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Dale Eugene Grimm Sr., age 85, passed away in Hesperia, MI on Sunday, September 17, 2023. He was born on February 28, 1938 in Muskegon, MI to George and Doreen (Goranson) Grimm, their third of nine children. Dale attended Muskegon Public Schools, where he met the love of his life, Evelyn Engquist. The two wed, starting their lives together, on September 7, 1957.

Shortly following his graduation, he started his career as an apprentice carpenter at Muskegon Construction Company. His love for his craft was fueled by a very special cabinet making instructor at Muskegon High School. There, he was also a proud three-year starter on the Big Reds varsity football team. He knew from a young age of building shacks that he wanted to be a carpenter, and a proud carpenter he was. At the remarkable age of 21, he started building his and Evelyn's first home, a symbol of his unwavering determination and dedication to providing for his family.

In 1984, Dale, along with his brother Bill and friend Walt Dahms, saw a need in the community for a company dedicated to exceptional craftsmanship and customer satisfaction, creating Muskegon Quality Builders, a family company still today and a leader in construction services in West Michigan. Dale's hammer was placed on so many buildings we enjoy in Muskegon and the surrounding areas today. He was a teacher of the trade, and passed his skills on to so many.

Dale loved working. He had an unparalleled work ethic, never missing a day's work. Whether in Michigan or Florida, he devoted countless hours to building, fixing, painting, and tinkering. To Dale, work was not a chore, but a labor of love and there was always work to be done.

Dale and Evelyn enjoyed spending the last 22 Michigan winters at their home in Zephyrhills, Florida, where he stayed busy with his weekly bowling league, daily noon pool games, and afternoon poker and cribbage games. He lived most of his life in Muskegon, but later retired to his piece of paradise on McLaren Lake in Hesperia, a place big enough to fish, play ladder jack and bumper pool, and go for boat and 4-wheeler rides. Each home Dale built or renovated was



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carefully designed to be a welcoming haven for his beloved family, and the many friends who became an integral part of their lives. His most cherished time spent was at his home, surrounded by his children and grandchildren.

Dale Grimm leaves behind a legacy of hard work, dedication, and a boundless love for his family and friends. His memory will forever be cherished by those fortunate enough to have known him. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Evelyn Grimm; children, Kelly (Kim) Osterhart, Jill (Tony) Lisman, Dale Jr. "Butch" (Elizabeth) Grimm, and Thomas "Thom" (Tiffany) Grimm; grandchildren, Kevin (Jamie), Kurt (Mandy), and Kyle (Janna) Osterhart; Sarah (Jacob) Acker, AJ (Sophia), Zachary, Wyatt, and Dylan Lisman; Travis, Ryan, and Jacob Grimm; Daniel (Kerri) and Rachael Stapley; Austin, Andrew, and Ella Grimm; great-grandchildren Conner, Morgan, and Hudson Osterhart, Lance and Oakley Osterhart, Claire and Emery Osterhart; brothers, Rodger (Faye) Grimm, Raymond (Joy) Grimm, William (Karen) Grimm; sisters, Diane Grimm, Carolyn Pavlak, and Valerie (Bruce) Anderson; brother-in-law, Gifford "Jim" Black Jr.; and a wide circle of friends and extended family members who will carry his memory in their hearts.

Dale is preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law, Charles and Lena Engquist; brother, George (Mary Jo) Grimm Jr.; and sister, Barbara Black.

Visitation with his family will be taking place from 5:00 - 8:00 PM Thursday, September 21, 2023. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 22, 2023. All services will be held at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444 (231-798-1100). Burial will take place in Sunrise Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Dale's name to Pioneer Resources or the Boys & Girls Club of the Muskegon Lakeshore. Share memories with the family at their online Guest Book at www.sytsemafh.com



