



Norris "Cy" Ralph Stark

October 16, 1933 - February 12, 2024

Norris "Cy" Ralph Stark, 90 of Charlotte, an extraordinary tractor mechanic and farmer, died February 12, 2024 at home with his family by his side. He was born October 16, 1933 in Battle Creek, the son of Norris and Dorothy (Hoag) Stark, attended Central High School in Battle Creek his freshman and sophomore years, and then Olivet High School his Junior and Senior Years, playing basketball and earning many awards. The biggest award ever, though, was meeting his future wife at a basketball game just after he graduated from high school. Since he had already graduated and she was still in high school, their courtship took several years, often with distance being an obstacle in their relationship, but in the end they married on New Year's Day 1956.

Instead of attending college, Cy decided to become a farmer. With his dad, he purchased his first farm on 5 Point Highway in 1956 which included an old farmhouse, and while it needed lots of repairs, Cy and Shirley did so together and filled the home with love as they raised their four sons. Cy was a full-time farmer until 1968, when he was hired by D.E. Wertz as a tractor mechanic by day, and continued farming at night. He was great with all types of tractors, but specialized in the more modern models. A mechanic's mechanic, Cy was never too busy to answer a question on how to fix something or help someone out. He never relied on modern technology, he would trouble shoot simply by listening to the tractor and its symptoms. After 22 years at Wertz, he also worked at J.R. Fueslein Inc. for five years, and Filmore's Implement for three

years.

Cy is survived by his sons, Richard (LeAnn) Stark, Bob (Lisa) Stark, John (Connie) Stark, and Thomas (Linda) Stark; ten grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and sister, ZoeAnn Baxter. He was predeceased by his wife, Shirley; and one great-grandson.

Friends are encouraged to support Cy's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Wednesday, February 14, 5-8:00 PM. Funeral services are Thursday, February 15, 11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Josh Burt 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 Cy's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Elara Caring Hospice or Grace Community Church in Nashville. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Center Eaton Cemetery

2093 Narrow Lake Road
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **14**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

FEB **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral

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Graveside

FEB 15. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Norris "Cy" Ralph Stark



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 15, 2024 at 09:14 AM

BR

Beautiful service, memories, and tribute. Sorry the weather kept me away. Betty Rogers

Betty Rogers - February 15, 2024 at 04:53 PM

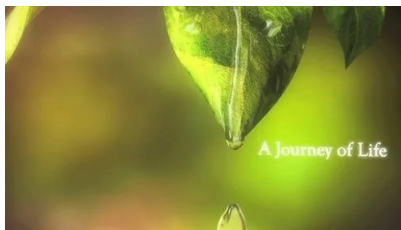
DR

i Loved him

DrakeMorris - June 01, 2024 at 10:46 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Norris "Cy" Ralph Stark



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 13, 2024 at 08:33 PM

BM

“ *Mr. Stark must have been a great man for his son Thomas, our neighbor here in Charlotte for a number of years was a great neighbor. Goodness does not fall far from the trees either. May you feel God's presence even greater at this time. Your past neighbor, Bryan Mitchell*

Bryan Mitchell - June 19, 2024 at 03:42 PM

DR

“ *you tickle me evre time im nere you*

DrakeMorris - June 01, 2024 at 10:34 PM

HH

“ *We wish to extend our thoughts and prayers to the entire family in their loss. An old neighbor. Harold and Bonnie Holcomb*



Harold & Bonnie Holcomb - February 14, 2024 at 05:01 PM

BF

“ *Brian Harris Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Norris "Cy" Ralph Stark.*



Brian Harris Family - February 13, 2024 at 09:18 PM



“ 46 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 13, 2024 at 08:28 PM

CW

“ Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Norris "Cy" Ralph Stark



Chad & Carol Walker - February 13, 2024 at 10:57 AM

IG

“ We lived in the same park as Cy and Shirley in Texas . Fantastic people. Cy always had time to lend a helping hand. Rest in peace Cy.
Irene and Ron at Snow to Sun

Irene Gale - February 13, 2024 at 12:07 AM

RW

“ Randy, Roxanne & Janessa Wooley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norris Ralph Stark.

Randy, Roxanne & Janessa Wooley - February 12, 2024 at 07:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norris "Cy" Ralph Stark.*



February 12, 2024 at 07:08 PM



“ *Larry & Cindy Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norris "Cy" Ralph Stark.*

Larry & Cindy Jones - February 12, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ *Larry & Cindy Jones purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Norris "Cy" Ralph Stark.*



Larry & Cindy Jones - February 12, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ *I am sad to see this! Cy and Shirley, Bob and I had good times together! They introduced Bob and I. We had good times dancing at Shadowland, stopping to eat at Sun Valley Court after the dance.*

Marcia Jewell - February 12, 2024 at 05:34 PM

TF

“ *The Dewey Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norris "Cy" Ralph Stark.*

The Dewey Family - February 12, 2024 at 04:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norris "Cy" Ralph Stark.*



February 12, 2024 at 04:54 PM