



## Carl R. Athey

June 7, 1925 - February 24, 2021

Carl Robert Athey, age 95 of Clare, passed away peacefully February 24, 2021. Carl was born to Fredrick and Rosella (Spicer) Athey on June 7, 1925 in Clare County's Arthur Township. He spent many of his younger years working on the family farm. Carl proudly served his country in WW2 and was honored with a purple heart. On August 19, 1950 Carl was united in marriage to Betty (Hutchinson) Athey. Together they raised their five children in Clare. Betty loved to bake and Carl loved to eat sweets, especially lemon meringue pie. Carl's hobbies included hunting, fishing, cutting wood and sitting outside by the river. He enjoyed chatting over a cup of coffee and watching the wildlife outside his window. He was always willing to help with a project or remodeling, especially painting and woodwork, he liked to keep busy. Besides working on the family farm, Carl worked for Fullerton Tractors, Borden Dairy in Midland and he retired from the Clare County Road Commission.

Left to cherish his memory are his children: Carlyle (Ann) Athey of Clare, Connie (Bob) Beauvais of Maine, Bill (Karen) Athey of New York and Rhonda (Tony) Troutman of Kansas; his grandchildren: Stacy, Michelle, Heather, Justin, Kenny, Emily, Melissa, Kim, Brandon and Caleb; 17 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren; as well as his sister, Violet and sister-in-law Emma.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Betty; siblings: Dale, Fern, Harold, Lloyd, Ellen, Rose, Paul, Ralph, Edna and Ilo; his son, Richard Athey and his grandson William (Billy) Athey.

Services for Carl will be Saturday, March 6, 2021 at the Clare Church of the Nazarene with Carl's close friend, Pastor James Young officiating. Visitation will be from 11:00 am until the time of Funeral Services at 1:00 pm with Military Honors; a luncheon to follow. Burial will be held in the Mt. Pleasant Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line guestbook at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Gardens Cemetery

740 S. Mission Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Clare Church of the Nazarene  
10160 S. Grant Avenue  
Clare, MI 48617

## Service

MAR 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Carl was a wonderful, kind friend and a dear neighbor. It was an honor to live next door to him and his family for so many years. He and Pete shared a special bond, enjoying so many common interests and helping each other with countless projects over the years. Rest in peace, Carl, as you are reunited with your beloved Betty and with your dear son Richard. We will miss your kind, warm, comforting presence and friendship. Our love and most sincere condolences to your family. From Tula Brown, Daphne, Diana and Angela

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**Diana Brown** - March 02, 2021 at 06:26 PM

BH

“ Spent more than a few hours at the A they household, always felt welcome. Even when making noisy rock and roll music!

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**Bruce Hales** - March 02, 2021 at 12:35 PM

GW

“ Carl and Betty were like my second parents, a role they assumed for many kids in our E. 7th St neighborhood "back in the day." We always felt warmly welcomed in the Athey's home. Carl helped with raising many children, not just his own! I owe him my gratitude for his generous spirit and his love for his family and others. He was a real gem and steady presence. He lived life well. I'm very grateful for having known him and his family.

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**Gail Wolfe** - March 02, 2021 at 10:56 AM

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*I married into the Athey family, he and Betty were my husband's aunt and uncle. They were great people. He was a WW2 veterans and I believe a hero. They were great parents an grandparents. They were true followers of Jesus our Christ. RIP uncle Carl.*

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**Doyle & Shirley Mann** - March 02, 2021 at 02:29 PM