



William James Garvey

June 15, 1921 - January 25, 2012

Loving Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather, William J. Garvey, 90, of Charlotte, passed away January 25, 2012. He was born June 15, 1921 in Charlotte, Michigan, son of Dee and Helen Garvey. Bill graduated from Charlotte High School and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Michigan State University in Agricultural Education, Animal Husbandry and the Biological Sciences. He was a loyal Spartan and enjoyed attending Spartan basketball games every year. He was a lifelong member of St. Mary Catholic Church, serving on the parish council as well as acting as president of the Happy Years Club. Following service in the U.S. Army during WWII, Bill began a 35 year teaching career in Leslie, Fremont, Olivet and Bellevue during which he earned numerous national, state and local teaching awards. He was a member of the National and Michigan Education Associations and, in retirement, he served as President of Eaton County Association of Retired School Personnel for several terms. He also had membership in the Michigan and National Associations of Teachers of Vocational Agriculture. In addition to teaching, Bill farmed cash crops and raised beef cattle and he was a lifetime member of the American and Michigan Simmental Association and the Farm Bureau. Bill is survived by his daughters Linda (Jack) Brockhaus and Barbara Garvey, both of Holt; son James (Ann) Garvey of Charlotte; grandchildren Kara Brockhaus, Jennifer Doty, Earle Crosswait (Jeffrey Steffens); great-grandchildren Nicholas, Jacob, Patrick and Daniel Doty; sister Bobbie (Frank) Kane; special friend Dot Toutant; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He

was preceded in death by Helen, his wife of 51 years; and sisters Marie Lamb and Margery Keusch. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 28, 2012 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte with Father Frances Mossholder officiating. Interment will be in Maple Hill Cemetery, Charlotte. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Pray Funeral Home with a Rosary at 7:30 p.m.. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital and Charlotte Public Schools Education Foundation. The family may receive online condolences in William's Book of Memories at www.prayfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of William James Garvey



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Just to let you know I will be thinking of your family this week and one of my favorite teachers. I think of Mr. Garvey from time to time, and every time I open my closet and see that blue FFA jacket. I also have memories of when it used to fit ! Doug Parr 66-70

Doud Parr - January 22, 2013 at 10:38 AM

AB

“ Dear Barb, Linda and family, My condolences to the loss of your Dad. I enjoyed the video tribute. He sure did live a great life. What a lovely family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Amy Bresnahn - February 23, 2012 at 08:56 PM

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“ Very sorry for your loss. Mr. Garvey is one of those people that made a difference in my life. A great teacher. A man I have never forgotten and one I never will. God Bless Him. Doug Parr

Doug Parr Agriculture class of 1970 - February 11, 2012 at 05:40 PM

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Doug Parr Agriculture class of 1970 - February 11, 2012 at 05:38 PM

ED

“ Garvey Family, We are sadden to learn of Bill's death. He was a wonderful friend and neighbor - as were all of you to the new Donnell family from town. He will be missed by man, but leaves many wonderful memories - as do all of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ernestine Donnell, Deborah Taylor (Donnell), and Bruce Donnell

Ernestine Donnell - February 05, 2012 at 04:26 PM

MS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Your dad, as your mom were wonderful people. I remember when Jim and I were friends at St Marys and I spent the day out there. Your folks really made me feel so welcome. Years later when my brother died, they came to the viewing. They were very thoughtful classy people

Mitch Sanders - February 05, 2012 at 12:39 AM

BH

“ I had the pleasure of not just knowing Bill but being given the opportunity to purchase my first Simmental cow/calf pairs from which was the start of my cow herd. I did not realize at the time in 1988 that Bill was a retired vo ag teacher but it all made sense looking back and remembering how he taught me (a 15 yr old kid) to fill out my first registration papers for my simmental calves. Bill was very respectful, hard working, and a genuine person with a great sense of humor that we wont forget but yet continue to learn from. God Bless. Brian Harris and family

Brian Harris - January 31, 2012 at 11:51 AM

HC

“ I was in Mr. Garvey's vocational agriculture class the first year he taught in Belleveue (1954) and remained one of his students all 4 years in high school. He was a great adviser for the Bellevue FFA Chapter and helped many students develop leadership capabilities. He assisted me in obtaining a scholarship to Michigan State University. There is no doubt he was instrumental in my choice of an agriculture related vocation. My condolence to the Garvey Family.

Hugh Curry - January 30, 2012 at 12:21 AM

RC

“ Jim, Ann & Family: We were so sorry to read of the passing of your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Our Sympathies: Roger, Marsha & Chari

Roger McDonald, Marsha & Chari - January 29, 2012 at 05:35 PM

LG

“ I had Mr. Garvey for ag in high school He was by far one of the teachers that had an influence on my life. He was a great teacher and mentor he will be greatly missed.

Lynn Garvie - January 28, 2012 at 01:13 PM

NG

“ My deepest condolences to al the family of Mr Garvey, when I was in school he was absolutely one of the best teachers I had the pleasure of learning from. He will be missed

norman graham - January 27, 2012 at 10:52 PM

BB

“ barb, i am so sorry to read of your father's passing. you are and always will have a special place in my heart, and my thoughts and prayers go out to you. love to you and yours always

bill brawner - January 27, 2012 at 09:39 AM

TB

“ Bill was no doubt the one person who had the most influence on career path. He served as an inspiration to me during my 30 years as an agriscience instructor and FFA advisor. He demonstrated love for his students, a passion for sharing his knowledge, and a commitment to the community he served. Over the years he continued to keep up on my progress as a teacher. He was always checking in with my parents to see how I was doing or to relay tidbits of information to them that he may have picked up along the way. I will remember the smile that always greeted you when he caught your eye. God certainly produced a winner with Bill Garvey.

Tom Beckner - January 26, 2012 at 09:18 PM

CH

“ Linda,Jack,Kara,Barb,and family, We are so sorry for your loss. He was a special man who created a special family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Charlie & Julie Hicks - January 26, 2012 at 08:33 PM

RW

“ *As a fellow Teacher of many years, who saw you as a great inspiration to others. Bill never took the limelight always caring about someone else.*

Rhea Wilkes - January 26, 2012 at 04:58 PM

CW

“ *Mr. Garvey was my most memorable Teacher in High School, his kind words and hands on teachings will be something I will always remember. Anyone who was in FFA when he was the instructor got a great deal of common sense knowledge and the way to apply it to your everyday life. As we all go on, just know that a guardian angel is watching over us . Thank You Mr. Garvey*

Chris & Linda Wilkes - January 26, 2012 at 12:30 PM