



Raymond Oscar Harma

October 20, 1927 - January 12, 2018

Raymond "Ray" Oscar Harma, age 90 of Clare, passed away Friday, January 12, 2018 in Clare. Ray was born the son of the late Oscar and Lydia (Rappanen) Harma on October 20, 1927 in Calumet. He worked in the Copper Mines for eight years before serving in the U.S. Army during WWII's occupation of Japan as a QMC from 1949 to 1952. Following his time in the Service he worked for General Motors for three years before moving from Detroit to Mt. Pleasant. In 1955 he started working for Coca Cola as a Foreman for eight years and then as a Night Foreman for Chippewa Beverage for 12 years, retiring in 1991. Thereafter, he worked as the Groundskeeper and Sexton for the St. Cecilia Catholic Church and St. Cecilia Cemetery for seven and a half years. He was united in marriage to Irene Thelma (Ruhle) Wheeler on June 15, 1974 with her predeceasing him following a fight with cancer on December 9, 2004. He attended the Clare Church of the Nazarene and was a Life Member of the Mt. Pleasant V.F.W. Post.

Ray is survived by his stepsons, Gary (Pat) Wheeler of Coleman and Craig Wheeler of Grand Ledge. He was predeceased by his siblings Bill, Ben, Lawrence, Clarence, Alice, Ksenia, Lucille and Lillian.

Cremation has taken place with burial of cremated remains to be buried in the Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare. Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Tribute Wall

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“ Raymond is my uncle whom I only remember from when I was little! I am now 69 and would love to connect with the family! My mother is Alice (Phoebe) Schroeder - she passed away a long time ago, but I recently did my DNA with Ancestry and am very interested in family. I will leave my info with the funeral home should anyone in the family be interested in connecting with me.

Lynn Gardner (Schroeder) - February 02, 2018 at 12:23 PM

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“ WILL MISS HIS SMILE AND FRIENDLY HELLO.R.I.P. RAY. . B AND B LONGSTRETH

Barb Longstreth - January 19, 2018 at 01:34 PM

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“ Lyn lit a candle in memory of Raymond Oscar Harma



lyn - January 16, 2018 at 11:09 PM

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So sorry to hear about Ray. He always had such a warm smile and always happy.

lyn - January 16, 2018 at 11:10 PM

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“ Such a touching wonderful Man RIP Ray will miss your Smile at Church. My sympathies to the Family

Sandra and Stan Turley - January 13, 2018 at 07:33 PM