



## Melvin Carl Bartholomew

January 29, 1934 - June 8, 2020

Melvin Carl Bartholomew, 86 of Charlotte, a compassionate man with a great sense of humor, died June 8, 2020. Born to Lester and Florence (Lee) Bartholomew on January 29, 1934, Melvin grew up learning about family values and was the glue that held his family together. A car buff and collector of much, Melvin enjoyed his Model A and Packard. He also enjoyed fishing, especially with his great-grandkids, and golf with a unique style that was all his own. A very patriotic man, Melvin was proud of his time in the Navy during the Korean War, and continued to love healthy discussions about politics and the constitution with a true love of his country. He was a member of the American Legion Post 42 in Charlotte and Post 225 in Lansing.

A great family man and story teller, Melvin's stories will be missed greatly by his family. He leaves behind his wife of 61 years, Lois; daughters, Jill (Jim) Wright and Lori (Steve) Orlor; 3 grandchildren Jamie (Gerry) Britstor, Kelsey Wright, Maddie Orlor, 2 great-grandchildren Kohen and Ezra Bristor; siblings, Ruth Smith, Martha Austin and Harry Bartholomew. He was predeceased by his parents; brothers, Clifford, Larry and Claude; sister, Donna Hobert.

Funeral services will be held in the Pray Funeral Home Garden on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at 1:00 PM, with visitation prior to the service from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Due to current COVID guidelines, it is requested that all guests wear a mask. Webcasting of the service will take place so you may watch it from

any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Melvin's tribute, and then click on Photos & Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Just prior to the beginning of the service, a link will appear on this page to watch the webcast.

Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Melvin on his Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church, where Melvin and Lois were long-time members.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeside/Lakewood Cemetery

14631 Cemetery Road  
Lake Odessa, MI 48845

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Ceremony

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Melvin Carl Bartholomew*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 12, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin Carl Bartholomew*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 11, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ *2 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 27, 2020 at 05:55 PM

KB

“ I have some great memories of spending time with Uncle Melvin, Lois, Jill & Lori as a kid when we would visit them in Michigan. I'll never forget his amusement with me as I use to say that he “talked funny!” Rest In Peace Uncle Mel! Love to you and the family.  
Ken Bartholomew

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**Ken Bartholomew** - June 13, 2020 at 11:36 AM

JS

“ My memories of Mel include cookies, shenanigans and lots of laughs! He was one of a kind in the absolute best way. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

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**Jacki Starr** - June 12, 2020 at 06:27 PM

JB

“ Sorry for your for your loss. I remember when you all lived in Wolf Lake , Muskegon, Mi. aunt Fanny and all of use missed you all, when you moved. Love and Prayers for all of the family. love cousin Jenny(Sprague) Blain

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**jenny(sprague) blain** - June 12, 2020 at 01:19 PM

JD

“ I was so sorry to Hear of Melvins passing. I was a classmate and friend from Woodland High School. You have my sympathies. Jan Sandbrook Dixon

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**Jan M Dixon** - June 12, 2020 at 11:47 AM

BB

“ *Mel was the best brother and brother in law a person could ever have. Always happy and fun loving! He never let anything get him down. Always loving and kind. We will miss him!*

*Love,  
Harry and Bebe*

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**Bebe Bartholomew** - June 12, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin Carl Bartholomew.*



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June 12, 2020 at 10:43 AM

TW

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Mel's passing. Our sincere condolences to the whole family. I always felt that Mel was a kindred spirit. We talked many times when he was working at his barn on Onondaga Rd. Marilyn and I will miss him greatly. A great guy is gone and he will be remembered with much affection.*

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**Tom and Marilyn Woodhouse** - June 12, 2020 at 08:43 AM

TS

“ *Tom and Kelly Smith purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Melvin Carl Bartholomew.*



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**Tom and Kelly Smith** - June 11, 2020 at 09:28 PM

LB

“ I have known Melvin for about 15 years or so and that was limited to playing golf with him, primarily on Tuesday’s when our little band of old timers got together. We had some great times and Melvin often entertained us with his never ending bag of jokes. He was from my experience, the guy that everyone wanted for a friend. He had an infectious smile that I believe was on his face from the day he was born. Our numbers are declining and those of us that are left are going to miss his wonderful sense of humor, sharp wit and his knowledge of current events.



I last played with Melvin a few weeks ago and I noticed his energy was not what it used to be and encouraged him to just chip and putt, which he did, but he turned to me and said, “I want to play as long as I can. Well Melvin, you did! I feel blessed to have known him and I can only hope when he meets St. Peter he is selective with his jokes.

*Rest In Peace Melvin.*

*Larry Bennett*

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**Larry Bennett** - June 11, 2020 at 08:52 PM

JA

*Thanks for sharing! Love the part about being selective with his jokes ;) He was a great man!*

*Jamie (his granddaughter)*

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**Jamie** - June 13, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Carl Bartholomew.*



June 11, 2020 at 08:16 PM

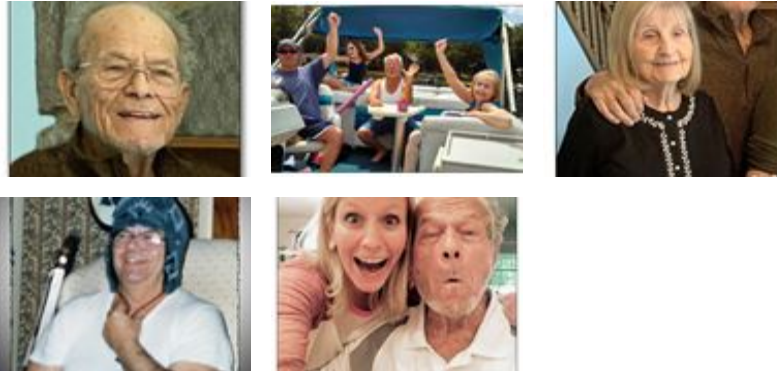


“ *I have fond memories of Uncle Mel bringing Archway cookies to all the family gatherings and of him and my dad talking about cars 🥰*

**Kim Heath** - June 11, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ *35 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 11, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ *Jill, very sorry to hear of your dad's passing.*

**Michael Fuller** - June 11, 2020 at 05:49 PM

KH

“ *What a wonderful neighbor and friend! My Mom and Dad so enjoyed Mel and Lois living across the street from them. And I so enjoyed Mel as the father of my great friend Jill! He loved adventures. I remember going out in the night with all of them, chasing the smoke, so we could find where the fire was! Kristi Hampton*

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**Kristi Hampton** - June 11, 2020 at 03:24 PM

TK

“ *The Lockwoods Joan, Cathie, Kristi purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Melvin Carl Bartholomew.*



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**The Lockwoods Joan, Cathie, Kristi** - June 11, 2020 at 08:54 AM