



LaVerne "Vern" Richard Reed

August 10, 1942 - January 18, 2017

LaVerne Richard "Vern" Reed, 74, of Charlotte, died peacefully on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Vern was born August 10, 1942 in Lake Odessa, MI, the son of Elmo Elwood and Cleora Mary (Shinevar) Reed. He attended Grand Ledge high school, where he met Judy Ann Priesman. The two married on August 21, 1965 and settled in Charlotte to start their family. Vern worked over 31 years for General Motors, retiring as a Union Representative for UAW Local 602. He enjoyed his time in the outdoors, especially camping and playing golf, and was proud of his family Ojibwa heritage. Vern enjoyed woodworking and home life with Judy. Above all, he cherished time spent with his grandchildren. He will be missed as a loving husband, father, and grandpa.

Vern is survived by his wife of 51 years, Judy; son, Orlan (JoAnn) Reed of Charlotte; daughter, Lucinda (Aaron Nowland) Reed of Lansing; grandchildren, Dr. Blake Reed, Steffanie (Jeff) Hale, Jenna Reed, and Maverick (Kirsten) Reed, Tristan Reed/Morrison, all of Charlotte, and Jocelyn and Kara Nowland, Erin Rose, and Cierra Burcham, all of Lansing; great-grandson, Ivan David Reed; sister, Katherine (Rudy) Utter; brother, Lloyd (Judy) Reed; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Loren, Ron, Robert, Bill and Jim Reed and Rose Burton Enness.

A private graveside service will be held at West Carmel Cemetery with Pastor Charles Jenson officiating. The family invites friends and family to a memorial service at West Carmel Congregational Church at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2017. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care in care of the family. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Vern on his tribute page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

West Carmel Cemetery

5016 Carlisle Highway
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

West Carmel Congregational Church
5016 Carlisle Hwy.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall

GP

“ So sorry for the loss of our next door neighbor for over 30 years. Vern and Judy were an inspiring family loving couple. We have always respected and admired them both. Our deepest sympathy to Judy, Orlan, Lucinda and the entire family.
With Love, Greg and Angie Parker

Greg and Angie Parker - January 20, 2017 at 06:23 PM

AD

“ I worked with Vern at Clark construction company, and also did some fishing down on the grand river many years ago, Vern was a very nice man and a friend, I hope all goes well with your family. Al Durham

al durham - January 20, 2017 at 10:55 AM

DJ

“ Vern was and Judy is a treasured neighbor. Enjoyed our chats at our mailboxes. Bless them both. Diana Joppie

Diana Joppie - January 19, 2017 at 03:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LaVerne "Vern" Richard Reed.



January 19, 2017 at 01:10 PM

TB

“ *My Uncle Vern used to make me smile with his sly smile and mischievous nature. He was a special man with a lot of kindness in his heart. My youngest daughter treasures the dream catcher he made for her. He sent it to her without knowing her favorite color and she was thrilled when it came in her color, turquoise. This dream catcher was a blessing and she no longer sees horrible dreams of a traumatic event on her life. I will be forever grateful to him. Love you Uncle Vern always. Rest In Peace and pain free.*

Tina and Mike Brushel - January 19, 2017 at 12:18 PM

BB

“ *So sorry for your loss, RIP Vern*

Bill Burcham - January 19, 2017 at 06:49 AM