



Verlin Eugene Shaver

October 10, 1924 - January 19, 2025

"Small in stature, but big in heart, always generous with his time and treasure." Verlin "Verlie" Eugene Shaver, a man whose heart was as vast as his love for life, passed away peacefully in Charlotte on January 19, 2025. Born on October 10, 1924, in Chester Township, Verlie lived a life of joy, and heartfelt connections that touched everyone around him.

From humble beginnings on the family farm, one of ten children, Verlie's spirit was forever rooted in the countryside. His passion for the land inspired his lifelong interest in antique tractors and the art of restoring old furniture into cherished heirlooms. Graduating from Charlotte High School in 1945, he carried his hardworking and humble nature into every endeavor he pursued. Verlie's career was as vibrant as his personality. One of his earliest jobs was at Minor Walton Bean Company, where he and his coworkers famously set a record by loading a full train car with 100 pound sacks of beans in under four hours, a testament to his dedication and teamwork. His next employ at Aluminum Extrusions was yet another chapter where his industrious spirit shone brightly. Later, his melodious whistling could always be heard echoing through the halls of Charlotte Public Schools, where he worked diligently as a custodian and bus driver. He was one of the most endeared staff members at CHS for his attention and help for many of the students and was presented an award to commemorate his generosity and compassion.

Music and travel were the melodies of Verlie's heart. An ardent fan of classic country music, one of his most cherished memories was a trip to the Grand

Ole Opry with friends, where the tunes of legends like Johnny Cash filled his soul with happiness. He held a special fondness for "Folsom Prison Blues," and "Sunday Morning Coming Down," songs that echoed his love for life's journeys.

Family was the centerpiece of Verlie's life. He loved camping trips with his family, adventures that spanned years and created countless joyful memories. Ever proud of his sons, he wasn't shy about putting them to work, instilling in them the same hardworking values he embodied. Verlie and Virginia were charter members of Chester Gospel Church. Sundays were often filled with warmth and laughter as Verlie welcomed friends and family into his home after church, always eager to share in good company and fellowship.

Verlie was known for his kind, supportive, and generous nature. His humble spirit and unwavering work ethic left an indelible mark on his community and all who were fortunate enough to know him. His legacy is one of love, generosity, and a life lived to the fullest.

A celebration of Verlie's beautiful life will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025, 11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home with Verlie's grandson, Pastor Andy Shaver, celebrating. The family will gratefully receive visitors the evening before, Friday, January 24, from 3 to 6:00 PM and Saturday from 10 to 11:00 AM at the same location.

Verlie is survived by his four sons, Dennis (Kelly) Shaver, Gregory(Vickie) Shaver, Steve (Nancy) Shaver, David (Shannah) Shaver; 14 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Virginia; and his nine brothers and sisters.

As we remember Verlie, let us celebrate the joy he brought into our lives and carry forward his spirit of kindness and generosity. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Chester Gospel Church or Real Life Church. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Verlin's Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. The funeral service will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer,

smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Verlin's tribute, then click on Photos & videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Just prior to the beginning of the service, a link will appear on this page to watch the webcast. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI.

Cemetery Details

Gresham Cemetery

4100 Mulliken Rd
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

JAN **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Burial

JAN **25**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Verlin Eugene Shaver



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 24, 2025 at 06:45 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Verlin Eugene Shaver



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 22, 2025 at 10:54 PM

GD

We know you will enjoy Heaven .So glad you knew the Lord Jesus . Will miss you, but were blessed to have you here for 100 years. See ya ,the neighbor ♡♡

Georgia Dietzel - January 26, 2025 at 06:13 PM

MK

“ *Mr. Shaver was my bus driver. I am one of the many students who loved him. He was so kind and took such an interest in our lives and accomplishments. Whenever I ran into him in the intervening years, he always recognized me and wanted to know what I'd been up to. Rest in peace, dear friend.*

Merry Jo Kerekes - February 13, 2025 at 10:20 PM

DM

“ *Sweet Uncle Verlie, you were the sweetest, kindest man I ever knew. You had a smile on your face each and every time I saw you. I was always in marvel of your ability to recollect every little detail of mine, Eric's and our children's careers. So very thankful we visited you on January 4th. We were SO BLESSED to have you in our lives. We know you have found peace in a higher place... Go rest high on that mountain Uncle Verlie. 🙏*



Diana Morehouse - January 25, 2025 at 01:18 PM

SC

“ Verlie: What a wonderful, kind, and thoughtful person, always wearing his broad and genuine smile.

Verlie was and showed by his steady behavior that he was a calm, steady, good listener, excellent thinker and problem solver. A GOOD A-1 solid friend. I saw it everyday from 1968 until Verlie retired. We would have a wonderful conversation every time I was luck enough to see him at Meijer's.

God Bless Verlie, he made a difference.

