



Sterling Wood Treadwell

September 16, 1920 - November 15, 2018

Sterling Wood Treadwell, 98, died peacefully with his daughter by his side on November 15, 2018, in Sturgis. It is fitting he should enter heaven on the first day of hunting season, and the day after his beloved wife would have celebrated her 99th birthday.

Sterling was born September 16, 1920 in Olivet, the second son of Leo Ray and Bertha Ophelia (Wood) Treadwell. As a boy, Sterling developed a deep-rooted connection to the family farm and a profound appreciation of nature. He grew up in a three-generation household, a house in which he lived nearly all of his life, rarely leaving. Sterling married Arlouene Marie Furu in 1938, and the two cared for his parents while raising their two children, Rosalie and Lawrence, on the homestead. Throughout the years, Sterling and Arlouene demonstrated to generations of their family the values of hard work, honesty, and love. Together they attended Lee Center United Methodist Church as faithful members, raised a beautiful flower and vegetable garden, enjoyed camping across the United States, and hosted countless family functions on their Centennial farm. They were truly life partners and were married 66 years at the time of Arlouene's death in 2004.

When he wasn't listening to Straus Waltzes while plowing the fields with his John Deere, he worked full time in Charlotte at Wertz Implement. As a skilled tractor mechanic, he developed a reputation throughout the county for good

service and was eventually elevated to Service Manager. After 25 years at Wertz, he retired in 1974 and dedicated the rest of his time to farming. After his retirement, many farmers sought him out for his mechanical expertise. Sterling enjoyed hunting on the farm and was an avid reader. He had a keenly sharp intellect, maintaining his quick wit and sense-of-humor right to the end.

Sterling is survived by his daughter, Rosalie (Leonard) Eishen of Sturgis; granddaughters, Lori (Joseph) Pray of Charlotte, and Robin (fiancé David Morris) Porter of Royal Oak and Sturgis, respectively; grandsons, Eric (Chandre) Eishen of Bronson, and Chad Treadwell of Claremont, CA; 11 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren and 2 more expected soon; and niece, Gwen (David) Shoff of Lee Lake, MI He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Arlouene Marie Treadwell; son, Lawrence Lee Treadwell; grandson, Lawrence Lee Treadwell II; and brother, Clifton Treadwell.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 19, 2018 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte with Rev. Dr. James M. Gysel officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00 – 4:00 and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at the funeral home. Interment will take place in Lee Center Cemetery in Lee Township, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Lee Center Methodist Church or Thurston Woods in Sturgis, MI, where Sterling received excellent care in his final year. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Sterling on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Lee Center Cemetery

21812 V Drive N
Olivet, MI 49076

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

NOV 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

NOV 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



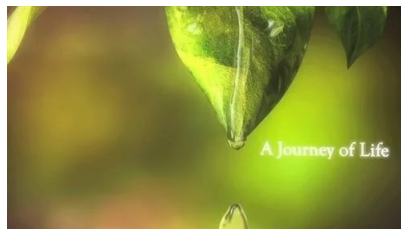
“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Sterling Wood Treadwell*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 19, 2018 at 10:55 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Sterling Wood Treadwell*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 17, 2018 at 05:31 PM



“ *It was pretty amazing to see Sterling on his riding lawnmower well into his nineties -- still active, still sharp, a good storyteller and a good man. He was Lee Center's link to the pioneer families who built those homestead farms. A man of quiet dignity who got the most out of his many years.*

Many blessings from our part of the extended family!

Larry Wood - November 18, 2018 at 09:27 PM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 17, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ *The Janoschka Family purchased the Enduring G race for the family of Sterling Wood Treadwell .*



The Janoschka Family - November 17, 2018 at 11:49 AM



“ *Tony & I are so very sorry for your loss*

Laura & Tony Cushman

Laura Cushman - November 16, 2018 at 04:20 PM



“ *Love, Patty & John purchased the Pink Tribute S pray for the family of Sterling Wood Treadwell .*



Love, Patty & John - November 16, 2018 at 02:58 PM



“ *Charles Twitchell lit a candle in memory of Sterling Wood Treadwell*



Charles Twitchell - November 16, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sterling Wood Treadwell .*



November 16, 2018 at 01:41 PM

KB

“ Sterling accompanied Larry & I to California for Brandon’s high school graduation. An unforgettable trip, along with so many great memories of times spent with this wonderfully kind, smart, funny & gentle man. To know Sterling was to love him. RIP Sterling ❤️



Karen Strickland Baykian - November 16, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sterling Wood Treadwell .



November 16, 2018 at 09:39 AM

RH

“ I'll miss you so much Grandpa. ❤️❤️



Rebecca Hunt - November 15, 2018 at 11:51 PM



“ Grandpa Treadwell, Thank you for being a shining example of how to live one's life, to several generations.

Darin, Muriel, Luke, Lauren, and Alexa Janoschka



Muriel Janoschka - November 15, 2018 at 08:20 PM