



# **Russell W. Way Sr.**

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**M**r. Russell Way Sr, age 90, of Spring Lake passed away Wednesday, August 8th, 2018. He was born August 24th, 1927, the youngest of seven children, to Herbert and Irene (Reames) Way in Grand Rapids. On January 20th, 1949 he married Yvonne Gardner who preceded him in death on October 31st, 2016.

Russell was a skilled craftsman who began tinkering with electronics as a young child. He could fix almost anything and loved working around the house. He also enjoyed sailing on the river with his children. He retired from Continental Motors in Muskegon where he worked as an aircraft experimental technician. After retirement, he helped manage the Shaker Good Room Restaurant with his wife, Yvonne. He enjoyed watching Detroit Tigers baseball especially in his later years.

He is lovingly remembered by his three children: Russell Way, Jr. (Patricia) of Grands Rapids, Andrew Way of New Mexico, and Susan Marris of Spring Lake; seven grandchildren, Monica (Gerard) Despres, Erika (Kevin) Betts, David Way, Phillip (Rob) Way, Katie (Ron) Carpenter, Brooke (J.D.) Kingsnorth, and Tiffany (Josh Deter) Marris; ten great-grandchildren: Zane Way, Brianna and Bryce Despres, Spencer and Bradyn Betts, Roddy Carpenter, Ezra and Eloise Kingsnorth, and Michael and Luke Deter; sister-in-law, Gwen (Doug) Noren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Jennifer Way; niece, Amy Noren; and son-in-law, Terry Marris.

Visitation services will be held 6-8 PM Monday, August 13, 2018 at the Spring Lake Chapel (213 E. Savidge). Memorial service will be 4:00 PM Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at the Spring Lake Chapel. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)) in honor of his wife. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)



# Events

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## Visitation

- Monday**, August 13, 2018
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Spring Lake Chapel**  
213 East Savidge, Spring Lake MI 49456



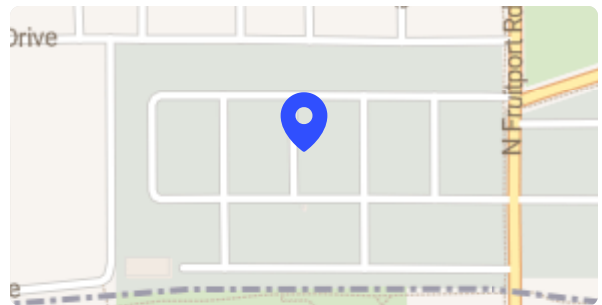
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## Cemetery Details

- Spring Lake Cemetery**  
17181 North Fruitport Road, Spring Lake MI 49456





## Tribute Wall

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KT

**Kathy Lass Tower** posted:

Hi Rusty, I worked with you and your mom at Casmier's Pharmacy around 1965. I'm so sorry for your loss of both your mother and father recently. I didn't meet your dad, but your mom was a peach!! Loved her!! She was a wonderful, kind, and skilled boss. My daughter now has the 8"x10" black and white photos you took of me on the job, and she treasures them. Our group at the drugstore was a great team, and I so enjoyed working with you and your mom there! God bless you through these difficult times. Kathy Lass Tower

August 15 at 7:54 AM

DW

**Debbi Wollard** posted:

So very sorry for you loss. Debbi Wollard

August 12 at 7:07 AM

KM

**Karla Meeks** posted:

Sending love and prayers to you all. I have such lovely memories of your Dad/Grandpa who was always so kind and gentle. Karla Meeks

August 10 at 4:48 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Way family.



August 9 at 9:44 AM

JK

**Jackie Kingsnorth** posted:

Please accept my condolences in the loss of your father/grandfather. I didn't know him well but I know how much you all loved him and will miss him. Love, Jackie Kingsnorth

August 9 at 9:03 AM



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

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



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