



## Rice Lynn Fowler

May 27, 1923 - January 10, 2017

Rice Lynn Fowler, 93, of Lansing, formerly of Charlotte, died peacefully on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. Lynn was born May 27, 1923 in Eaton Rapids, the son of Rice Charles and Gladys (Scott) Fowler. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1941. Lynn attended MSU for one year while he waited for an appointment to the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Lynn graduated from the academy in the class of 1946 and stayed two years in the Fleet, with North Carolina as his first assignment and Manchester, a light cruiser as his next. Lynn joined Fowler's Inc. in 1947, and in 1951 they would become a Chevy-Olds dealer that Lynn would later be the owner of. Lynn was recalled to the US Navy Reserves for two years serving on the USS Black and USS Zellers. After returning from the reserves Lynn worked at the Fowler's Dealership before retiring in 1986.

After retiring Lynn moved to Naples, FL where he married Shirley M. Sheldon on May 15, 1991. Lynn was very active in the community serving as the Chairman of Eaton County Red Cross fund drive for two years, Chairman of Charlotte Community Chest fund drive, Chairman of Charlotte United Fund Drive, member of Charlotte City Council for six years, Mayor Pro Tem for one year, member of the Congregational Church Board of Trustees for six years, Congregational Church head usher for the month of April for eight years, President of Washington School PTA, Chairman of Charlotte High School and Grade school building upgrading and millage fund drive, Board of Directors for Charlotte Jaycees, Board of Directors Charlotte Parking Authority for five

years, Board of Directors Charlotte Rotary, President of Charlotte Rotary 1959-1960, 3rd Congressional District Chairman Republican Party of MI for four years, alternate delegate to Republican National Convention in Miami, member of Republican 3rd District Committee for seven years, member of Charlotte Masonic Lodge including Scottish Rite and Shrine, member of VFW, member of American Legion, Board of Directors for Frontier Days for four years, Chairman for Charlotte Frontier Days, and a member of The Charlotte Eagles Lodge.

Lynn is survived by his wife, Shirley (Sheldon) Fowler; children, Mindy (Michael) Guzzardo of Brighton, MI, Rice Thomas (JoAnne) Fowler of Vermontville, MI, and Pete "Dort" (Svetlana) Fowler of Brooklyn, NY; step-children Jerry (Sherri) Sanders of Port Charlotte, FL, Larry Sanders of Charlotte, MI, and Jane Jensen of Lansing, MI; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents Gladys lone and Rice Charles Fowler.

Funeral services are 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Phil Hobson officiating. Visitation will be just prior to the service, from 10-11:00 a.m. Interment will take place in Maple Hill Cemetery. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Heartland Hospice. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Lynn on his tribute page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Rice Lynn Fowler*

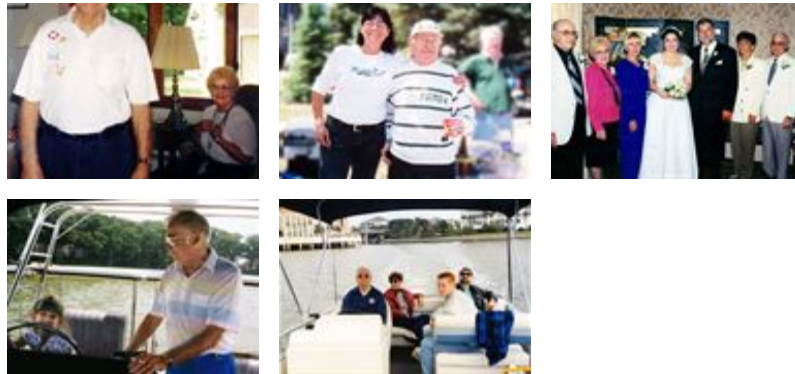


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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 13, 2017 at 04:12 PM



“ *20 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 16, 2017 at 02:46 PM

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“ I have many fond memories of my Father-in-law. One of my favorites was a few years ago when Rice and I took Dad to a Charlotte High School football game. Our daughter Emily was a cheerleader, and it was homecoming. We barely made it through the gate when people started to approach us, all eager to see Dad. Old friends, business associates, people from the dealership. Watching him interact with everyone was almost magical.

We didn't make it to our seats until 2nd quarter. The smile on Dad's face that night was priceless. This is a picture of 3 generations of Fowlers taken on that wonderful night, all graduates of Charlotte High School. We will miss you dearly.

Love,  
JoAnne & Emily Fowler



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**JoAnne Fowler** - January 14, 2017 at 09:08 AM

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“ Nan & David Cabe and Tammy & Rob Soule purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Rice Lynn Fowler.



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**Nan & David Cabe and Tammy & Rob Soule** - January 13, 2017 at 04:24 PM



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 13, 2017 at 04:05 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of Mr Fowler. I had worked at his Fowler Chevy GM Dealership of Lansing road during the late 70s as a car inspector and wash man. Got to see him in action with customers every day. I have many good times working for the Fowler family and all of there great co workers. Thank you for the memories Mr Fowler, Brian Briggs

Brian Briggs - January 13, 2017 at 09:01 AM



“ Candy (Twitchell) Vertalka and Family purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Rice Lynn Fowler.



Candy (Twitchell) Vertalka and Family - January 13, 2017 at 08:49 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rice Lynn Fowler.*



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January 13, 2017 at 12:42 AM



“ *Lynn was a true gentleman and a good friend. He will be remembered as an honest businessman. And city leader. I am happy to have known him and know he will be missed by family and friends.*

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**Joyce McCrumb** - January 12, 2017 at 05:45 PM



“ *Goods times when he was "Captain Fowler" and cruising us around for our girls weekend. What great memories.*

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**Sharon** - January 12, 2017 at 05:26 PM



“ *Lynn was a very personable man. I remember he sold me my first ever, new Chevy Monza and I kept it for over 20 years! I remember the stories he told me about his cadet years and how his father told him after graduation that if he thought he wanted to come home, he had better do it now to help run this family's auto business.*

*May the memories of this wonderful man linger in all of us and comfort those most in need of his presence.*

*Bernadette Chase*

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**Bernadette** - January 11, 2017 at 11:31 PM