



Keith Martin Gidner

June 3, 1926 - July 9, 2023

Keith Martin Gidner, 97, of Charlotte, died peacefully on Sunday, July 9, 2023 in Eaton Rapids. Keith was born June 3, 1926 in Charlotte, the son of Leon and Lulu (Strickland) Gidner. He lost his mother at age 14, and shortly after went to work on the neighbor's farm. This instilled in Keith a strong work ethic from an early age. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1945. Keith married the love of his life, Ellen Anne Hartley on October 28, 1951 in Holt, and the two started their own family farm. Farming would play a central role in their life together, and Keith will forever be remembered as a humble farmer with a kind heart. He was extremely sociable and his sharp wit endeared him to all he came across. In his later years, he and Ellen spent winters in Donna, TX, and enjoyed travel, and snowmobiling. He especially loved time spent with his grandchildren, often taking special trips together with them.

Keith is survived by his three children; David Gidner of Holt, Cindy (Gary) Sabo of Coopersville, MI, and Brian Gidner of Mancelona, MI; seven grandchildren, Jessica Gidner, Lindsay Gidner, Julia (Tyler) Maraskine, Jill (Blake) Hudak, Josie Sabo, Cody (Stephanie) Gidner, and Connor Gidner; seven great-grandchildren, Kayne, Furious, Xzayvier, Isabel, Justus, Sadie, and Owen; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Ellen Gidner; and his siblings, Eleanora Jarrett and Robert Gidner.

Friends are encouraged to support Keith's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Thursday, July 13, 6-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home. Funeral services are Friday, July 14, 11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home Charlotte with Pastor Jack Conklin officiating. 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 Keith's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

JUL 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Keith Martin Gidner*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 14, 2023 at 08:53 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Keith Martin Gidner*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 12, 2023 at 04:37 PM

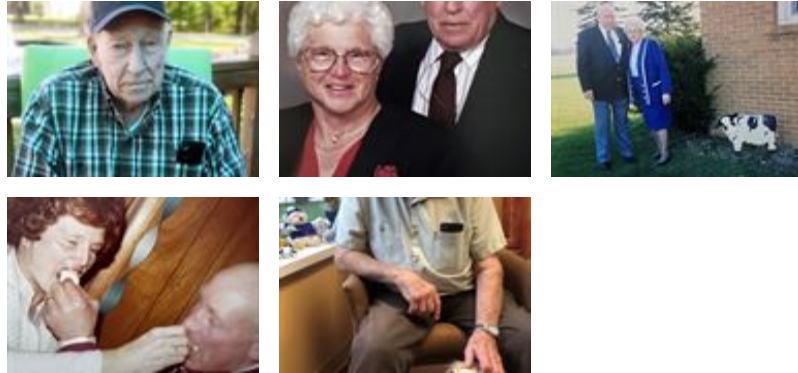
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Such a wonderful video. You were very blessed to have so many years with your dad. Your mom & dad were two of the most beautiful people I have ever known. May he now Rest in Peace with your sweet mother. With love Janice Jackson (Duane & Brenda's mother).

Janice Jackson - July 13, 2023 at 08:50 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 12, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of *Keith Martin Gidner*.



July 12, 2023 at 02:24 PM



“ *Chuck Brandon* lit a candle in memory of *Keith Martin Gidner*



Chuck Brandon - July 10, 2023 at 04:37 PM