



Thomas Ray Kilgore

May 23, 1930 - October 23, 2013

Thomas Ray Kilgore, 83, of Vermontville, Michigan died October 23, 2013 at Hayes Green Beach Hospital in Charlotte. He was born June 25, 1930 in Marcellus, Michigan, the son of Henry and Celia (Bundy) Kilgore. On October 6, 1951, Tom married the love of his life, Delores "Tillie" Thompson, and together they raised three lovely daughters. Tom was a man of conviction with strong opinions. He was known as a very hard worker who had a soft spot in his heart for his grandchildren and a love for his dog, Dusty. He enjoyed old western movies, snacking on salted cashews and pickled ring bologna. He enjoyed deer hunting with his grandkids and was as proud of their deer as he was of his own. Tom was a collector and saver of everything. He was very proud of his family, and he cherished his grandchildren. He looked forward to every family get-together, never missing one.

Tom worked as a machine repairman for Clark Equipment in Battle Creek for 22 ½ years, retiring in 1985. Following retirement, he worked part-time for Pray Funeral Home. Through it all, Tom enjoyed farming his land in Vermontville with his grandsons.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, "Tillie"; daughters - Diana (Larry) Vierk of Charlotte, Shirley (Dallas) Chase of Nashville, and Vickie (Royal) Stickles of Dowling; and sister - Helen (James) Rogers of Battle Creek. He will be deeply missed by his 8 grandchildren - Mark (Denise) Vierk, Kelly (Jerry) Aiken, Chris (Nicole) Vierk, Brad (Jennifer) Chase, Tom (Kelly) Chase, Tracie (Chris) Portillo, Jeff (Erin) Chase and Scott (Janice) Stickles;

and 19 great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Monday, October 28, 2013 at 6:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, with Rev. Duane Royston officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to Eaton Community Palliative Care.

The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Ray Kilgore



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 02, 2015 at 01:26 PM

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“ Dear Kilgore family, Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear loved one. It seems no greater sadness is felt than when someone so dear to us is loss. May you find comfort in your memories and draw strength from a promise God has provided which gives the hope of someday being reunited with your beloved Thomas (John 5:28,29). This promised future is one that will be filled with great joy because it will include perfect health and everlasting life on a paradise earth where "the former things have passed away" (Rev. 21:4, Psalms 37:29). May you during this most difficult time find some comfort in knowing that God does care and He does hear our cries. Please accept my most sincere condolences.

Dan - November 04, 2013 at 07:17 AM

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“ Tom & Tillie opened their home and hearts to so many over the years. Thank you for allowing be to be part of the family. May there be peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Hope (Christie) Horton - October 27, 2013 at 04:10 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Tillie and the rest of Toms family.
Regards Dave & Brinda Hawkins*

Dave & Brinda Hawkins - October 27, 2013 at 07:25 AM