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Mr. Melvin J. "Mel" DeYoung, age 83, devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, and brother, passed away Monday evening, October 22, 2007. He was born August 28, 1924 in Muskegon to Albert and Agnes (VanKersen) DeYoung and had been a life resident, wintering for many years in Fort Myers, FL. Mr. DeYoung was a 1942 graduate of Muskegon High School. After High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve and served during WWII. He was a member of the American Legion Post #28 in Grand Haven, and also the VFW Post #10097 in Fort Myers, FL. Mr. DeYoung worked 33 years for Whittaker Electric before retiring in 1983. He also enjoyed his winter job at the Ace Hardware in Florida. Mr. DeYoung was a life-long member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where he had been the Senior Warden for the Vestry and served on the usher team. He was a member and past Exalted Ruler for the Muskegon Elks Lodge #274 in Muskegon and also a past member of the Muskegon Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. DeYoung also enjoyed gardening and being a handyman for family and friends. On October 27, 1950, he married the former Eleanor M. Engleright in Muskegon and she survives him along with 4 children, Lynne (Rich Carney) Wood of Muskegon, Joan (Walter, Jr.) Gawkowski, Nancy (Michael) Ribecky both of Norton Shores, Craig (Beth) DeYoung of Twin Lake; 7 grandchildren, Thorin Wood, Amy and Annie Gawkowski, Lisa and Jason Ribecky, Sarah and Andy DeYoung; and 2 sisters, Norma and Lila DeYoung of Muskegon. He was preceded in death by his brother, Keith DeYoung. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held 2:00 PM Friday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1006 Third St.) with the Rev. Dennis Remenschneider presiding. Inurnment will be in Norton Cemetery. VISITATION with the family will be from 2-4 & 6-8 PM Thursday at The Lee Chapel
Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc.
6291 S. Harvey St.



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with the Elks Lodge of Sorrow service held at 7:45 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Muskegon Elks Lodge #274 Handicapped Children's Fund or St. Paul's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund will be appreciated. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at www.sytsemafh.com



Events

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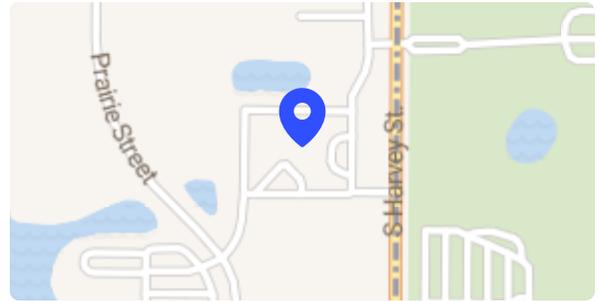
Visitation

 **Thursday**, October 25, 2007

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

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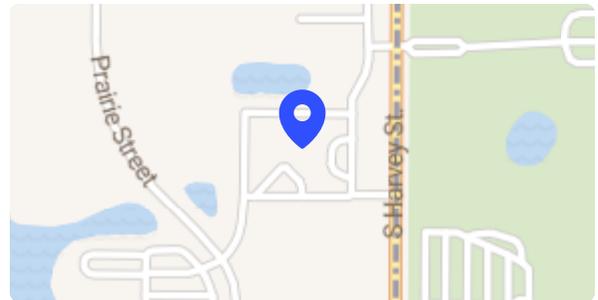
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Anonymous posted:

Dear EleanorMy deepest sympathies to you and your family. Mel, you and I go back to Consumers Power nearly 60 years ago. Mel and Harold lived about a block apart as they grew up and died four days apart. We are assured that they are in a better place and we support you with our prayers.##imported-begin##Joycene Wolffis##imported-end##

October 26 at 8:05 AM



Anonymous posted:

Norma and Lila: I left you out, and didn't mean to do so! I had no idea you were Mel's sisters! My thoughts and prayers are with you both.Jo Privasky##imported-begin##Jo Privasky##imported-end##

October 25 at 12:38 PM



Anonymous posted:

Eleanor and Nancy and families:I am so sorry to read about Mel's passing. Seems like I just saw you at "Sanborn's"! I am in Austin TX visiting Jera and family but wanted you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Jo and Jerry Privasky##imported-begin##Jo Privasky##imported-end##

October 25 at 12:34 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was sorry to read about your Brother's passing.My prayers and thoughts are with youand your family.I am thinking of you love Betty Carey Peck##imported-begin##Betty Peck (Carey)##imported-end##

October 24 at 3:15 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joan and family,Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Father.You are in our thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Scott and Lori Volkman##imported-end##

October 24 at 2:45 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Norma and Lila, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Fondly, Mary Ann##imported-begin##Mary Ann Bard##imported-end##

October 24 at 1:16 PM



Anonymous posted:

We were all terribly saddened and our thoughts are with all of the DeYoung family.##imported-begin##Steve Allison##imported-end##

October 24 at 7:06 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Melvin J. "Mel" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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