



## Ellwin "Jim" Chapman

October 3, 1930 - September 30, 2019

Ellwin James "Jim" Chapman, age 88 of Clare, passed away Monday, September 30, 2019 at Coleman Fields Assisted Living in Coleman. Jim was born the son of the late Kenneth and Mildred (LaBair) Chapman on October 3, 1930 in Richmond. He was united in marriage to Theresa A. December on August 20, 1952 in Angola, Indiana. Jim had served his Country first in the Army Air Corp., then after its establishment the U.S. Air Force. He was discharged as a Master Sergeant on July 31, 1969 after serving 21 years, 8 months and 13 days. Following his military service Jim had worked as a Conductor on the Penn Central Railroad. Beginning in the mid 70's until his retirement in 1983 he was a Senior Communication Operator for the Port Huron Police Department; he helped establish the city's 911 service. He had been recognized by the police department for his efficient and valuable service in developing operating and record procedures for the communication center. He and Theresa had moved to the White Birch Estates in Farwell in 1986; most recently living in Clare. Jim enjoyed golfing and had been a ranger at the Snow Snake Golf Course; he had served on the Board of Directors at White Birch Estate; and was a Life Member of the VFW. Jim loved his family and was proud of his children and their accomplishments; he loved to spoil his grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his loving wife Theresa; children Stephen (Kathie) Chapman of Cookeville, Tennessee, Mark (Karen Napolitano) Chapman of Englewood, Florida, Kelly (Frank) Metz of Clare and Carol (Dale) Majewski of

Lake George; 10 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; his brother Robert (Sandy) Chapman of Port Huron and his sister-in-law Edna Chapman. Jim was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-laws Neva and Thomas Hanley and Norma and William Zaetsch as well as a brother Gordon Chapman. Visitation and services will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 11 A.M. until the time of services at 1 P.M. led by Pastor Connie Bongard. Burial will be held privately in the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Clare County Veterans Affairs Department. On-line guestbook at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)  
1005 North McEwan St.  
Clare, MI 48617  
(989) 386-7451  
wymanhf@chartermi.net  
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

## Service

OCT 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I had the honor and privilege of knowing and taking care of such a wonderful man.

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**Bridget Adkins** - October 10, 2019 at 10:15 PM

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“ Mark and family- I didn't know your father but it certainly sounds as though your apple didn't fall very far away from his tree. A life of service well lived. May you find comfort in fond memories.

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**Charles McCord (MSP retired)** - October 02, 2019 at 02:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellwin "Jim" Chapman.



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October 02, 2019 at 02:29 PM

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“ Dear Mark and family, I'm so sorry to hear of your father. He sounds like such an accomplished man...the greatest of which was his family. I think you might have taken after him a little bit, Mark :-)  
**Sandy Miller, Retired MSP**

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**Sandy Miller** - October 02, 2019 at 01:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ellwin "Jim" Chapman.



October 02, 2019 at 09:15 AM



“ Glenn, Marlene & Ken Zaetsch purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ellwin "Jim" Chapman.



Glenn, Marlene & Ken Zaetsch - October 01, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ Jim you will be missed by so many. Years ago you came to Az. and spent a few days with Gene and I. We Talked about your visit often. The times we made the trip to Michigan your home was always opened for us. Our church makes a hot lunch for a hundred Vets. In your memory I am sending dessert for them this month. Love, Patti  
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Pat Hofstetter - September 30, 2019 at 07:51 PM



“ Grandpa was the source of many amazing memories and lessons learned. I am so grateful for our time together. I love you Grandpa.....thank you for long walks in the woods, golf cart rides, trips to the pool, and for always being in my corner.....so lucky to be your granddaughter.....I am a better person for knowing you....xoxoxoxo...love you always, always, always....niki

Niki Napolitano - September 30, 2019 at 06:04 PM



*Mark , Karen and Family. I'm sorry for the loss of your Dad but what memories you have for this great father. We share with your grief and send Prayers, Love and thoughts to you. Please give my sympathies to your mom, sisters and all siblings. I love you my Florida family. 🥹 Your Florida Mother Shalda*

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**Louise Shalda** - October 04, 2019 at 02:46 PM