



Virgil Frank Wayne Pratt

December 30, 1930 - September 8, 2025

Virgil Frank Wayne Pratt, a man who would help anyone in need, died on Monday, September 8, 2025. Virgil, 94, of Charlotte, was born on December 30, 1930, in Lansing, the son of Romine and Lucille (Martin) Pratt. Upon graduating from high school, Virgil married Martha Mather and started their family together. Shortly after he enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served as an MP during the Korean Conflict. He worked as a Trackman for the Grand Truck Railroad for 30 plus years until his retirement. In his younger years he enjoyed camping all over the state and country, and was a proud member of the National Camping Hiking Association. Virgil also enjoyed playing and coaching baseball, trips to the casino, and playing cards. With his second wife, Joan, he took up clowning, the couple was referred to as "Honey Bee and Buzz" and brought joy to many children. He also took joy in playing Santa Clause. Later in life he enjoyed playing Bingo, going for car rides, watching old westerns and gameshows, and watching his grandchildren's sporting events. Above all his family brought him the most enjoyment in life.

Virgil is survived by his children, Vicki Root, Steve Pratt, and Gordon Pratt; grandchildren, Lance Root, Dawn (Chad) Crandell, Laura Medina, Jamie Wiggs, Matthew (Micheala) Root, Larisa Pratt, Katie Wirth, Cheyenne (Dakota) Dragon, and Rebecca Pratt; 21 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his

parents, Romine and Lucille Pratt; first wife, Martha; second wife, Joan; and third wife, Bernice; son-in-law, Michael Root; siblings, Jack, Ken, Barbara, Joan, Nancy, and Dale.

Friends are encouraged to support Virgil's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 12 Noon at New Hope Community Church with Pastor Randy Royston officiating. Visitation will be held just prior to the service beginning at 11:00 a.m. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Community Church
436 W. Harris
Charlotte, MI 48813

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Trumley lit a candle in memory of Virgil Frank Wayne Pratt*



John Trumley - September 13, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Virgil Frank Wayne Pratt.*



September 13, 2025 at 01:37 AM



“ *We will really miss him 💔 we were up in July and didn't get a chance to see him then. This picture is from Aug 2022 with Kevin.*

Lori & Kevin Lance & family
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Lori - September 13, 2025 at 12:07 AM

ML

“ Sorry to hear of Virgil's passing. He was a special brother-in-law that kept us in good humor. With much sympathy, Marlene Lance

Marlene Lance - September 10, 2025 at 08:52 PM

DC

“ It was always a joy to greet Virgil on bingo Tuesday's at the Senior Center. He always had a smile on his face and a positive attitude on life. He will be missed.

Donald B Couzens - September 10, 2025 at 12:03 PM

JS

“ Steve, Gordy and family so very sorry for the loss of your dad.

Jeff Smith - September 09, 2025 at 07:16 PM