



## Richard Best

May 24, 1940 - June 9, 2018

Richard Best, 78, of Charlotte, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who loved to fish and was an avid MSU fan, passed away on June 9, 2018 from pancreatic cancer. Richard was born on May 24, 1940 in Lansing, MI. Richard attended J. W. Sexton High School, graduating in 1958. After high school Richard joined the Coast Guard reserves and served 5 1/2 years.

Richard went to work for the State of Michigan. He hired as a clerk and went on to write the code and programs to convert many of the State's records and processes to computers. He retired in 1996 after 38 years of service as a Systems Analyst Manager.

Richard is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Linda; son, Bradley (Missy) Best; daughters, Jamie (Matt) Bennett, Carrie Best (Tom Beebe); 7 grandchildren; brother William (Luella) Best; 5 nephews; 1 niece; and sister-in-law, Sharon Monroe. Richard was preceded in death by a son, Bryan Scott Best; his parents, Rista and Doris (Hutchins) Best; brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Sue (Tabor) Best; and brother-in-law, James Bradshaw.

The family will receive guests at visitation Tuesday, June 12, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI. Funeral services are Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 11:00 am at Pray Funeral Home. Interment will take place in Dimondale Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Eaton Community Palliative Care or Eaton County Humane Society. Family

and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Richard's Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Dimondale Cemetery

5661 N. Canal Rd.  
Dimondale, MI 48821

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Ceremony

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BM

“ *The first two things that came into my mind was the first time I met "Mr. B". It was at 414 N. Larch, working as the only operator and was forced to show me around by George Stevens.  
The second one was when we bowled in the state tournament in Flint. I had 10 strikes in a row and the only thing I remember coming off the lanes after the 12th frame was "Mr. B" running out on the lanes with both hands out for a low five and a smile from ear to ear  
Someone took a picture of the scene, which I still have and not because of my score but of a friend who truly was happy for me.  
You will be missed "Mr. B"!!!!!!*

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**Bruce Marshall** - June 17, 2018 at 02:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Best.*



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June 12, 2018 at 08:18 AM

TR

“ *I'm so sorry for your lost. It's been years since I have seen Rich and Bill. We we're neighbors in the fifties. The whole Best family were fantastic people. Mr. And Mrs. Best raised three great boys. My parents thought the world of the family and we had some of the best times. Fishing in Canada, laughing and clowning around in the neighborhood and just being friends. I'm so sorry a great guy was taken from your family. My heart goes out to you all. Troy C. Creed*

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**troy** - June 12, 2018 at 02:53 AM

AB

*May your soul REST IN PEACE...(Lumut Malaysia)*

**AbdulRahman** - April 28, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Best.*



June 12, 2018 at 01:08 AM

AD

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family. You're in my thoughts.*

**Andrea Daines** - June 11, 2018 at 07:17 AM

SW

“ *I worked for Mr. B. for several years. He was a great boss! Always let me take annual leave to go fishing! My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

**Sherry Willadson** - June 10, 2018 at 11:25 AM

BF

“ *Growing up with Jamie I have so many memories of Mr Best! He was always at every sport and event possible. What a funny and supportive dad. I remember our yearly trips to Cedar Point with Mr Best in the driving seat! So many funny moments to look back on :) I am thinking of you all all and sending so much love. I am so sorry for you loss.*

**beth furton** - June 10, 2018 at 09:07 AM

RS

“ Rest in peace Bruiser, we have had many good memories from high school, card playing, fishing, football and casino's. I will miss our daily phone conversations. Your family has my deepest sympathy.

*Dick (Smitty) Smith and family*

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**Richard Smith** - June 10, 2018 at 08:27 AM

AM

“ You will be in our thoughts and prayers! You were the best neighbors! WE got to enjoy Brad, Jamie and Care Bear growing up. WE are so sorry for your loss!

*Hugs from Gene and Chris Myers and family*

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**A. Christine Myers** - June 10, 2018 at 07:45 AM

JM

“ For 65 years, you were there,  
To lend a hand and show you cared.  
Seven young boys became young men,  
To band together and remain good friends.  
Sexton Big Reds—Secretary of State,  
Always on time, never late.  
A good neighbor and a life long friend,  
“Go in peace,” is the message we send.

*Jim McCarthy*

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**Jim McCarthy** - June 10, 2018 at 06:31 AM

RR

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss..... I will always remember Mr. Best standing at the end of the basketball court with his arms crossed over his chest for every single game Jamie and I played in high school! He was always one of our biggest fans and would always voice his concerns over the calls the referees would make! Rest In Peace Mr. Best- my thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

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**Renae (Judd) Rivera** - June 09, 2018 at 07:44 PM

BG

“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a great guy. Bob*

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**Bob Grostick** - June 09, 2018 at 07:27 PM