



Earl E. Chapel

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Mr. Earl E. Chapel, age 94, went to be with his Lord Saturday, April 14, 2012. He was born July 20, 1917 in Cadillac, MI to Edgar and Ada Densen-Chapel, and resided in the Muskegon area since 1925. Mr. Chapel worked at Continental Motors for 42 years, before retiring in 1981. He was a beloved and treasured member of Calvary Baptist Church of Muskegon, now Calvary Church of Fruitport. Mr. Chapel was well known for his voice both as an announcer at WKBZ and as a gifted soloist throughout the Muskegon area, where his songs graced the weddings and funerals of families for three generations. Mr. Chapel was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, the former Christine Starks, in 1988, daughter Judith Ann VanDeursen, and brother Harvey Chapel. His survivors include 4 children, Jack (Mary) Chapel of Plant City, FL, Joe (Martha) Chapel of Rockford, MI, Janet (Jim) Melcher of Allendale, MI and Joyce (Dave) Beekman of Twin Lake; 6 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. The FUNERAL SERVICE will be 11AM Saturday, April 21, 2012 at The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100 with Pastor Bill Rudd officiating. VISITATION with the family will be 1 hour prior to the service, from 10-11AM. Burial will take place Monday in Mona View Cemetery. Memorial Contributions in lieu of flowers in Mr. Chapel's name to Calvary Church Building Fund will be appreciated. Share memories with the family online at www.sytsemafh.com.



Events

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Visitation

 **Saturday**, April 21, 2012

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

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

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



Funeral Service

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 11:00 AM ET

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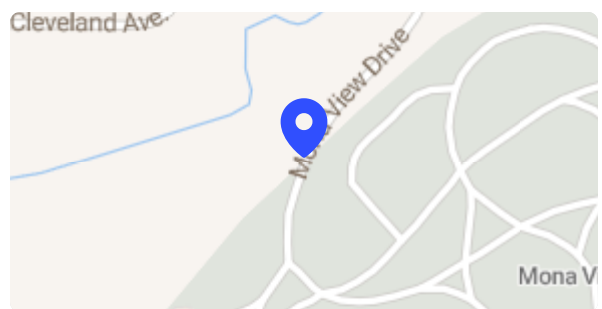
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Cemetery Details

 **Mona View Cemetery**

3335 Mona View Drive, Muskegon Heights MI 49444





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MD

Marilee Parr Dorn posted:

Being privileged to grow up in a shared neighborhood, school, church with the five Chapel children, we four Parr kids learned quickly what an important role the Chapels would have in each of our lives. Chris mentored our mother when she became a late-in-life believer in Christ, and shared with her the principles of Christian child-rearing. Each of us as children were bonded in friendship at some time with the three older Chapel kids, Jack, Joe, and Judy. But Earl was special. Our father was absent from our home, but Earl was often with us in our living room, as we all gathered around the piano for his rehearsal with our mother, perfecting that week's selection for church or nursing home or funeral, where he would be singing. And we were often in his home, playing, singing, putting on puppet shows or theatre plays we'd written, being silly, as he applauded, encouraged us with hugs and words, included us in his family, We watched, observed, experienced a model of a true man of Christ. He headed, led, supported, raised, loved his family - and ours. As the youngest, often feeling the effects still in adulthood of abandonment by generations of men in my family, Earl was always there for me, a wise advisor, counselor, kind father image, friend, musician of excellence, during these many years. He is now singing in a heavenly chorus all my favorite hymns! Kirk and Marilee Parr Dorn

April 24 at 6:49 PM

CD

Cindy Deboef lit a candle in honor of Earl.

Jack and Mary, so sorry to learn of your loss. Sending love and prayers ~ Tim & Cindy DeBoef

April 19 at 4:41 PM



MM

Marsha Ashcraft Mahynski April 19 at 7:08 PM

To the Chapel kids: WE, the Ashcraft's, loved living by all of you on Leahy Street back in the 1950's, 1960's, 1970's.....you were a wonderful family and all so handsome and beautiful....I remember playing in your yard and your lovely father would come home and remember how excited you all would get to see him...such a kind, loving man and your mom and he seemed so in love....such beautiful memories of all of you....ran into him a few years ago @ Nelson Place where our 92 year old mother lives and just smiled @ him and said hello, not know who he was and then he spoke and I knew right away...such a distinctive voice...my sympathies go out to all of you....Marsha Ashcraft Mahynski



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Hollis Krupa posted:

While I did not know Earl for a long time, I feel privileged to have spent time with him. When I would visit, Earl was always interested in what was happening in my life, and gave of himself with a quip, a song, a story, a little flirtation—all in all, Earl was a charmer and a sweetheart. Remembering Earl will always bring forth a smile; he will be dearly missed in the many lives he has touched .

April 19 at 7:00 AM



Hollis Krupa shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.



April 19 at 6:56 AM



Sandy And Jack Sischo lit a candle in honor of Earl.

To the Chapel family....Your dad was such a blessing to Jack and I and of course our church.Kind, gentle, soft spoken, Earl..He will be missed,actually we have missed him for a while now..Knowing he is with our Lord I'm sure, brings you such sweet peace..We are praying for each of you...By the way no one could sing "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" like you dad....



April 19 at 5:20 AM



Kathy And Dale Zylstra posted:

Jan and Family. We are so sorry for the loss of your dad. We know how much you love him. We are praying for your strength to endure this tough time as well as rejoice with your dad as he is now in heaven.Love you,Dale and Kathy Zylstra

April 18 at 2:58 PM



The Vandeursen Family sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Chapel family.



April 18 at 2:03 PM



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June Hoppe posted:

EARL CHAPEL, WHAT CAN I SAY. A MAN OF GOD, WITH THE VOICE OF AN ANGEL, WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE WHEREVER HE WAS. HE WILL BE MISSED, GREATLY, WE MOURN WITH HIS FAMILY. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. MIKE AND JUNE HOPPE

April 18 at 12:48 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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