



Orvan Tharp

June 19, 1934 - March 24, 2023

Orvan Tharp, age 88 of Clare, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, March 24, 2023 at the Pioneer Golden Estates in Clare. Orvan was born the son of Miles and Estelle (Spencer) Griffith on June 19, 1934 in Kragon, Kentucky. He was united in marriage to Wilma Morris on December 2, 1955 in Walled Lake. Orvan worked as a Metallurgist for Wyckoff Steel until his retirement in 1988; he then worked for Blue Cross/Blue Shield as a Manager until 1995. That same year, Orvan and Wilma moved from Plymouth to their current home in Clare. Orvan's priorities were very simple; God, Family and Porch Sitting. He was an active member of the Brown Corners United Brethren Church and had enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, wood working and traveling. Orvan is survived by his wife Wilma; children Larry (Kelly) Tharp of Maggie Valley, North Carolina, David (Karen) Tharp of South Lyon and Daniel (Kelly) Tharp of Peoria, Illinois; a sister Dora Harmon of Melber, Kentucky; grandchildren Amy, Scott, Miles, Shauna, Jessica and D.J. and 13 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Friday, March 31, 2023 from 4 to 8 P.M. Visitation will resume at the Brown Corners United Brethren Church on Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 10 A.M. until the time of service at 11 A.M. led by Pastor Jeremiah Ketchum; a luncheon will follow the service. Burial will be held privately in the Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare. In lieu of flowers the family is suggesting memorials to the Brown Corners United Brethren Church's Benevolent Fund (www.browncorners.org/donate) or to MyMichigan Hospice (<https://midmichigan.thankyou4caring.org/donation-page-hospice-services->). On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com.

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Brown Corners United Brethren Church
5540 S. Clare Avenue
Clare, MI 48617

Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Orvan. Your husband and dad was a wonderful man. Words can't describe how much he mentored me and was such a joy to spend time with. Your dad was like no other. Everyone he came in contact loves him. He will be missed 😞 Mark Mangan

Mark Mangan - April 01, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Orvan Tharp.



March 31, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Orvan Tharp.



March 29, 2023 at 11:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Orvan Tharp.



March 29, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Orvan Tharp.*



March 28, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ *Orvan was so thoughtful and always helped me with getting tables for my yard sale. Him and Wilma great neighbors he will be truly missed. So will his garden Love you all Tami Haley Miller*

Tami Miller - March 28, 2023 at 07:57 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Orvan Tharp.*



March 27, 2023 at 11:29 AM