



## Johnny Ray Wicker

August 25, 1930 - January 24, 2024

Johnny (John) Ray Wicker, 93 of Charlotte, went Home to Jesus Christ on January 24, 2024. John was born August 25, 1930 in Stantonville, TN. He spent his childhood there and in Gobler, MO, where he helped the family clear land with a mule, pick cotton, and worked with his local church, giving his life to Jesus at that time.

He met Joyce Young on a trip to Michigan. He was drafted, and they were married in 1951 as he went to England for the Korean War. Upon his return, they settled in the Lansing area and started their family while John was a welder at Fisher Body. He bought a garden tractor, and had so many requests for black dirt, sand, gravel and bulldozing that he quit Fisher Body and started a sand, gravel and excavating business, Wicker Inc., with Joyce handling the office. Upon retirement, they moved to Charlotte, where he developed a herd of Angus cattle, providing club calves for the local fairs. It was during this time that he rededicated his life to Christ.

John and Joyce enjoyed family, traveling, cattle shows and rodeos. They loved hosting gatherings at their farm with family, friends and church. His message to us all is, "I love my family. I had a beautiful wife, I worked hard to support my family and did the best I could. I am blessed by the Lord Jesus."

John is survived by his children, Bethany (Robert) Delaney of Charlotte, Larry

(Terri) Wicker of Eaton Rapids, John (Maureen) Wicker of Okemos, and Douglas (Mary) Wicker of Lansing; grandchildren, John (Jenna) Delaney, Christine (Adam) Graff , Josiah Delaney, Hannah Wicker, Rebekah (Nathan) Eagle, Michael Wicker, Samuel (Katelynn) Wicker, and Rachael (Josh) Ryan; great-grandchildren, Leon, Alice, Willa, JohnDavid and Forrest; step-grandchildren, Uriah (Marie) Clise, Isaiah (Shelley) Clise, Zech Clise, Amanda Miller, and Paula (Erick Buckner) Miller; and great-step-grandchildren, Collin, Liam, Ian and Brielle; siblings, Betty Christian, Lloyd (Sammie) Wicker, Shirley (Frank) Wright; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Joyce; his parents, Ira and Jewel; and brothers, Floyd, Dee and Jack (JW).

Visitation is Sunday, January 28, 2-5:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte and Monday, January 29, 10-11:00 AM at Oneida Gospel Church. Funeral services are Monday, January 29, 11:00 AM at Oneida Gospel Church, 3048 Strange Highway, Grand Ledge, with a luncheon following. Interment will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Oneida Gospel Church. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of John on his Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 28. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Visitation

JAN 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Oneida Gospel Church  
3048 Strange Highway  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

## Funeral

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Oneida Gospel Church  
3048 Strange Highway  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

## Burial

JAN 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

Maple Hill Cemetery  
801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Johnny Ray Wicker



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 26, 2024 at 01:23 PM

MF

Beautiful journey and thankful that we will see him one day in heaven!  
May God keep holding all of you in His loving arms!

Marilyn Frazee - January 27, 2024 at 12:24 PM

CC

“ Carol & Brian Cawley purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Johnny Ray Wicker.



Carol & Brian Cawley - January 27, 2024 at 09:09 AM

CC

“ Carol & Brian Cawley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Ray Wicker.

Carol & Brian Cawley - January 27, 2024 at 09:09 AM

RC

“ I worked for John and Larry for many years operating and repairing heavy equipment. John was not only my employer but because a respected and good friend. I have many memories of John, Joyce and their family. Running the dragline, digging the pond with Doug, many long talks on the phone, the fall chili cook offs on the farm are just a few. Debbie still fondly remembers visiting with the girls, Joyce and Beth at the office and many family times they shared with us. We'll miss you, John. See you in Heaven! So long for now! 😊  
Rich and Deb Carlson

Richard and Debbie Carlson - January 26, 2024 at 04:43 PM

RL

“ Renee Leighton purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Johnny Ray Wicker.



Renee Leighton - January 26, 2024 at 04:16 PM

RC

“ My dad worked for Mr. and Mrs. Wicker for many years. I have great memories as a kid of going to "the shop" with Dad. The Wicker family was very kind to me. Mr. Wicker was especially kind by letting me fish in his pond in Wacousta. My condolences to the family-  
Randy Carlson

Randall Carlson - January 26, 2024 at 03:03 PM

SJ

“ Scott & Victoria at Edward Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Ray Wicker.

Scott & Victoria at Edward Jones - January 26, 2024 at 02:35 PM

SJ

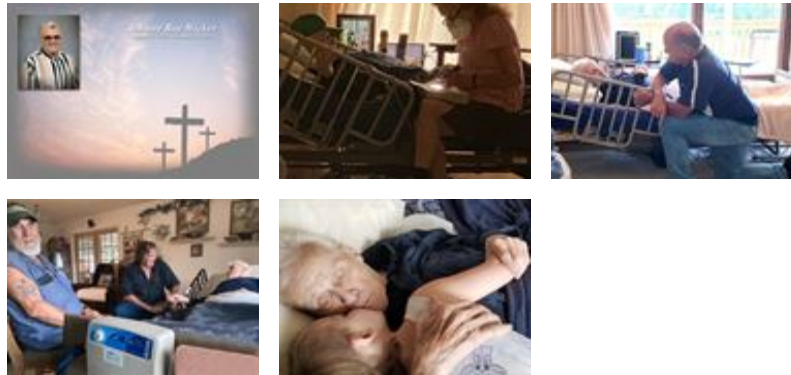
“ Scott & Victoria at Edward Jones purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Johnny Ray Wicker.



Scott & Victoria at Edward Jones - January 26, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 26, 2024 at 01:23 PM

LK

“ Linda (Wicker) and Bill Krawczyk purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Johnny Ray Wicker.



Linda (Wicker) and Bill Krawczyk - January 26, 2024 at 10:28 AM

SW

“ Shirley and Frank Wright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Ray Wicker.

Shirley and Frank Wright - January 25, 2024 at 11:04 PM

SW

“ Shirley and Frank Wright purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Johnny Ray Wicker.



Shirley and Frank Wright - January 25, 2024 at 11:04 PM

JC

“ Jim and Yvonne Cataline purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Johnny Ray Wicker.



Jim and Yvonne Cataline - January 25, 2024 at 09:12 PM

DP

“ Debra Planalp purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Johnny Ray Wicker.



Debra Planalp - January 25, 2024 at 07:08 PM