



Martin Fred Vierk

November 6, 1924 - May 26, 2016

Martin Fred Vierk, 91, of Charlotte, died peacefully on Thursday, May 26, 2016. Martin was born November 6, 1924 in Mecosta, MI, the son of Fred and Augusta (Peterson) Vierk. In his early childhood, his family moved to Eaton County, where he attended Spicerville Country School. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1942 before working as a dairy farmer as well as a brief time with Diamond Reo. On January 27, 1945, he married Vivian Buehler. They lived in Freeport before moving to Charlotte, where they raised their family. Martin worked several years as a John Deere Partsman at various John Deere Implement Dealers, most recently at Hadley's John Deere, where he retired in 1989. Martin also served as a volunteer fireman in both Charlotte and Freeport. He was a member of the National Rifle Association.

Martin enjoyed time in the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, gardening and mushrooming. He was an avid Detroit Sports fan. He loved playing baseball and softball, playing in leagues as well as serving as an umpire. He also played golf and bowled. He and Vivian enjoyed their time together square dancing, leisurely drives through the country, and playing cards with friends and family.

He is survived by his son, David (Betty) Vierk; daughter, Joan (Joel) Brenke; 4 grandchildren, Cindy Gaedert, Jennifer (Josh) Walls, Jacob Brenke and Jessa Brenke; 4 great-grandsons, Isaac and Evan Walls and Carter and Dawson

Wing; sisters-in-law, Helen Vierk and Betty Usborne; brother-in-law, Robert Humphrey, Sr.; and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his wife, Vivian Vierk; brothers, Edward Vierk and Lee Vierk; and sister, Donna Swanson.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte with Rev. Gary Wales officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., just prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Kalamo Hillside cemetery. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton Community Palliative Care or Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church, Charlotte. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Martin on his tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Hillside (Kalamo) Cemetery

1459 S. Ionia Rd
Vermontville, MI 49096

Tribute Wall

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“ *Don and Paulette purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Martin Fred Vierk .*



Don and Paulette - June 01, 2016 at 11:02 AM

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“ I am thankful that I was able to be a help to Martin for over three years. I enjoyed some TIGER base ball and some MOUNTAINEER football with him. If I was home I'd call and check in with him on the game. I kind of felt like I knew him before I met him, as we built a house next to his mother in 1971, and I heard a lot about Martin, Lee, & Donna. I also remembered my dad talking about Donna at Mi. National Bank. She was his favorite teller. Gusta would take our 3 1/2 yr old, Bobby, to her garden a lot & let him pull some carrots. He loved that. When we moved back to W.V. , we wrote for a while, she always wanted to know if Bobby was getting his carrots. Just one more thing, we had moved back to Mi in 87, I think about 92, I started to work at the E.C. Med. Center, we had a new patient arrive in the afternoon, Low & behold , it was Gusta! I went in to talk to her, I could hardly believe she remembered me! She passed that same day. I was working up on 2nd floor , getting ready to go off shift & could not find my glasses. I searched and searched, & finally it was figured out that I had left them in Gusta's room on 1st floor, and they had gone with her to the funeral home. There are still 2 or 3 people who remind me of that story each time we meet. A lot of good memories going on now. Again, I'm happy that I was able to spend the time that I did with Martin. With sympathy and prayers for the family,

Dorothy Dumire

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