



Walter Arnold Hayward

April 24, 1939 - December 11, 2024

Walter "Walt" Arnold Hayward, a man who was always willing to help those in need, died on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. Walt, 85, of Charlotte, was born on April 24, 1939, in Muskegon, the son of William and Marion (DeJohn) Hayward. On December 22, 1960, Walt married Arlene Hultgren and they would spend 55 wonderful years creating lasting memories until her passing in 2015. Walt worked for General Motors for 31 years, where he retired as a supervisor in 1995. Following his retirement Walt and Arlene moved to Cadillac. In his younger years Walt loved coaching his boys' sports teams, serving as a boy scouts' leader, and very active with the athletic boosters.

Walt had a heart for service, early in life he was a Lions Club member, and later was very involved with the Elks Lodge in Cadillac. In the lodge he held countless positions, serving alongside his wife, they were able to make a difference for those in need. He was a devoted member of the Peace Lutheran Church in Charlotte, where he was very active in the church, serving on church council for several years. Walt as a kid spent his summers in the UP at 16 Mile Lake where he helped his father build the family cottage, and other cottages around the lake. Once he had children, his children spent a week in the summer enjoying the lake as well. In his younger years Walt enjoyed fishing, hunting, family camping trips to Cadillac, where the boys would pile into their 12-foot fishing boat and fish for hours. Walt loved to travel, he and Arlene traveled to numerous places over the years and loved seeing

new places. He was also an avid golfer, and Michigan State Spartan fan. Later in life Walt loved being able to watch his grandchildren play sports. Above all Walt was proud of his work for General Motors and his family.

Walt is survived by his sons, Scott (Julie) Hayward, and Rick (Jennifer) Hayward; grandchildren, Joshua Daniels, Austin (Anna) Hayward, Meghan (Jesse) Seibert, Lance Hayward, and Nicholas Hayward; great-granddaughter, Charlotte; and nephew, Daniel Hayward. He was predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Arlene; brother, William Charles Hayward Jr.; and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Walt's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Funeral Services are on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Charlotte, with Pastor Neil Brady officiating. Visitation will be held at the church just prior to the service from 10-11:30 a.m. 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, click on Walt's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Elks Lodge #680 in Cadillac. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Hillside (Kalamo) Cemetery

1459 S. Ionia Rd
Vermontville, MI 49096

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church
830 North Cochran Avenue
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

DEC 18. 11:30 AM (ET)

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830 North Cochran Avenue
Charlotte, MI 48813

Burial

DEC 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Hillside (Kalamo) Cemetery
1459 S. Ionia Rd
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Tribute Wall



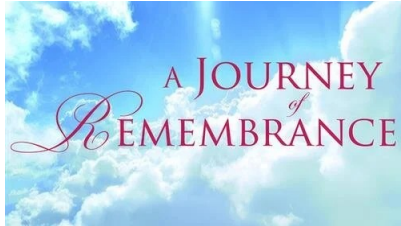
“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Walter Arnold Hayward



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 18, 2024 at 12:40 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter Arnold Hayward



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 16, 2024 at 11:53 PM

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“ *Walt and Arlene became our friends more than 50 years ago. We shared so many great times together, sharing in each others triumphs as well as each others sorrows. We shared the awesome proud moments of raising our kids as well as the not so proud moments. In later years, Walt, Arlene and Jerry all were crafters of beautiful things. I was the one who booked all of our craft shows and sometimes they weren't the best choices. I remember one that I booked in Hudsonville for the 4th of July...Walt never ever let me forget that one! It was 97 degrees and we were located in the middle of the football field with no shade! Thankfully sales were good so he kind of forgave me for that one. It was hard to watch his decline, but we tried to see him often in hopes that he would remember us. Many great memories and good times between the Haywards and the Haleys. We will miss Walt more than words can say, just as we still miss Arlene.*

Kris Haley - December 22, 2024 at 07:49 PM

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“ *Robert & Joey Morales purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Walter Arnold Hayward.*



Robert & Joey Morales - December 17, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Arnold Hayward.*



December 16, 2024 at 08:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter A Hayward.

December 16, 2024 at 08:25 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 16, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ Ken and Ann Firman purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Walter Arnold Hayward.



Ken and Ann Firman - December 16, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Walter Arnold Hayward



Chad & Carol Walker - December 16, 2024 at 09:36 AM

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“ I met Walt several years ago when we were both members of the Tuesday Morning Senior golf league at Maple Brook Golf course here in Charlotte. He was a great guy to play golf with and we would get together to play often just for fun. He was also a member of a group of us that got together, after working out at Alive, known as the "Brew Crew". We miss seeing his smiling face during our morning social hour. Walt was a special friend to Mary Jane and I and we will miss him as I am sure many other people will.

John Ramsay - December 15, 2024 at 11:29 AM

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Thank you so much for sharing your great memories! We appreciate you being a part of Walt's life! He sure loved the "Brew Crew!"

Scott & Julie Hayward - December 15, 2024 at 07:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter Arnold Hayward.



December 14, 2024 at 02:28 PM



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