



## Paul Lewis Coplin

March 3, 1934 - April 21, 2022

Paul Lewis Coplin of Potterville, a great story teller and practical joker, died April 21, 2022 at the age of 88. Paul was born in Battle Creek on March 3, 1934 to Bernard and Velma (Whittington) Coplin. Growing up in a family with three boys, it was no surprise that Paul loved sports and played everything he could in high school. Before he got his driver's license, Paul got his pilot's license and continued to enjoy flying for his entire life. He was also an FFA member, and took part in a men's choir for the State of Michigan. Paul worked for the Grand Trunk Railroad as a clerk in Lansing until his retirement. After retirement, Paul and his wife, Dorothy, both rode the bus for Middlebury schools to help special needs students.

A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Paul was never afraid to show others his faith in God. In his youth he often sang in a trio with his brothers at church, and as an adult Paul enjoyed driving bus to pick up kids for Sunday school. Living life to its fullest, he also encouraged those around him to follow their dreams. Paul was always ready to share a great story and enjoyed a good practical joke.

Paul is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Russow) Coplin; children, Steve (Lori) Coplin, Teresa Kocher, Kendra Cooke, Mark (Laurie) Coplin, Dale (Dorella) Page-Hunter, and Denise (Colby) Page; grandchildren, Abe (Michelle) Kocher, Samantha Dhainin, Abbey (Jason) Williamson, Kendrick (Danielle) Coplin,

Annie (Jeremy) Lenhart, Nick Coplin, Micah (Kate) Coplin, Heather Cooke, Austin (Sheridan) Coplin, Bo Coplin (Emily Kappes), Elizabeth Cruz, Joshua (Amanda Hurst) Cruz, and Odie Sagredo-Page; and 21 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, brothers, Velbern and John and step son David Hunter.

Friends are encouraged to support Paul's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Monday, April 25, 10-11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, with funeral services immediately following officiated by Pastor Lester DeGroot. 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](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Paul's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the memorial contributions are suggested to the family. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Bosworth Cemetery

6933 South Stine Road  
Olivet, MI 49076

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral

APR 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Paul Lewis Coplin*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 25, 2022 at 10:11 AM

ME

“ *To Dorothy and Family, I'm sad to hear of your beloved Paul's passing as he was a wonderful man and I'm sure he will be missed. Your in my prayers*  
*Marian Eberle-Hayner*

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**Marian Eberle-Hayner** - June 08, 2022 at 04:43 PM

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“ *Dorothy, Paul's children and families, and his extended family: I'm sorry to hear of Paul's passing. I was a classmate of him and the children's mother and have remained a friend to Paul throughout the years. May your memories and the Blessings of God help to console you at this difficult time of life.*  
*Shirley*

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**Shirley (Stansbury, Link) Weers** - April 25, 2022 at 10:38 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Lewis Coplin.*



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April 23, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Lewis Coplin.*



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April 23, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *Paul met you always with a big smile. I remember meeting him and knowing how happy he made our Aunt Dorothy. Her happiness was for ALL their years. He made the world a better place- everyday! To Paul's children. You were blessed with a great dad. With Deepest Sympathies- Laura (Russow) Young, Larry Russow, Linda (Russow) Hart & Frances Russow and families*

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**Laura Young** - April 22, 2022 at 09:36 PM



“ *Dorothy & family Paul was a wonderful man & will be missed! Love & Prayer Loretta Coplin*

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**Loretta Coplin** - April 22, 2022 at 05:39 PM