



Raymond Ardean Barlund

September 14, 1924 - April 21, 2013

Raymond "Ardean" Barlund, 88, of Vermontville, MI, passed away on April 21, 2013 at home. Ardean was born September 14, 1924 on the family farm near Bellevue, the son of Everett and Zoa (Swift) Barlund. He served in the United States Army Air Force during World War II and received an honorable discharge in 1945. On May 13, 1945, Raymond married Barbara Jean Stewart and together they raised 1 son and 4 daughters. He farmed his own land in Vermontville and worked at Citizens Elevator. He was a bulldozer operator for Charles Viele, operated his own business and retired as custodian for Maple Valley Schools. He was a member of the Vermontville Lions Club. He loved hunting, all sports, bowling, his Model A, and most of all, his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Barbara Jean (Stewart); son Raymond (Colleen) Barlund and their children Rachael, Nathan, Brooke (Brett) Williams, Trent (Malinda) and Brittany; daughters, Penny (Chris) Brumm and their children Lane (Laurie), Lance (Lori), Lacey (Chad) Johnson and Lanette; Pamela (Daniel) Stine and their sons Darrel and Brent (Sarah); and Patricia (Bill) Dennis and their children Brian (Lila) and Michelle (Ryan) Wells; 26 great grandchildren with 2 on the way; 8 great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Ardean was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Paula Rae Barlund; grandson William Michael Dennis; brothers Glen and Kenneth Barlund; and sisters, Alberta Parr, Thelma Stadel and Genevive Treadwell. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, April 25, 2013 with son-in-law Chris Brumm officiating at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 from 7:00-9:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home. Interment will take place in Gresham Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Maple Valley Scholarship Fund or Eaton Community Palliative Care. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com <http://www.prayfuneral.com>.

Tribute Wall

GH

“ I am sorry to hear about your father. He was a great neighbor. We lost mom in 2011 and dad in 2009. I recently lost my husband of 40 yrs on 4-12-2013. Live for the memories. Love Gail

Gail(Martin) Hulbert - May 06, 2013 at 03:25 AM

BL

“ My condolences to the Barlund family.....so many sweet precious memories with your family growing up. Love to all.

Brenda Musser Lynch - May 05, 2013 at 03:09 PM

LD

“ To Barbara, and ALL her dearly loved one's. So sorry we could not be there with you all at this time of sorrow. Just please know your ALL in our thoughts and prayers. Your dad was a great man, and will be missed alot by you all. BARBARA...especially know we're thinking of you so much..Sending love and prayers to ALL...

Larry and June Decker - April 25, 2013 at 01:16 PM

MB

“ Sending you love and prayers during this time of loss ... hold on to the beautiful memories ... I like to think that he and my dad are hanging out having a cup of coffee together as it was one of the joys my dad had with him... such a simple thing but a thing that brought joy to another persons life ...

Michelle BarlundSmith - April 24, 2013 at 02:59 AM

SF

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our hearts ache for you and even though we can't be there in person, we are thinking about you and are here if you need us. Love you.

Sean and Geri Motherway & Family - April 23, 2013 at 08:16 AM

BD

“ Our thoughts and prayers to all, we will miss Uncle Ardean, we always had fun being around him.

Brinda & Dave - April 22, 2013 at 08:55 PM