

Frank LaVern Craven Jr.

August 16, 1924 - November 10, 2017

Frank LaVern Craven, Jr., 93, of Charlotte, passed away on November 10, 2017 in Lansing, MI. He was born on August 16, 1924 to Frank and Margaret (Shaw) Craven in Vernon, MI. He attended Ewart High School, graduating in 1943. On June 6, 1946 he married Elaine Brethauer.

Frank was an honorable man who had a big heart for family and friends. All who knew him recall how quick he was to share a smile when he met you. Frank was an avid hunter and fisherman who loved the outdoors. As a farmer all his life he continued as a gentleman farmer on their property outside of Charlotte. Frank was also a journeyman electrician who worked as a Primary Meter Man for Consumers Power for 38 1/2 years until his retirement in 1983. During the Charlotte Centennial Celebration he was active with the Consumers Power Centennial Contingent. He often commented he had a successful Career , and a successful retirement during which he would spend winters in Harlingen Texas, and Summers in Shingleton in the Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

As his children were growing up he served as both Cub Master and Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 46. He also was a former member of the Charlotte Masonic Lodge. Frank was a jack of all trades. He was quite a strategic planner. When he built his home in the Upper Peninsula he laid out the plans, had all the materials loaded on a semi which delivered it to the drive and they

built the house.

Frank is survived by his wife of 71 1/2 years, Elaine B. Craven; three sons, Garry (Sandra) Craven of Nappanee, IN, Roger (Ruth) Craven of Charlotte, MI, Gregory (Johanna) Craven of Fenton, MI; daughter, Judy (Jim) Greening of Charlotte, MI; 10 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Tim in 1986, his brothers Jack Craven, Donald Craven and Sister Doris Jean and his parents.

Visitation will be held Monday 3:30 to 5:00 PM and 7:00 - 9:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Tuesday at Pray's with Pastor Gary Wales officiating. Interment will take place in Maple Hill Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Lawrence Ave. United Methodist Church of Charlotte, or the Munising Methodist Church.

Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Frank's Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank LaVern Craven Jr.*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 12, 2017 at 07:55 PM



“ *Janice K. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Frank LaVern Craven Jr..*



Janice K. - November 13, 2017 at 10:12 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 13, 2017 at 09:34 AM

MB

“ Management Staff at NextEra Energy - Point Beach purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frank LaVern Craven Jr..



Management Staff at NextEra Energy - Point Beach -
November 13, 2017 at 08:57 AM

DC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Doug Craven - November 13, 2017 at 08:10 AM



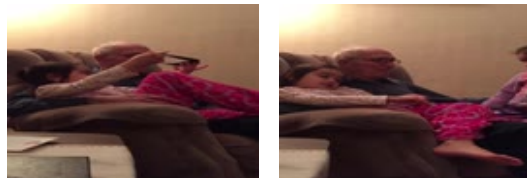
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank LaVern Craven Jr..



November 13, 2017 at 07:51 AM

JC

“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Josh Craven - November 12, 2017 at 10:58 PM



“ 38 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 12, 2017 at 06:52 PM

ME

“ I send my condolences to Elaine and family at the loss of Frank. He was such a kind gentleman. I will miss him at Nevin's Lake now that I will be spending some time there in the summer.
Sending my sincere sympathy,
Mary Ely

Mary Ely - November 12, 2017 at 05:38 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Frank LaVern Craven Jr..



November 12, 2017 at 05:14 PM

JD

“ *Very sorry to read of Mr Craven's passing.*

My name is Jack Dibeau, you may not remember my family name.

In the early 1940's my family lived on Cynwood Street in North Lansing.

In 1948 we moved to a farm in Delta Township on Mt Hope.

Although our families did not remain close over the years whenever we would talk about the old neighbor my parents, John and Delorse, would talk about your family.

The last memory of my mother talking about your family was in reference to a camping trip they were on and she heard this man talking and realized it was Mr Craven.

Jack Dibeau - November 12, 2017 at 03:36 PM

JT

“ *Our condolence to the Craven family. Frank always had a smile and a hello for everyone he seen and he loved to have a good conversation. He was kind and a true gentleman. Him and Elaine were friendly neighbors here at Nevins lake. He will be missed.*
Tom and Judy Taylor.



Judy and Tom Taylor - November 12, 2017 at 03:13 PM

CK

“ Oh, UNC! How we love you and how fondly you will be remembered! So many good Craven family memories! We will miss you much, but we're happy for you to be home with the Lord and loved ones at last. To Aunt Elaine, Gary, Judy, Rog, and Greggie, so sorry for your loss, but thank you for sharing one great man with the rest of us! Carolyn, Tom and all of Donald's family.

Carolyn Keesler - November 11, 2017 at 06:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank LaVern Craven Jr..



November 11, 2017 at 04:00 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Frank LaVern Craven Jr..



November 11, 2017 at 01:12 PM