



Raymond DeVere Grant

June 9, 1927 - September 5, 2020

Raymond DeVere Grant, 93, from the comfort of his own home entered the gates of heaven on September 5, 2020. Raymond (Ray) was born on June 9, 1927 in Chester Township, Michigan, the son of Thomas DeVere and Anne (Baas) Grant. There he attended a country school and later met his wife of 54 years, Esther Wright.

Ray, a hard-working man, worked in several industries until he laid the foundation of Grant's Woodshop in 1972. In his spare time, he used his craftsmanship at craft shows, building wooden games for kids at a local Bible school and Christian camps. He was a charter member of Chester Gospel Church, which he took part in building. Here and at home is where he developed his strong foundation of love, faith, and Christian values that he used throughout his life. With this devotion, he gained respect from everyone he met and especially from his family that he so loved and enjoyed.

Ray is survived by his children, Paul Grant, Pam (Nelson) Appelman, Don (Marcia) Grant, Rob (Wendy) Grant; daughter-in-law, Cindy Grant; grandchildren, Dusti (Dennis) Seeley, Tennille (Andy) Stetler, Cassie (friend Matt) Bell, Tony (friend Shannon) Appelman, Joheather Grant, Leslie (Mike) Zook, Jessie (Matt) Grant-Drout, Hillary (Clint) Malinowski, Nick (friend Amy) Grant; along with 11 great-grandchildren that he adored. He is also survived by his siblings, Norma (Wendell) Frantz, Martha (Keith) Moore, Connie (David)

Green, Kathryn Burnett; and brother-in-law, Verlie Shaver; plus many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Esther; son, Randy; infant daughter, Sandra Kay; his parents; 3 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; sisters, Barbara Benedict, Marjorie Wagoner, Virginia Shaver; and brothers-in-law, Robert Burnett, Wayne Wagoner, and Carroll Benedict.

Friends are encouraged to support Ray's family at visitation and funeral services.

Mask and distancing guidelines will be practiced both indoors and outdoors. Funeral services are Friday, September 11, 2020, 11:00 AM in the Pray Funeral Home Gardens in Charlotte with Pastor Dennis Weeks officiating. Visitation is Thursday, September 10, 2-4:00 PM and 6-8:00 PM in the funeral home gardens. The funeral service 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 Ray's tribute, and then click on Photos and 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.

If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Chester Gospel Church or Youth Haven Ranch. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Ray on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

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Cemetery Details

Gresham Cemetery

4100 Mulliken Rd
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 10. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

SEP 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



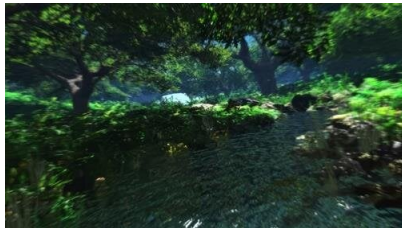
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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 11, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond DeVere Grant*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 09, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ *Raymond was a neighbor most of my life, and we enjoyed seeing and visiting with him on our morning visit to the Amish bakery.*

Gerald & Paula Cole

Gerald Cole - September 10, 2020 at 07:44 PM



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“ *My sincere condolences to the Grant family. Mr. Grant was a caring and generous man who had a positive influence on every person he met. He was a testimony to his Christian faith.*

Jim Schwartz - September 08, 2020 at 03:55 PM