



## Gerald Orla Cross

June 27, 1927 - October 21, 2010

Gerald Orla Cross, 83, passed away peacefully surrounded by his children at the Eaton Community Hospice on Thursday, October 21, 2010. Jerry was born June 27, 1927 on the family farm in Montcalm County, Douglas Township, the fifth child of Orla and Alta (Comden) Cross. He was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws, Alger and Thelma Demorest; brothers, Howard (Ila), Theo (Barbara); sister, Loreen (Henry) Novenske; an infant sister and a granddaughter, Heather Cooper. He cared for his beloved wife, Alice, through her struggle with Alzheimer's disease and she preceded him in death in 1996. Jerry served as a Medical Corpsman in the U.S. Army from 1946-1947. He worked at Aluminum Extrusions for 38 years and helped neighbors on their farms for many years after his retirement. Jerry and Alice lived in their Otto Road home in Charlotte from 1954 until each of their respective passings. He raised many pigs, cattle, ponies, horses and mules and dearly loved his many dogs and cats. He loved to fish and hunt. Gerald is survived by his one remaining sibling Earl (Betty); his children, Sam (Kathy) Cross; Julie (Chuck) Cooper; Patty (Kevin) Braithwaite; grandchildren, Dave, Jon, Jim, Lisa and Bob Cross, Melissa Cooper and Tamara Little, Jessica, Daniel and Katie (Ryan Starkweather) Boucher; 4 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. A visitation will be held at Pray Funeral Home from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2010 with interment immediately following at Maple Hill Cemetery. Jerry has requested that there be no funeral service and that he be pulled to his final resting place by horses, a service which Steve Newman

has kindly agreed to provide. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Hospice House.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald Orla Cross*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *To the Cross family. We are so sorry to hear of your loss. I know my brother, Mike Boucher, thought the world of Mr. Cross. He is at peace in heaven with his wife. God Bless all of you.*

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**Joey and Erin Lekovich** - November 01, 2010 at 10:27 PM

JM

“ *Lisa- I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your grandfather. Your family is my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jamie Meyers** - October 26, 2010 at 01:48 PM

BK

“ *Our prayers and deepest sympathies are with you all. Peace.*

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**Bill & Debbie Keehne** - October 26, 2010 at 10:56 AM

JS

“ *Patty and family -- So sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love you!!*

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**Janet Schafer** - October 25, 2010 at 03:35 PM

CR

“ Sam, so sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. You are in are thoughts and prayers. Tom and Cindy Raymond

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**Cindy Raymond** - October 25, 2010 at 09:56 AM

BB

“ Loving memories Sam, Julie, Patti and families, of your dad, my uncle Gerry. I am so very sorry and send our family's deepest love and prayers. I know my dad will really miss his brother. The stories he can tell brings smiles! It has been many years but I can still see the farm, hear your dad's chuckles while the cats played around his easy chair, see your mom in the kitchen and even smell the "fresh" apples lovingly wrapped in newspapers and brought down from the attic. Smiles and tears, Becky, Clif, Jim and family, Joel, and Jake

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**Becky (Cross) Burritt** - October 22, 2010 at 05:08 PM