



William Bruce Crittenden

June 30, 1932 - August 16, 2015

William Bruce Crittenden, 83, of Charlotte died Sunday, August 16, 2015 after a short illness. He was born June 30, 1932 to Jay and Eleanor (Hill) Crittenden in Lansing, MI. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1952 with a degree in Agriculture and married his sweetheart Marilyn Medcoff on July 31, 1954. He was drafted in the Army, entering on August 2, 1955, and served for two years. Together Bill and Marilyn raised four children on their farm. In addition to farming, he was a tax assessor for many years. He was a member of Eaton Farm Bureau Co-op, and received the highest award available through the Future Farmers of America, the American Farmer Award, and was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church in Charlotte. In his spare time, Bill loved to hunt, especially deer and pheasant. He was a family man, very proud of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Bill is survived by his wife of 61 years, Marilyn; children Beverly (Patrick) Day, Pamela (Michael) Cary, Gary (Diana) Crittenden, and Daniel Crittenden; 12 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and siblings Jacquelyn Hare, Lorraine Bronson, and Barbara Rolfe. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services are Thursday, August 20, 11 AM, at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI with Pastor Richard Wilford officiating. Visitation is Wednesday, August 19, 1-3 PM and 6-8 PM at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society. Friends and

family are encouraged to share memories of William on his tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of William Bruce Crittenden*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 18, 2015 at 11:32 PM

JV

“ *Marilyn, I am so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. As a child, then as an adult, I remember his smile when I would see him in church on Sunday. I'm so glad he loved the Lord, We will see him again when Jesus calls us home.*

Janice Vinson - February 16, 2016 at 12:46 PM

PR

“ *Crittenden Family,*

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband and father. Looking at your Tribute brings back many memories of our years at First Baptist Church. I pray that God will give you all peace at this most difficult time.

Penny (Patrick) Ryan

Penny E Ryan - August 23, 2015 at 06:00 PM

ML

“ I first met Bill when bringing my grandson to the bus stop at his house. We had many many wonderful chats and I sure appreciated his kindness and old time values!
Pastor Marc S Livingston

marc livingston - August 20, 2015 at 06:25 PM

ML

“ I remember Bill as an upper classman very nice and very involved in farming and FFA.
A excellent member of the Oriole family.

Marilyn Roberts Lyons - August 20, 2015 at 06:24 PM

LC

“ My prayers and thoughts go out to Mrs. Crittenden and family for your loss.

Mr. Crittenden was such a sweet, gentle man and will be certainly missed. He was always pleasant and courteous as a customer. He was good natured and always with a smile.

I told Mr. Crittenden that he was one of my absolute favorite customers several times over the years, only because it is true.

Lisa from QD

Lisa Coffey - August 19, 2015 at 06:35 PM

WC

“ *Dear Marilyn and family,*

You are in my thoughts and prayers in this time of sorrow.

*Wilma Whiting Campbell
CHS Class of '54*

Wilma Campbell - August 19, 2015 at 11:49 AM



“ *28 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 18, 2015 at 11:25 PM

RH

“ *Robert Hughes and Cora Hughes purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of William Bruce Crittenden .*



Robert Hughes and Cora Hughes - August 18, 2015 at 05:17 PM

LB

“ *Bill was always busy, but always had a smile on his face. I remember him getting on the school bus, being a wonderful neighbor, and a great friend. To his family, you're in our hearts and prayers in this time of sorrow.*
Don and Leone Bust

Leone Bust - August 18, 2015 at 03:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Bruce Crittenden .*



August 18, 2015 at 12:26 PM

DS

“ *David and Debbie Snyder purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Bruce Crittenden .*



David and Debbie Snyder - August 17, 2015 at 04:14 PM