



## William Ray Davis

July 4, 1933 - December 10, 2013

William “Ray” Davis, beloved husband and father, passed away December 10, 2013. Ray was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on July 4, 1933, to Attrice and Jesse Bentley Davis, Sr. He held a BS in Chemical Engineering from Georgia Tech University and an MS in Polymer Chemistry from Akron University. Ray had a 44 year career with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company where he worked as a chemical engineer, production manager and in research and development. His career took him to Akron, OH, Union City, TN, Jackson, MI, Norfolk, NE, and Lancaster, OH. He retired in 1998 and has been a resident of Charlotte, MI, since 2006. Ray served in the Army Chemical Corp on active duty as a 2nd Lt. and served for 6 years in the Army Reserves, earning the rank of Captain.

Ray was married for 57 wonderful years to Rebecca (Becky) Davis. He was the father of Terrance (Maria) Davis of Charlotte, MI, Scott (Marcia) Davis of Walworth, WI, and Stephen (Michele) Davis of Manhattan, NY, and grandfather to Anna, Sarah, Josh and Becca. He was active in churches in all cities in which he lived and served as a trustee and/or treasurer in several. Ray was an advocate of higher education and all his sons and daughters-in-law graduated from college with bachelor’s degrees, and most graduated with advanced degrees.

Ray enjoyed golf and rooting for the Buckeyes and the Ramblin’ Wreck during football season.

He is predeceased by his parents, his brother Jesse Bentley Davis, Jr., and

sister Eugenia Davis Manning. The family will receive visitors on Friday, December 13, 2013, from 4pm to 7pm at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, Michigan. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Charlotte with Rev. Robin Crouch officiating. Interment will be in Maple Hill Cemetery. The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made to the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church of Charlotte.

The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com) .

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of William Ray Davis*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in these days.*

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**Lamar & Dot Davis** - December 20, 2013 at 03:03 AM

PG

“ *May his memory his be a blessing for your family. Love Pam, Dave and Ethan Gruntfest*

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**Pam Sidel Gruntfest** - December 14, 2013 at 08:08 PM

BH

“ *Terry and Maria, All of our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you transition through the next days, weeks and months. We wish you the strength you need and the blessing to live within the wonderful memories you created together. Best regards, B.J. and Teri Hull*

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**B.J. Hull** - December 14, 2013 at 05:40 PM

JZ

“ Sorry for your loss. May peace be with you all.

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**Jeff Zook** - December 13, 2013 at 04:34 PM

BE

“ Margaret and I are saddened about Ray's death. Since he was a Christian believer, I know he is in a better place. Becky, Ray was a good husband and you all had many good times during the 57 years that you were married. Ray was a good dad to Terry, Scott, and Steve. He encouraged them to do the things that were important to succeed in their field of choice. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers during the next few days and weeks to come.

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**Bud & Margaret Everett** - December 12, 2013 at 09:14 PM

CL

“ May the grace of the Lord keep you and comfort you! He is rejoicing in heaven with the Lord Jesus!

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**Cindy Oechsle Ladew** - December 12, 2013 at 09:03 PM

BW

“ RIP Ray !!

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**Bill & Joyce Welch** - December 12, 2013 at 10:26 AM