



## Lincoln Gorsuch

February 12, 1935 - December 15, 2018

Lincoln Gorsuch, 83, of Crystal, formerly of Dimondale, died peacefully on Saturday, December 15, 2018 in Alma. Lincoln was born February 12, 1935 in Wauseon, OH, the son of Clarence Henry and Orlena (Bailey) Gorsuch. He graduated from Morenci High School before enlisting in the U.S. Army, serving two years. Following his service, he graduated from the Michigan State Police Academy, starting as a Trooper in 1962. During his 10 years as a trooper, he concurrently attended Adrian College and earned his bachelor degree. He later established himself as a forensic specialist and went on to a prominent career, serving an additional 15 years as a detective in the crime lab, retiring in 1987. Lincoln was a member of the Lion's Club, MSP Troopers Association, and provided training to the FBI and other law enforcement agencies, as well as providing expert witness services on countless occasions. After retirement, he operated as a private investigator.

With his children and his late wife, Marlene Reppert, he enjoyed raising and showing buckskin and quarter horses at the Eaton County 4H Fair and across the country. Lincoln married Mary Jo Twitchell on July 9, 1983, and the two lived on Thornapple Lake. Many will remember Lincoln for his keen sense of humor, his love of animals, and his genuine ability to be "down to Earth." He possessed a natural musical talent, always carrying a harmonica, and playing the piano by ear into his final days. Above all, he loved his family.

Lincoln is survived by his wife of 35 years, Mary Jo; daughters, Julie (Douglas) Anderson, Joy Gorsuch, and Jennifer (Eric) Lison; step-children, Kurt (Lana) Hauffe and Dawn Steffes; 14 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; brother, Harold (Margy) Gorsuch. He was predeceased by two infant daughters, Jerolyn Sue Gorsuch and Twila Jane Gorsuch; siblings, Darrell Gorsuch, Jane Wills, Neva Vanlerberg, Donna Jones, and Gaylen Gorsuch.

Friends are encouraged to support Lincoln's family at visitation and funeral services. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 28, 2018 at Pray Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at the funeral home. Interment will take place in Oak Grove Cemetery in Morenci, MI. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Michigan State Troopers Association. Friends are encouraged to share memories of Lincoln on his tribute page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **27**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Memorial Service

DEC **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Lincoln Gorsuch*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 26, 2018 at 05:59 PM

SW

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Link. We went to school and graduated together. I believe he came in from country school in the 9th grade. He was always friendly and supported our class reunions, coming to a good share of them. He was of a good character. He will be missed I know. Please accept my condolences.*  
*Sue (Collar) Wilson*

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**Sue Wilson** - December 28, 2018 at 02:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lincoln Gorsuch .*

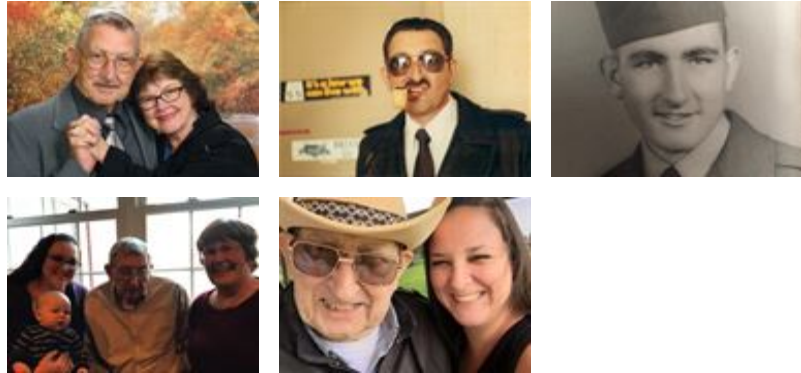


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December 26, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ 93 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 26, 2018 at 04:56 PM

Barb Smith Fall

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Lincoln was my Dad (Jim Smith's) Roommate in Alma. He was a very nice man. God Bless. Barb Fall



Barb Smith Fall - December 26, 2018 at 01:59 PM

CN

“ The Naugle family has many fond memories of Linc at the log cabin. He was always puttering around and would stop over for a quiet chat. The "lake" misses its mayor. Sue and Archie Naugle, Carol Naugle

Carol Naugle - December 19, 2018 at 08:37 PM

DN

“ *Our sympathy to Mary Jo. Linc would delight our daughters Emily(Emory), Leslie(Lester), and Katie when we would vacation at Thornapple Lake. May God comfort your family. With love, Dan and Nancy Naugle*

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**Dan and Nancy Naugle** - December 19, 2018 at 07:43 PM

JA

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Julie Anderson** - December 19, 2018 at 12:38 PM

TG

“ *My name is Thomas Milton Gorsuch from Wauseon, Ohio and live in DeWitt MI (413 W. Main St). I have often been asked if I knew Lincoln or was related; I had to say no but all Gorsuches are related in some way. So sorry to hear of Lincoln's passing.*

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**Thomas Gorsuch** - December 19, 2018 at 09:35 AM



*I live outside of DeWitt. Lincoln was my father. I'm Joy.*

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**Joy Gorsuch** - December 19, 2018 at 04:35 PM

CH

“ Joy, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. I remember him with the horses while we were still in school then later at the lab while I worked for Meridian Township. I'll be thinking of you and your family.

Candy (Peterson) Hampton

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**Candy (Peterson) Hampton** - December 19, 2018 at 08:21 AM



Thank you, Candy

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**Joy Gorsuch** - December 19, 2018 at 04:36 PM

CH

You're welcome hon. Hope all is as well as it can be.

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**Candy Hampton** - December 19, 2018 at 05:48 PM

LK

“ Mary Jo, I am thinking of you and your family! I wish you peace and comfort!

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**Leila Klaiss** - December 18, 2018 at 09:22 PM