Sarah Cool

Sarah L Cool - January 25, 2025 at 09:57 AM

CW

“ Uncle Verlie was the kindest most gentle man I have ever know. Loved him dearly. Was so happy Denny brought him over to see mom and they could share memories and laughs. They had such a good time. The Shaver family has been such a large part of my life. The card playing, laughs about mom and dad and their trips together. So many memories. I love you all so much. Uncle Verlie is with Aunt Virginia now and I know how happy they both are to be together again. God Bless you all and I love you all.

Cyndi (Sadler) Wine - January 24, 2025 at 05:30 PM

KH

“ My Uncle Verlie, my mom's baby brother. She was 9 years old when he came into the world. He was a sickly little baby, not expected to live, my mom had memories of carrying her baby brother around on a pillow because he was so fragile. That special relationship lasted a lifetime, she was always his big sis and he her little brother! I remember him first as my mom's super hero, if a problem arose, and there were many, Uncle Verlie always got the call and he always, always came! When Jerry and I married we moved next door to Uncle Verlie and Aunt Virginia. They were teachers for us without them knowing they were teaching us, we knew we wanted a marriage that worked well like theirs did! Many times we were snowed in during the long winters of the old days, we would pool our food resources and share meals together followed by card games. When our kids were born, sure enough there were the two of them still teaching us, this time how to be parents. Then the bonus baby, David, arrived in their lives, two years younger than our daughter. Oh my gosh those two were closer than most siblings!! I became David's babysitter and saw Uncle Verlie in whole new light... many times he came to our house to bring David home, let me just say it wasn't always a pleasant walk home for David!! Our lives were so enriched by being neighbors, memories were made that will be cherished forever! Lessons learned from Uncle Verlie were many....but the one that sticks with me is "You can't go to far wrong if you always try to do the right thing!" When I visited him a couple weeks before he passed he knew me when I got there but as time went by he thought I was one of my cousins. When I left, I told him that I loved him, we hugged and he said "I love you too Kris". A great memory to hang onto!! You will be missed Uncle Verlie but I'm so thankful that you reached your goal of making it to 100 and living longer than any of your 9 siblings! Love you and the memories we shared!

Kris

Kris Haley - January 24, 2025 at 02:27 PM

RO

“ Verlin was a regular at the Shaver Family Reunion each year. Nelson & Verlin had a blast bidding against each other on the white elephant fundraiser. I recall one reunion Verlin sitting atop an old Farmall tractor with a twinkle in his eye. RIP Our deepest condolences to the Shaver Family

Robert Odette - January 24, 2025 at 01:00 PM

KM

“ As a kid, I always remember Verlie being such a kind and compassionate person with a heavy dose of KID = smiling and loving life. We could use more of that in this world. May his positive spirit live on in everyone he touched.

Sincerest sympathies to the Shaver family

Kris McVicar - January 24, 2025 at 11:39 AM

KM

“ Kristine M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verlin Eugene Shaver.

Kristine M. - January 24, 2025 at 11:21 AM

JD

“ Joe & Cyndi DeMike planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verlin Eugene Shaver.

Joe & Cyndi DeMike - January 24, 2025 at 09:30 AM

JD

“ Joe & Cyndi DeMike purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Verlin Eugene Shaver.



Joe & Cyndi DeMike - January 24, 2025 at 09:30 AM

RL

“ Randy Linn purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Verlin Eugene Shaver.



Randy Linn - January 24, 2025 at 05:48 AM

CF

“ Mr. Shaver was a great person to see at school or on his bus. As a Charlotte School graduate . He went above and beyond to be there for the students and staff.My sympathies to his families . C.Freer



Carol Freer - January 23, 2025 at 12:19 PM

AG

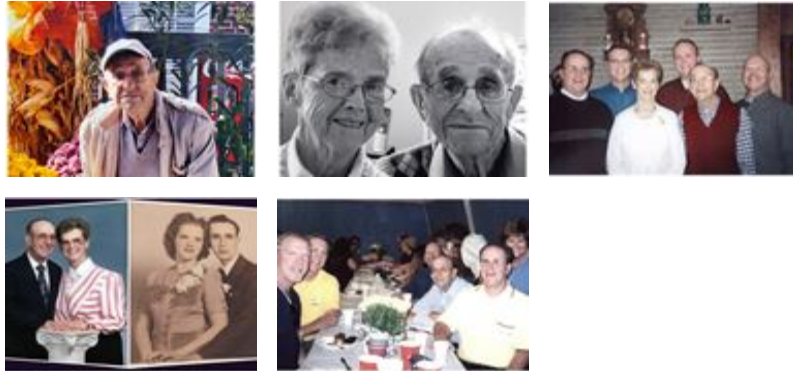
“ Andrew&Angela Goff purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Verlin Eugene Shaver.



Andrew&Angela Goff - January 23, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 22, 2025 at 10:54 PM

KH

“ He was so loved by many ! My mom Joan Vlahakis and all the cafeteria ladys especially !! Wonderful, sweet man .

