



Myron "Mike" E. Shilling

June 12, 1933 - May 15, 2016

Myron "Mike" E. Shilling, 82, of Charlotte, passed away on May 15, 2016, at his residence in Charlotte, Michigan.

Mr. Shilling was born on June 12, 1933, to Earl and Alice (Hardy) Shilling in Jonesville, Michigan. He attended one room country schools, Miers and Wetmore. Mike graduated from Charlotte High School, class of 1951. After high school, he helped farm with his dad, grandpa and uncle.

On March 7, 1953, he married Celora Anna Pifer, the love of his life, at the West Benton Church. Together they raised six children.

Mike was drafted into the Korean War, serving from May 1953 to May 1955. He was a helicopter mechanic during his time of service, attached to the 82nd Airborne, North Carolina.

Mike worked at Oldsmobile in Lansing for thirty years until his retirement in 1982. During his 30 years with Oldsmobile, he worked at four different Lansing plants, and retired as a Technical Layout Journeyman on Inspection. He was a member of the Oldsmobile Quarter Century Club, and the American Legion, Post 42 of Charlotte. Mike felt most at home on the farm in his bib overalls. Farming is where he developed a love for antique tractors.

When it came to fixing, finding, or figuring out something big or small, Mike was the "go-to" guy. He would say, "if you're afraid to scratch it or get a tractor dirty, don't paint it." Many may remember Mike's Allis Chalmers tractor with the homemade cab with all the extras including the skunk on the fender, and the coffee cup glued to the top. He and his wife, Tootie, would travel near and very far together, for any tractor shows, in several states; always ready to meet and greet new and old friends.

Mike is survived by 6 children, Michael (Linda) Shilling of Charlotte, Thomas (Pam) Shilling of Bellevue, Bonnie Jo (Galen) Swift of Lewiston, Jim (Lisa) Shilling of Charlotte, Teresa A. (Richard) Rogers of Charlotte, Anita Harper of Lansing; 3 sisters; 14 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Celora in 2012.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, Michigan.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, with Pastor John Cain officiating.

Burial will take place in the Gresham Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the South Cochran Church of God .

The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Myron's Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Gresham Cemetery

4100 Mulliken Rd
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Myron "Mike" E. Shilling*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 17, 2016 at 09:48 AM



“ *We enjoyed Mike's smile when he attended our auctions sales.*

Chris Stanton

Chris Stanton - May 18, 2016 at 09:02 AM



“ *I remember chasing the Pigs and falling down alot! I had such fun with my cousins. Love you all and my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Teresa Watson - May 18, 2016 at 08:12 AM



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 17, 2016 at 09:40 AM



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Mike - May 16, 2016 at 08:16 PM



At times like this I wish I didn't live so far away. I am so sorry to hear this. Mike was a neighbor when I was growing up, son Mike was a neighbor after that. Tootie drove the bus my children rode on, everyone loved them. This brings a tear to my eye. Donis Grove

Donis Grove - May 18, 2016 at 06:08 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Myron "Mike" E. Shilling.*



May 16, 2016 at 08:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Myron "Mike" E. Shilling.*



May 16, 2016 at 05:26 PM



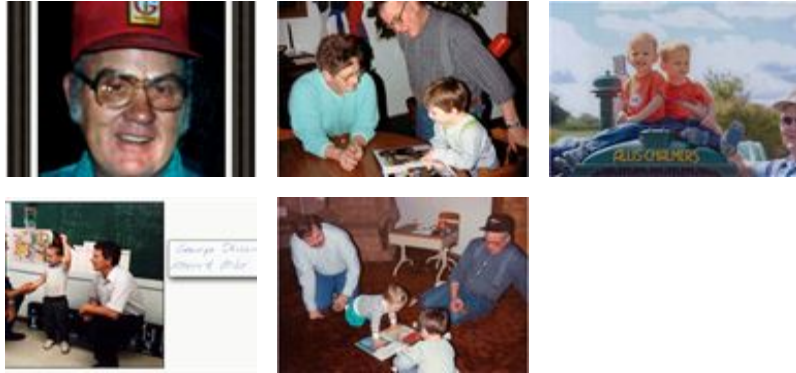
“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Myron "Mike" E. Shilling.*



May 16, 2016 at 04:59 PM



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 16, 2016 at 04:13 PM



“ I never met Mr. Shilling but many times a day I walked by his name carved in to the post at the top of the stairs in the house where he, and then I years later, grew up on Otto Road. Condolences to the family in this time of sorrow. Patty (Cross) Braithwaite

Patty Braithwaite - May 16, 2016 at 03:42 PM



“ Family of Bud & Loretta Pifer purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Myron "Mike" E. Shilling.



Family of Bud & Loretta Pifer - May 16, 2016 at 12:31 PM



“ you were a friend mentor and a story teller. i loved to here you talk about your tractors and where you have gone with them or when you talked about your kids i could tell you were proud of them and how much you loved them even if you never said it. The way you could be put in to a group of people and walk away with everybody liking you was always funny to me because I could never do that. You passed that same trait on to your kids. When ever I went somewhere with Jim or Tom it was the same way and people where always happy to see them again and were always welcomed with a smile as you were when ever you came to the tractor races. You will be missed by many friends and family. They called you Mike butt to me you will always be known as Pa.

Your friend David Baum or that Baum guy.

Dave Baum - May 16, 2016 at 11:58 AM



“ *Jim and Lisa Jones purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Myron "Mike" E. Shilling.*



Jim and Lisa Jones - May 16, 2016 at 11:33 AM

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“ *Tom and Jim and Families*
So sorry to here of MIke's passing. We have many memories of Mike during the AC Caravans and at the Gatherings that we will cherish.
Take Care and God Bless
Brad, Trina and Lucas McBride
Kippen, ON

Trina - May 16, 2016 at 10:29 AM

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“ *Tom n all the family.*
Your dad n mom will always have a special place in my heart.
We have so many memories traveling to the tractor shows together near n far.
Will miss him. R.I.P. Mike with my beloved friend Tootie.
Marjorie

Marjorie Baxter - May 16, 2016 at 07:37 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Amber - May 15, 2016 at 09:28 PM