**Dorothy McEvoy** - January 15, 2018 at 05:52 PM

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“ *Ernie, I will miss you!*

Christy - January 15, 2018 at 11:57 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ernest Russell Means.*



January 15, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ *51 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 14, 2018 at 10:38 PM

BB

“ *Jane I am sorry! Years have so quickly gone but it's been a pleasure to know you both in my life. You can be assured that eternal life is with Jesus. God loves you and promises he will never leave you. He always calls us precious and holds on to us. Praying for you my friend!!*

Betty Binning - January 13, 2018 at 10:02 AM

KA

*Janie, Gary and I were so sorry to hear about Ernie, God called him home to be with him so you know he's in good hands and is very happy, You and Ernie will be together again some day, Always keep him and all those memories going , We are so very sorry Janie, 🙏❤️*

**Kathy & Gary Aaron** - January 15, 2018 at 08:55 AM

SF

*“ Jane-Sorry for your lost. You have alot of wonderful memories of the 43 years that you had together and your travels. Give me a call if you need to talk. Love you and appreciate your calls.*



**Sandy Fast** - January 13, 2018 at 09:50 AM

LS

*“ Sorry I will not be able to go to his service, but my mind will be with you. It was a great pleasure to welcome into our family and to see Jane truly happy. Treasure all of you fond memories as well as his funny ones.....Love you all. Linda Silvas.*

**Linda Silvas** - January 12, 2018 at 02:48 PM



*“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ernest Russell Means.*



January 12, 2018 at 12:20 PM