



# Verl W. Clay

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**M**r. Verl Wilson Clay, age 96, passed away Tuesday, June 3, 2008. Mr. Clay was born October 14, 1911 to Frank E. and Anna (Chambers) Clay in Lima, OH. He served his country in the US Army during WWII. He was employed at Continental Motors, C.W.C. and later Brunswick for 20 years, retiring in 1976. He later worked with Jack Loeks Theaters, retiring when he was 90 years old. Mr. Clay was a member of Central Assembly of God where he served as an usher for 15 years and was a commander with the Royal Rangers, teaching the youngsters at church life skills along with spiritual lessons. He was a member of the American Legion Post #185 where he served as chaplain for 4 years. He was also a member of the Machinist's Union #1813. Verl was very involved in the lives of children, coaching for his son's Little League teams for many years and working for Teen Challenge for 9 years in Muskegon and in Rehrersburg, PA. He married the former Beulah I. Harker in 1955 and she preceded him in death in 1974. He then married the former Anita Saxton in 1987 and she preceded him in death in 2003. He was also preceded in death by his grandson, Matthew Ferrier, and by 8 brothers. SURVIVORS include 1 daughter, Dessie (Virgil) Jensen of Fowlerville, MI; 3 sons, Michael and Roger Clay, both of Norton Shores and Joseph (Julie) Clay of Muskegon Heights; 9 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A FUNERAL SERVICE will be held 11AM Friday, June 6, 2008 at Central Assembly of God, 896 Home St., with Rev. Dr. Gordon Aikin officiating. Burial will be in Sunrise Memorial Gardens with Full Military Rites under the Auspices of the V.F.W. Muskegon County Council. Visitation will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at  
The Sytsema Chapel  
Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc.  
737 Apple Avenue  
231 726-5210



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Memorial contributions may be made to Central Assembly of God Building Fund.  
Share memories with the family at their on-line guestbook at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)



# Events

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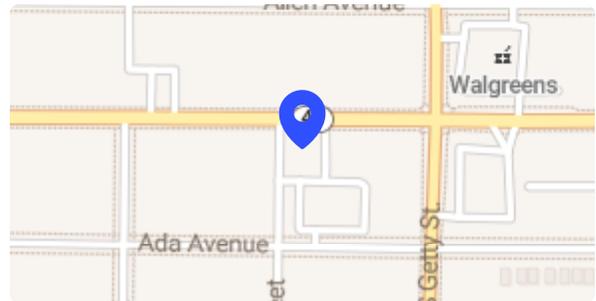
## Visitation

**Thursday**, June 5, 2008

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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

737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon MI 49442



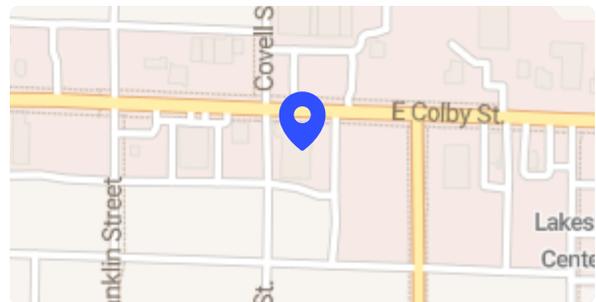
## Service

**Friday**, June 6, 2008

11:00 AM ET

**Oakhurst Cemetery**

Colby Street @ Peterson Rd, Whitehall MI 49461





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dessie, We're so very sorry to hear about the passing of your father but PRAISE GOD, he's rejoicing with the angels now. So glad to know he was a believer. Without a doubt he has many crowns to lay before the Lord.##imported-begin##Ken and Rhonda Carpenter##imported-end##

June 7 at 9:49 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dessie & Virgil... So sorry to hear of the loss of your father. It sounds like he served his family, country and God well, was ready to rest and be home... with God. Please take care and know that he was happy, at peace and ready.##imported-begin##Christy Haradean##imported-end##

June 7 at 8:06 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Thanks for being such an inspiration and godly role model.##imported-begin##Red & Pat Paulson##imported-end##

June 6 at 7:17 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

You will always have a special spot in our hearts. The memories of you are wonderful...##imported-begin##Butch and Diane Chester##imported-end##

June 5 at 7:28 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

we are sad that you are gone and will miss you very much, but we know you and grandma annita will always watch over us. love angie and hunter##imported-begin##angie and hunter patterson##imported-end##

June 5 at 12:43 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

will miss you##imported-begin##sam saxton##imported-end##

June 5 at 7:32 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

michelle , tim , jared , brodie and to the family of mr. clay...my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. may god keep his arms around you all and comfort you... sincerely laure.##imported-begin##laure parliament##imported-end##

June 5 at 5:12 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Joe, so sorry to hear about your Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.##imported-begin##Rick and Cathy Golightly##imported-end##

June 5 at 3:08 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mr. Clay, You will be missed very much in this world. I know you are walking and talking with Jesus in heaven. What a glorious place to be. You will never be forgotten. an old friend, Venia##imported-begin##Venia Kuzyk##imported-end##

June 4 at 11:57 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Grandpa-You are loved and missed soo much! You sure did get to live a full life. I am so sad that you are gone, But I know that your in a better place and smiling down on your family! R.I.P!We love you!##imported-begin##Tara Clay##imported-end##

June 4 at 7:49 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Grandpa-You are sooo loved and soo missed! We are so sad that you are gone. But we know that you are in a better place!We also know that your now watching down on all of us. We love you so much Grandpa!!! Rest In Peice!!##imported-begin##Joe & Tara Clay##imported-end##

June 4 at 7:39 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Joe, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.96 years is a lot of memories! Keep those special ones close to your heart.##imported-begin##Lori Bolema - Almond Pproducts, Inc.##imported-end##

June 4 at 10:54 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our prayers and thoughts are with your family. Love, Ed & Dee Dee:##imported-begin##Dee Dee Drent##imported-end##

June 4 at 10:39 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I will miss you. Love Shelly##imported-begin##Michelle Green##imported-end##

June 4 at 6:20 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring VerI W. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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