



John Elery Carter

June 4, 1930 - April 30, 2015

John Elery Carter, 84, of Charlotte, died April 30, 2015. He was born on June 4, 1930, to William and Theresa (Kucera) Carter in Winn, MI. On June 9, 1951 he married Helen Daily.

John served his country in the U.S. Marine Corp. After returning home he used his skills as a welder in many ways, whether it was for his work at Dana Corporation as a welder, or at Lansing Tool and Die as a Tool and Die Repairman, or repairing the machinery of the many farmers in the area. John was an ambitious person with an endless amount of energy. At one point he held down three different jobs, while building his own family's home and another for his mother.

John's family often thought he was a farmer at heart because of his interest in tractors. At the time John built their home he sold his 1953 Allis Chalmers WD 45 Tractor so he could buy the materials to start the home. He never got over the sale of that tractor and that may have led to his passion of collecting Allis Chalmers tractors after his retirement. Many around the tri state area knew John as "The Tractor Man" for his ever growing collection of tractors. John was most proud of his ability to help others with his skill as a welder, and his grandchildren, who also spent many hours in "the shop" watching or helping John work on different projects, or riding one of the many tractors on the

property.

John is survived by his wife of 63 years Helen; and their children, Debra Maynard of Charlotte, Michael J. (Deborah) Carter of Dimondale, James of Lansing, Bradford "Joe" (Sharon) Carter of Potterville, Mark (Bonnie) Carter of Potterville, Karen Carter of Lansing; and 12grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Sunday, May 3, 2015, 4 to 6 PM with a Rosary Service at 6 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte on May 4 at 12:00 Noon.

Memorials are suggested to St. Mary Catholic Church or The Alzheimer's Association.

Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in John's Tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Funeral Ceremony

MAY 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
807 St. Mary Boulevard
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall

JK

“ *my condolences and prayers will be with the carter family...*

jan k

jan kollin - May 04, 2015 at 06:55 AM

CA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for your family. My son Ben is coming for his grand father's funeral. He was a good man.*

Cheryl Anderson

cheryl anderson - May 02, 2015 at 06:36 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of John Elery Carter.*



May 01, 2015 at 01:09 PM

TG

“ *My warmest condolences to the family. John was a great man of old fashioned wisdom. I would say they no longer build them like him, but his children and grandchildren prove otherwise. Thank you for your service and may you rest in peace.*

Travis Gidner - May 01, 2015 at 12:27 PM

MH

“ *My Thoughts and Prayers are with all of you at this time. I have fond memories of John from the days i worked at Mikes Village Restaurant.*

Maryann Hunt - May 01, 2015 at 11:37 AM

YR

“ *Thoughts and prayers to you and your family, Jim. Keep your memories close to your heart as they will help you through these difficult times.*

Yvonne Williams & Steve Richards - May 01, 2015 at 10:13 AM

BC

“ *I will remember your dad you real very nice father law going to miss you dad your smile want seen your grandkids come over to see you out of pain I hope see mom and dad in heaven we miss a lot down here love bonnie carter kiss hugs*

bonnie carter - May 01, 2015 at 09:58 AM

MB

“ *Helen and Deb - we were sorry to hear about John. May he RIP. We will be in the U.P. so will miss the rosary. I will try to be there at the funeral. May God bless you and all the family in this time of sorrow. Mary Jean & Daryl Baker*

Mary Jean Baker - May 01, 2015 at 09:41 AM

MC

“Dad believed in learning by doing, if that meant driving across the state or country at the age of fourteen he was ok with that, I recall me and mike digging a new drain field with shovels one summer, if you wanted some thing you made it or built it. he and mom taught us to be independent. Mark carter

mark carter - May 01, 2015 at 06:10 AM

JG

“I have known Mr. Carter since my big brother started dating and eventually married his oldest daughter, Deb. He was always nice to talk to and had stories to tell! I especially loved when I lived on Otto Rd. and he would come over to Gary's across the road to look at all the tractors and kick the tires, quite often he would walk across the street and talk, often about how he thought Gary priced his tractors too high, always got a laugh from that! I believe the last day I spent with Mr. Carter was when our church in West Windsor had "old fashioned days" and he brought over some of his tractors for the event. He had so much fun talking to everyone about those tractors that day. May you rest in Paradise Mr. Carter and I hope there are some tractors for you to kick the tires on in Heaven. My deepest condolences to your entire family, you will be missed. Jill Maynard - Gidner

Jill Maynard - Gidner - April 30, 2015 at 01:08 PM