



Richard H Haddix

April 4, 1932 - May 21, 2023

Richard Harrison Haddix was born on April 4, 1932, the 4th of nine children but the only son of Howard and Ethel Haddix in Grand Ledge, Michigan. He graduated from Lake Odessa in June 1950. As a young man he worked at the family owned sawmill in Lake Odessa, where his passion for woodworking was ignited. During high school he met the love of his life, Gayle Root, and they were married on June 27, 1952. They went on to have three daughters, and again Richard was surrounded by all women. In August of 1952 he volunteered for the US Army during the Korean War and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Richard took pride in being a Veteran. After his service he went to trade school in Memphis, Tennessee and became a Licensed Lumber Inspector. In 1955 he worked for Budgess Lumber Company in Grand Rapids as a Lumber Buyer, covering the states of Michigan, Northern Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. He later became an Independent Contractor prior to full retirement. Retirement allowed him to have time to do the many things he loved like: model railroading, painting and drawing, woodworking, carving, traveling, hunting and fishing.

Richard was blessed to have the ability to take his family on many trips. He and Gayle spent several winters in Tucson, Arizona and traveled to many states with their friends. In 1962 Richard gave his heart to the Lord. In 1969 he became an ordained minister and led a small church in the basement of their home in Lake Odessa. In 1978, he and his family joined a church in

Charlotte and later moved to Charlotte in 1982. Where he has resided since. Richard will be remembered for his love of dogs especially his best friend Shep, and "Being a Picker," his great sense of humor, loved to be the center of attention, and always being the comic. He loved to share stories about his past experiences and travels and even wrote a book about his life for his family.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Gayle (Root) Haddix in March of 2006; parents, Howard and Ethel Haddix; sisters, Geraldine Eno, Virgilene Hiller, Adilene Eckman, Lorna Sherman, Sandra McCloud; brothers-in-law, Ross, Calvin, Roger, Don and Leonard. He is survived by his three daughters, Jeanie Bayly, Jeri (Bob) Leiby, Kim Dickinson; 13 grandchildren and many more great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and many friends. Richard's family would like to extend a special thank you to the caregivers of Sensations Memory Care and of Elara Caring.

Friends are encouraged to support Richard's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. Visitation is Thursday, May 25, 2023, 5:00 - 8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral services are Friday, May 26, 2023, 11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Legion Post 42, Charlotte. 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 Richard's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **25**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

MAY **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Richard H Haddix



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 26, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard H Haddix



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 24, 2023 at 09:46 PM

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Such lovely pictures and memories! So blessed to have wonderful Uncle and Aunt - Dick and Gayle! from Nancy Stutzman

Nancy Stutzman - May 26, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard H Haddix.*



May 25, 2023 at 01:44 PM

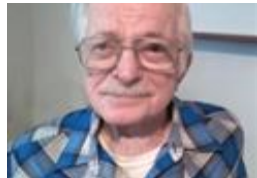


“ *It was truly an honor to get to know Richard and care for him! I adored his spunky personality and sense of humor! He always knew how to make us laugh! He will be missed by many! I'm thinking of Kim, Jeanie, Jeri and the rest of the family during this difficult time!
Sending Love & Prayers-*

Larissa - May 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *37 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 24, 2023 at 09:44 PM

DS

“ I only met Mr. Haddix a few times. But I'm lucky to be a good friend of his daughter Jeri, and I have heard so many wonderful things about him from her. He was a righteous man, with many talents and fascinating interests. Sending my deepest condolences to Jeri and the rest of the family.

Diane Swafford - May 24, 2023 at 09:43 AM

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“ Richard was such a character, loved joking around and being picked on in return. LOL It was an honor to care for him the past year or so. He was my buddy for sure and I will miss him bunches. I pray for comfort for you ladies (Kim, Jeri, Jeannie) as well as the grands and great grands he leaves behind.

P.s....I never realized his wife was born a Root. That is also my maiden name, which is interesting.

Lisa French - May 24, 2023 at 09:01 AM

NS

“ Uncle Dick - always loved to laugh and tease! Always fun to be around- and you knew he loved the Lord. What a blessing he was - and so talented, crafty, Praise the Lord, he is in complete health and happiness in heaven now! Nancy S., niece... Warsaw, Indiana

Nancy Stutzman - May 24, 2023 at 08:28 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard H Haddix.



May 24, 2023 at 07:20 AM

EM

“ *Jeanie, Sorry for your loss, will keep you in our thoughts Dave and Elaine*

ELAINE martin - May 24, 2023 at 06:23 AM

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“ *We spent many nights with the Haddix family at their lake odessa home in the woods. Games till am hours, load up our kids, still meet in church at the am. Such fun, made lard in their kitchen!! Blessings to his daughters, you had great parents. Prayers for you all. Ralph and Kathie Showerman, frankenmuth mi.*

Kathie showerman - May 23, 2023 at 04:44 PM