



Frank Thompson

October 29, 1949 - May 19, 2024

Frank Thompson, 74, of Charlotte, a dedicated family man and community volunteer, died Sunday, May 19, 2024, after a sudden illness. Frank was born October 29, 1949 in Battle Creek, the son of George Francis, Jr., and Goldie Normean (Miller) Thompson. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1968. Frank lived an adventurous youth, including a summer-long trip hitchhiking to California and back. He attended a year of college before changing course and earning his journeyman mechanic. He went to work as a cold end mechanic at Owens-Illinois in Charlotte, a career he enjoyed for 42 years until the plant closed and he retired. Frank married Susan Sybil Chaplin on September 20, 1969 and the two settled into family life raising their two children. Frank remained a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather to the end. He proudly attended his grandson's football games, and was looking forward to seeing him graduate on May 23.

Frank could often be found at Char-Lanes bowling alley, where he played in leagues and developed many lasting friendships. He also loved the outdoors, especially fishing trips down the Grand River and Salmon fishing up North, and time spent tending his plants and garden. He was an avid reader, whether it was a new book he was reading or the newspaper, and he followed baseball closely. Frank enjoyed family trips out to Colorado to visit his cousins, and to see the mountains. He was also very generous with his time, devoted many hours to Courthouse Square in Charlotte, where he volunteered to help

maintain and repair the historic buildings. He was active with the local genealogy society, and taught reading to immigrants looking to earn their citizenship. He was a busy man to the very end, whether working hard, staying active with his family, or volunteering in many capacities in the community.

Frank is survived by his wife of nearly 55 years, Susan Thompson; daughter, Heather Thompson-Michaud; son, Jesse Thompson; and grandson, Wyatt George Francis Boersen. He was predeceased by his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Frank's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation will be from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 24, 2024 at Pray Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. 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, click on Frank's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton Community Palliative Care. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Gresham Cemetery

4100 Mulliken Rd
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

MAY **25.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Frank Thompson*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 25, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank Thompson*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 22, 2024 at 09:20 PM

JG

Awesome Pictures, thanks for sharing.

Janet Root Gray - May 23, 2024 at 12:18 PM

GO

“ Hi I'm Gary Oneal I met Frank at Char lanes Not long ago. We ended up bowling together on the Wednesday league. Frank and I had many conversations about family and life in general. We talked about playing euchre together and I'm sorry that we never got around to it. I will miss Frank ! My condolences go out to you all.

Gary O'Neal - May 25, 2024 at 07:29 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Thompson.



May 24, 2024 at 11:18 AM

AA

“ All of us @ Doolittle & Associates planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Thompson.

All of us @ Doolittle & Associates - May 24, 2024 at 11:18 AM

DM

“ Frank was a great guy. I went to Charlotte High School with him. Class of 1968. We used to walk to school together. He was highly intelligent yet humble. A beautiful soul. My condolences to the family, he will be missed

Darryl E Miller - May 24, 2024 at 11:03 AM

RS

“ Heather and family I'm very sorry on the passing of your dad , please know you and your family are in my thoughts during this most difficult time
Hugs to all of you
Randy Simeck



Randy Simeck - May 23, 2024 at 07:46 PM

SC

“ Scott Chaplin purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Frank Thompson.



Scott Chaplin - May 23, 2024 at 04:31 PM

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Scott Chaplin - May 23, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 22, 2024 at 05:16 PM



“ On behalf of all the volunteers at Courthouse Square we send our condolences to Sue and Frank's family. He has helped us for many years and we all loved him. Gentle and kind with a quiet sense of humor, he was always will to help. We will miss him dearly and remember him always.

Julie Kimmer - May 22, 2024 at 05:19 AM



He was kind

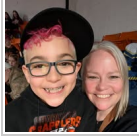
Darryl E Miller - May 24, 2024 at 11:04 AM



“ Jane Davis lit a candle in memory of Frank Thompson



Jane Davis - May 21, 2024 at 09:00 PM



“ Frank and Sue have been our neighbors for almost 18 years now. Just a few years ago it was so sweet to see Frank and my son Beckham grow a friendship. It all started during covid when they would play frisbee over the fence. It had blossomed into full blown baseball in Frank's backyard! Beckham was always happy to just follow Frank around his yard while he was doing yard work all the while yapping his ear off, but Frank always listened and for that I am grateful. You will be missed, Frank.

Katie Jean - May 21, 2024 at 04:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frank Thompson.



May 21, 2024 at 09:53 AM



“ Sue - I'm sending love and hugs to you! This is so shocking to me, and I know it's a thousand times more of a shock to you and your kids! I'm so glad that I was able to enjoy the time we spent together at the open house last month. Shortly after that, I chatted with Frank a little bit, at a stop sign, as he was riding his bike around the neighborhood where I was driving. He seemed to be enjoying his bike ride and I told him 'Good for you' that he was out enjoying himself riding the bike. All the great memories, like how you tried and tried to get Frank to come and help us scan probate packets, and when he finally did try it, he hardly ever missed another Tuesday again! He and Phyllis were an awesome team!! Frank will be so missed by everyone who knew him, and nobody knew him better than you.

Sherry Copenhaver - May 20, 2024 at 09:18 PM

CW

Sue my heart goes out to you and your family. Will pray for peace and comfort. Cousin Cindy Williams ❤️

Cindy Williams - May 21, 2024 at 05:40 PM

JH

Frank, thanks for all your help and friendship at the Courthouse Square . John Hotchkiss

John Hotchkiss - May 22, 2024 at 04:33 PM

SC

“ 3 files added to the album *Frank & Sue*



Sherry Copenhaver - May 20, 2024 at 09:10 PM