



## William Steven Fox

March 25, 1923 - January 28, 2011

William S. Fox, former operator and president of Citizens Elevator Company in Vermontville for over 40 years, passed away January 28, 2011 at the age of 87. Mr. Fox was a former member of the Vermontville City Council, President of the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival, and long-time member of St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Nashville. He lent his expertise and advice as a member of various agricultural committees and boards, was a member of American Legion Post 222, and a Chamber of Commerce Service Core of Retired Executives (S.C.O.R.E.) volunteer. Bill was a successful farmer, at one time farming as many as 500 acres, in addition to owning and operating the elevator. He enjoyed deer hunting, golf and travel. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Jarene, in 1999, and his sister, Betty Schneider. Mr. Fox was a member of the "greatest generation" growing up during the Great Depression, the eldest of a family of nine on a farm in Pewamo, Michigan. He served in the Army stationed in Texas during World War II, and was prepared as part of the invading force of Japan had they not surrendered. He and his wife Jarene forged a successful business and raised a family of ten children on their grit, determination and sheer hard work. Mr. Fox set a sterling example for his family and his community based on personal integrity, belief in the value of hard work, faith and love for his country. He will be greatly missed for his guidance and love by his surviving 10 children; David Fox of Lansing, MI, Chris Fox of Rialto, CA, Ted (Pam) Fox of San Antonio, TX, Katy Fox of Tulsa, OK, Laurine Fox of New York, NY, Mary Greenwood of San Diego, CA,

Anne Crow of Austin, TX, Liz (Tom) Brott of Lansing, MI, Sharon (Jerry) Harris of Vermontville, and Susan (Andy) Joostberns of Las Vegas, NV; twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by seven siblings; Stan (Theresa) Fox of Fowler, MI, Carl (Carol) Fox of Pewamo, MI, Dolores (Roy) Kramer of Pewamo, MI, Les (Virginia) Fox of Charlotte, MI, Amby (Kathy) Fox of Portland, MI, Dick (Cheryl) Fox of Rogers City, MI, and Mark Fox of Grand Ledge, MI. Funeral mass will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 31, 2011 at St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Nashville, Michigan. Visitation will be 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Sunday, January 30, with a Rosary service at the conclusion of visitation at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Maple Valley Scholarship Foundation, St. Cyril's Catholic Church or Eaton Community Hospice. Arrangements by Pray Funeral, 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 Steven Fox*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Fox family during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Jim Bingham** - February 08, 2011 at 04:04 PM

MC

“ *Sister, of Bob, Jerry, and David Kramer, I Remember Bill from playing basketball with Bob at Pewamo High School. Bob Passed 2009, I want to express my condolences to your family.*

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**Marguerite Kramer Cook** - February 01, 2011 at 01:06 AM

LS

“ *i am sorry for your loss . my prayers and thoughts are with you.*

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**luke schneider** - January 31, 2011 at 06:07 PM

MG

“ Fox Family, My condolences on the loss of your father/grandfather/brother. Bill was such a good man, he always took good care of his customers and employees at the elevator. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Mike Gross

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**Mike Gross** - January 31, 2011 at 02:30 PM

GS

“ We are so sorry about your fathers passing he was a man I always respected and looked up to, he will be missed.

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**Gary and Eileen Schneider** - January 31, 2011 at 11:49 AM

RK

“ The passing of this special man brings back memories of my own father. William Fox father, brother and a leader in the community that he gave so much too. A man of the 'greatest generation' that just keeps on giving and an inspiration to all of us to do better. Thinking of you, your children, brothers and sisters on this day with so many memories of your contributions to all of society and your family.

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**Richard W. Kramer** - January 31, 2011 at 06:54 AM

DD

“ From our hearts to yours our warmest thoughts and deepest sympathies.

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**Deb Fox and Tayra Doreste** - January 30, 2011 at 11:49 PM

GW

“ our deepest condolences to the fox family., Bill was a great man, and will be missed by all.. The gary Wendorf family..

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**gary wendorf** - January 30, 2011 at 03:39 PM

RN

“ Dear Fox Family, I understand what you are going through at this point as I lost my father the same day. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during your time of mourning. I know that this is a tough time and that only faith, family, and friends will get you through it.

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**Ross Nichols** - January 29, 2011 at 10:15 PM

PT

“ Liz and family - We're so sorry for your loss. Losing a father is very hard.

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**Pat and Don Tharp** - January 29, 2011 at 12:54 PM

DH

“ Our sympathy to all of the Fox family, regards Dave & Brinda Hawkins

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**Dave & Brinda Hawkins** - January 28, 2011 at 10:45 PM

LD

“ Liz and Family- I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I will pray and ask angels to be with you all. The next few days are long. Peace be with you all. Lisa

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**Lisa Van Duyn** - January 28, 2011 at 04:51 PM

JH

“ The Phil and Peggy Byington family sends our condolences. We lift your family up in prayer.

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**Jennifer Byington Hibdon** - January 28, 2011 at 03:34 PM