Kathleen Hubbard - January 22, 2025 at 09:41 AM

KL

“ Uncle Verlie was one of my people in life I knew I could always go to and he would be there. I was so fortunate and grateful to have grown up next door to him and Aunt Virginia, they were like second parents to me. When I ran away from home, that's where I ran,lol. There wasn't a day, when I was living at home that I wasn't over there or didn't see them. So many memories I will carry with me and cherish. You were a great man, who touched my life.
Karen Lantz

Karen M Lantz - January 22, 2025 at 08:20 AM

KV

“ Denny and all the Shaver family my deepest condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kelly Vermillion - January 21, 2025 at 01:08 PM

JW

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire Shaver family.
May God richly bless you,
John & Toni Willoughby

John Willoughby - January 21, 2025 at 11:56 AM

BS

“ A godly man with a great attitude. Always loved spending time with him. My prayers are with the family 🙏.

Barry Smith - January 21, 2025 at 10:11 AM

TN

“ Uncle Verlie was an awesome man. I remember approaching him when I was in Jr. High, and calling him Uncle Verlie. My friends asked why I called him that, I said because he’s my Uncle?!?! A lot of them started calling him Uncle Verlie as well. I was also lucky enough to have Aunt Virginia as my bus driver for a little bit. Both always welcomed us with a smile and hug. Trick or treating at their house was a must. I went, my kids went, and one of my grandsons went! How awesome those memories are! So many, many fond memories. 💙

Teri (Great niece) - January 20, 2025 at 08:05 PM

SS

“ I will miss you Uncle Verlie, I will always remember coming to your house on halloween while trick or treating. You and Aunt Virginia would always give me a “special” goodie bag. I’ll never forget the smile you always carried, and the happiness you were always willing to spread!

Love you both so much!

Samantha Schmidt - January 20, 2025 at 07:17 PM

JB

“ A wonderful example of a true Christian. My bus driver to away basketball games and win or lose always had a positive comment for us. He finished a leaf on our dining room table and made it look like new.

Joe Bartolacci

Joe Bartolacci - January 20, 2025 at 06:57 PM

DH

“ Our condolences to all of the Shaver family. Sincerely Brinda and Dave Hawkins

David L Hawkins - January 20, 2025 at 06:25 PM

VN

“ Mr. Shaver was a wonderful bus driver for me back in the late '50's. The last time I spoke with him was around 2010. He was still busy and happy. Amazingly enough he still remembered my name. A wonderful Christian man. Veronica Shumaker Nash

Veronica Nash - January 20, 2025 at 04:42 PM

CM

“ My Uncle Verlie was a true treasure!! He loved me through thick and thin and was always supportive. Uncle Verlie was our last family member and he will be missed by all of us and by anyone who knew him. R.I.P. Uncle Verlie, you have enjoyed beautiful life. Carolyn



carolyn makin - January 20, 2025 at 02:59 PM

GC

Always a great family to be around. Camped at their house multiple time with my buddy Matt Shaver. Thanks for being a welcoming person.

Gabe carter

Gabe Carter - January 20, 2025 at 03:53 PM

TI

Tim and I loved spending time with Verlie and Virginia. Such wonderful loving people. We will never forget walking into Chester Gospel Church on a Sunday morning after having played cards with them. (Hand and Foot) The girls had lost. My eyes met Verlie, and he put his forefinger and thumb together to form an L to his forehead and says, "Loser!" So funny! What a wonderful testimony to our Savior is the legacy he and Virginia leave to the people they touched. He is now in face-to-face fellowship with God our Father.

trina imes - January 20, 2025 at 05:32 PM

AF

Uncle Verlie holds a very special spot in my heart. Him and my Dad were best friends, they made quite the pair. Uncle Verlie was a very blessed man and he blessed everyone that knew him

Ann Firman - January 20, 2025 at 07:06 PM

MM

Verlie Shaver. ..has been a forever friend, of mine. I was able to send him, a 100th birthday card, in October. Verlie was always, willing to help, in anyway possible, while I was a teacher, at the Junior High. I was so blessed, to have him around, as we talked about anything, at anytime and he had such a personality to make a person, feel we were always, listened to, in our conversations. Verlie, was a blessing, to many, many people, with his kind manner and love of people and I was one of them. He was a true blessing, to everyone, that knew him.

marilyn armstrong mathews - January 20, 2025 at 10:28 PM

MM

Marilyn Armstrong Mathews.. 6th grade teacher...

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RK

VERLY WAS A NICE MAN AND GOOD FRIEND, ALWAYS LOVED TALKING WITH HIM. I'M GLAD I GOT TO KNOW HIM. DOUG KERR

RONALD KERR - January 23, 2025 at 08:20 AM

LW

*Dear Greg & Family we are so sorry for your loss.
Gordon and Linda Wolbers*

L.L. Wolbers - January 24, 2025 at 09:10 PM

GS

Thank you for your kind thoughts.

greg shaver - February 05, 2025 at 07:50 PM