

Lawrence W. Musser

April 6, 1930 - February 17, 2026

Lawrence "Larry" Wayne Musser, a man known for his strong work ethic and steady dedication to those around him, passed away peacefully at his residence with family by his side, on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at the age of 95.

Larry was born on April 6, 1930, the son of Dewey and Leah (Viaches) Musser. Tragically, his mother passed away just eight days after his birth, and he was lovingly raised by his father and stepmother, Mabel. From an early age, Larry learned the value of hard work—a lesson that stayed with him throughout his life. Larry was a graduate of Vermontville High School in 1948. On June 17, 1950, he married Barbara Joppie and they spent the next 62 years creating lasting memories until her passing in 2012. Larry out of high school worked for General Motors for two years before following his father to East Jordan where he opened a gas station. He later would move back to Vermontville where he worked as a mechanic. He spent a majority of his career at the Maple Valley School District as the head mechanic and bus garage supervisor. He retired as a transportation supervisor in 1986 after 34 years. In 1962 Larry built the family cabin in Barryton, Michigan, a cabin where the family would spend their summers. He enjoyed ice skating, hunting, fishing, and traveling to Texas to spend time with family.

He was happiest when staying busy and could often be found tinkering with

lawn mowers or working on a project. A longtime resident of Vermontville, Larry took great pride in his community. He especially enjoyed attending the annual Vermontville Syrup Festival and frequently welcomed friends and visitors into his home to watch the parade, creating memories filled with laughter, tradition, and connection. Larry made maple syrup for many years with family and neighbors in their homemade sugar shanty back in the woods. He enjoyed his coffee and sweet treats such as pie and cookies. Above all, Larry's proudest accomplishment in life was his family and his strong work ethic.

Larry is survived by his son, David (Sue) Musser; 12 grandchildren, Rachel (Drew Pixley) Shook, Chris (Angie) Musser, Derek (Alicia) Musser, Kyle (Tamara Izzo) Musser, Garrett (Nicole) Musser, Jordan (Tami) Musser, Jason (Justine) Musser, Leah (Aaron) Nordell, Jessie (Ryan) Durban, Macy (Ian) Ekery, Madi (Austin) Bowen and Autumn (Scott) Thomas; 23 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandkids; and special friend Tillie Kilgore. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara (Joppie) Musser; sons, Larry Neil Musser and Garry Musser; daughters, Brenda Lynch and Diane Priesman; siblings, Elaine Foote, Anita Boutwell, Dewey Musser, Jr., June Shellenberger, Ruth Roberts and Arnold Musser; and parents Dewey, Leah and Mabel Musser,

Friends are encouraged to support Larry's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Sunday, February 22, from 2:00pm - 4:00pm, and 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Funeral services are Monday, February 23, 2026, at 12 noon, Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Crystal Fox 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 Larry's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smartphone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Maple Valley

Memorial Scholarship Foundation. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

FEB 22. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

FEB 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

FEB 23. 12:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Graveside

FEB **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Woodlawn Cemetery
10911 Vermontville Hwy
Vermontville, MI 49096

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Lawrence W. Musser*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 23 at 09:47 AM

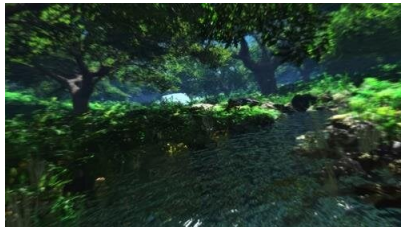
DK

I really enjoyed y'all putting on the video for those of us that were unable to be there since I live in Florida. It was very nice. Thank you again! Blessings to everyone!! Love and Prayers, Debbie Kemp

Debbie Kemp - February 23 at 01:22 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Lawrence W. Musser*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 21 at 03:13 PM

BJ

“ Larry was a man I met many years ago when I was dating his lovely daughter Brenda. We had many great times together in vermonville as well as at the cottage. I always called him “Pa”. We enjoyed many laughs, may he rest in peace
Bryan

