



Harold Prather

August 22, 1934 - September 14, 2012

Harold Prather Jr., age 78, of Potterville, Michigan went to be with the Lord on Friday, September 14, 2012. Mr. Prather was born August 22, 1934 in Lansing, the son of Harold and Greta (Shellenbarger) Prather Sr. Harold married Connie, the love of his life June 25, 1955. Harold was member of a golf league, enjoyed bingo, lottery, attending all grandchildren's activities and watching sports, especially Detroit Tigers, Pistons and Lions. He also enjoyed his monthly class luncheons for the past 10 years. Harold worked at Meijer Distribution Warehouse as a carpenter for 29 years and continued to work for Skyline Designs and any other carpentry work he could get his hands on. He is survived by his loving wife, Connie; children, Diane (Rick) Smith and Doug (Mary) Prather, both of Potterville; sisters, Janet (Raymond) Murray and June Worth, both of Dimondale; 7 grandchildren, D.J., Matthew, Danny and Jeremy Prather, Mandy (Matt) Caterino, Chloe and Collin Smith; 3 great grandchildren, Jazmine and Sophia Prather, Lucas Caterino, and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 21, 2012 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, Michigan with Eugene Anderson - Major The Salvation Army officiating. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Pray Funeral Home. Interment will be at Dimondale Cemetery. If desired memorial contributions may be made to Potterville Public Schools in memory of Harold Prather. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com <http://www.prayfuneral.com>.

Tribute Wall

MG

“ I bought my house approximately five years ago. We needed someone to paint the inside walls, besides me! Harold would come over in the morning to paint a portion of the inside of my house. This was during the end of summer and some days were really hot and my house does not have air conditioning. He was so diligent on what he did and I am forever grateful to him. God rest his soul.

Mike Guyeskey - September 10, 2013 at 08:44 PM

SR

“ The family is getting together this week to celebrate your life Harold. I know what you would say in your kidding way. You wanted your family to work hard and be good people. You loved them with all your heart and love going out to celebrate birthday, family gathers. Your family and your beloved wife my sister you loved so much. She was your greatest joy. I will treasure all my memories of you as I was growing up. I always said I had three Dad and three Momma's. You were my ride to school, my ride to games, I took all my boyfriends to you and Connie for approval. I grew up at your kitchen table. I married and moved far away, but we have keep in touch anyway. Always a card and putting money in it always for me to buy myself something special. I will always remember you as my friend and one of the people I looked up to in my life. A hugh part of my memories are with you and the family. God Bless my family as they morn the lost of there beloved Husband, Father, Brother, Sister and Grandchildren that loved you so. See you soon Junior, I love you.

Suzanne Smith Rowe - September 22, 2012 at 04:26 PM

AS

“ Connie, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Adam Sandoval - September 21, 2012 at 08:28 AM

JH

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to the entire family and friends. Connie you know we love you and know how much we care. I know you always talked so fondly and with love for your husband Harold. You will continue to be in our prayers as you go through the painful grieving process. Love you Connie. Ruth and Jimmy

Jimmy and Ruth Hindman - September 20, 2012 at 08:56 PM



“ I will miss you more than words can say. You will be deeply missed by many, so many people have been touched by your thoughtfulness and kindness! Something that I will never forget is your sense of humor! I remember driving home from Grand Rapids and you saying that you wanted some ice cream... we laughed because it was somewhat late at night. You fell asleep before we stopped for ice cream for a while in the backseat and woke up close to us getting back home, and without hesitation you asked to stop for ice cream again. We asked if you were serious, and in your sarcastic sense of humor you said "I'm so serious about this ice cream right now!" That was a couple of years ago and it gave us a good laugh then! We now have an ongoing joke about being "so serious" about many things... It's simple, but it's also something that I will never forget. We will miss you greatly, and anyone who had the priveledge of knowing you, will miss you greatly too.

September 20, 2012 at 12:17 PM

LE

“ Connie, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through this difficult time.

Leanne - September 18, 2012 at 03:12 PM

RB

“ Our thought and prayers go out to Junior and all of his family. May God bless you! Rod, Kim, Brad, & Jessica Becker

Rod, Kim, Brad, & Jessica Becker - September 18, 2012 at 11:10 AM

AS

“ Connie, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Amber Sweeney - September 18, 2012 at 10:42 AM



“ I have been Harold's daughter-in-law for almost 32 years. He was always helpful, liked to stay busy, liked country music and he was a big supporter at all the grandchildren's games. He didn't like soccer but he was devoted and went to Matthew's soccer games anyway. He had a sense of humor and joked around at get-togethers. His famous line to our boys was "care you still working?" He genuinely cared about the family. He recently had surgery and seemed to be rehabbing fine and went home for a short moment, only to be sent to the hospital again. He had too many steps back and only a few steps forward. I kept hoping he would rehab well enough to come back home and sit behind his garage again and have peaceful moments, even if it could be for a year or two. This is a shock and sometimes doesn't seem real, and it is too soon. However, life must go on and with God's help this will be possible; it will take steps and time. As I said on Facebook, we mourn and grieve your passing. We miss you. And I say now, it will never be the same.

September 17, 2012 at 09:49 PM

DH

“ Connie, there are no words at a time like this that help, but you and your family are in my prayers.

Dena Hendon - September 17, 2012 at 11:42 AM

BW

“ My condolences on the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. Barbara Reed Wambold

Barbara Reed Wambold - September 17, 2012 at 10:40 AM

MC

“ I have the honor and privledge to call Harold aka JR. my grandpa. He is an amazing man, incredibly kind, generous, fun and full of jokes and pranks. I have a million great memories and I am blessed to have spent 26 years with his love and support and I know I forever have an angel watching over me and our family. I married the love of my life last month and my grandpa being there makes that day even more special and makes the pain I feel now start to fade and cherish that moment. I love you grandpa!

Mandy (Smith) Caterino - September 16, 2012 at 11:51 PM

JM

“ Connie & Family ... Sorry to hear of Harold's passing. We are unable to attend the service on Friday, but do plan to visit with you on Thursday evening. Our thoughts are with you during this sorrowful time.

Jack & Helen Mulholland - September 16, 2012 at 11:29 PM

AW

“ Connie & family ~ we are sorry to hear of the loss of Harold. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Art & Linda Wood - September 16, 2012 at 09:53 PM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss, Harold will be truly missed. We have you all in our prayers.

Scott & Sue Becker - September 16, 2012 at 09:26 PM

HB

“ May God Grace Connie and Family with His Great Love and Great Memories for Comfort.

Howard & Colleen Becker - September 16, 2012 at 07:19 PM

WC

“ My sympathy to Harold's family. May he rest in peace.

Wilma Campbell - September 16, 2012 at 02:19 PM

SD

“ Connie, I am so sorry for your loss. I'm at a loss for words. Harold and Connie roll off the tongue together. You and your family are in my prayers.

Sherrie Davis - September 16, 2012 at 12:22 PM

CL

“ Dear Doug, and Prather family- I am sorry to hear of the death of your father, Doug. I have nothing but fond memories of your dad, as we were growing up. May you find strength and comfort in your memories.

Claude Leblanc - September 16, 2012 at 10:50 AM

KS

“ *I am truly sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you all!!! Heaven has another wonderful Angel!!! RIP Grandpa Prather!!!*

Kathy Stimer - September 16, 2012 at 12:23 AM