Bryan Cullens jr - May 04 at 10:33 PM

DK

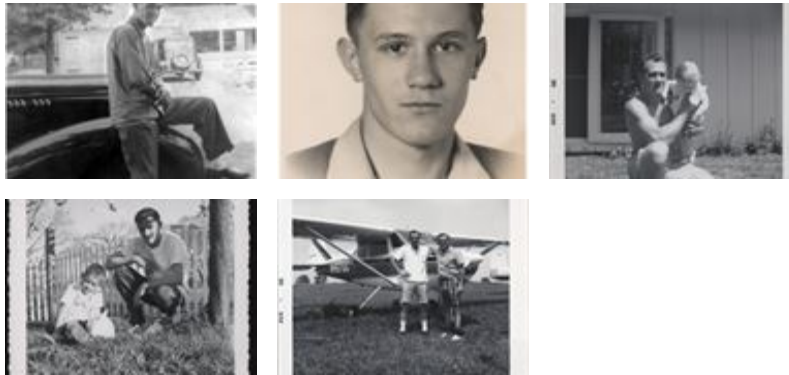
“ Larry a wonderful man!! My first meeting of him was back in grade school (been nearly 70 yrs now) when he come on our bus checking things out. As a kid I was afraid of him but what I didn't know at the time is that he was so very kind and loving man. He would help you out if you needed help! Loved listening to him talk. He will be terribly missed and always loved!! Prayers to the Musser family!! RIP Mr Larry Musser!!

Love and thoughts from Debbie and Jerry Kemp

Debbie Kemp - February 22 at 12:13 AM



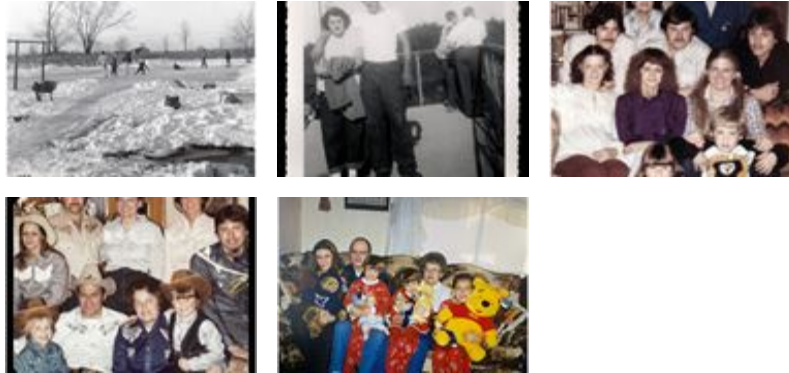
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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 21 at 04:51 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 21 at 03:07 PM

YW

“ Your loving Niece, Amber & Jim Winter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence W. Musser.

Your loving Niece, Amber & Jim Winter - February 20 at 08:57 PM

YW

“ Your loving Niece, Amber & Jim Winter purchased the *Small Garden Dish* for the family of Lawrence W. Musser.



Your loving Niece, Amber & Jim Winter - February 20 at 08:57 PM

DH

“ Don & Karen Hickey purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Lawrence W. Musser.



Don & Karen Hickey - February 20 at 03:57 PM

KV

“ Kathy & Chuck Viele purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Lawrence W. Musser.



Kathy & Chuck Viele - February 20 at 02:32 PM

AM

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Larry's passing . I enjoyed our visits. Such a wonderful man. So many great memories. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. April

April Maynard - February 18 at 09:49 AM

DH

“ Our thoughts and prayers to all of Larry's family. Remember his bright smile, quick wit and laughter. Sincerely Dave and Brinda Hawkins

David Hawkins - February 18 at 07:20 AM

TS

An outstanding man, to have known, He was my bus driver when I was in school, and made it a lot of fun. He is one of the Vermontville parents that helped raise me, and what ever there is good in me he had a hand in it.

Tim Shetenhelm - February 18 at 08:32 PM