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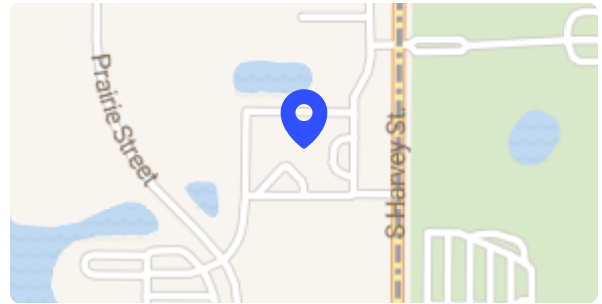
Visitation

Thursday, September 21, 2023

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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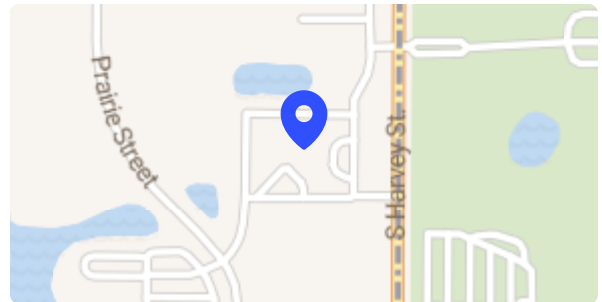
Memorial Service

Friday, September 22, 2023

11:00 AM ET

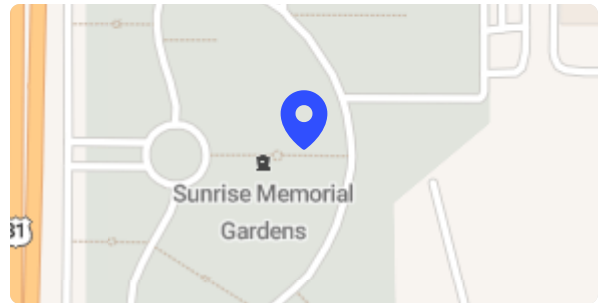
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Cemetery Details

Sunrise Memorial Gardens
2188 Remembrance Dr., Muskegon MI 49442





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Dick And Natalie Hartstein planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Dale.

September 21 at 9:42 AM



Joseph, Mary, Gavin, & Landen Grimm planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dale.

September 20 at 1:15 PM



Joseph, Mary, Gavin, & Landen Grimm sent a Basket of Memories to the Grimm family.

September 20 at 1:15 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Grimm family.

September 20 at 10:42 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Grimm family.

September 20 at 5:00 AM



Tracy Swanson posted:

My husband and I were blessed to know Dale and his beautiful wife. Dale was so warm, kind and so generous and made us feel so welcome a part of the family . We wanted to donate the memorial tree for his daughter Kelly, so she can plant it in the beautiful Hesperia location where love, laughter and family memories are ❤️ Bob & Tracy Swanson

September 19 at 5:23 PM



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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dale.



September 19 at 5:12 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Grimm family.



September 19 at 2:55 PM



Ann Leroux posted:

I have many fond memories of visits with Dale and Evelyn at their home in Hesperia. It was always fun to go there and see the new things he had built or done. Everyone is treated like family there, and what a story teller. I will miss chatting with you, a true gentleman.

September 19 at 2:46 PM



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BS

Bryan Sandberg posted:

Dale Sr was a very influential person in my life. As a young boy spending hours upon hours at the Grimm house, I was able to witness that work ethic all the time, and I know that it helped shape my own. Mr and Mrs Grimm were always supportive of all of his children's friends. Even when he may have seemed 'stearn' I always knew it was because he was teaching us to be upstanding young men. I'll never forget when we were helping on a roofing job and I had no idea what I was doing, and his patience finally ran out, and that bark came out! Or the one-liner sayings. Thank you for all the life lessons, Mr. Grimm, I'll miss you.

September 19 at 1:44 PM

SW

Sandra (Sandy) Keist-Wilson September 21 at 7:28 AM

A note to add to my sister's comments above. I also send thoughts and prayers to Evelyn and their large family. I remembers the holidays that we spent in Muskegon with our Grandparents Louis and Sarah Grimm at their home. The big Christmas Tree in the living room which we were only allowed in on the holiday. There was a gift for each one of the grandchildren (eventual total was 17). We were the one family that lived at a distance in Lansing. So the events seemed extra special to us. I remember Dale as a fun loving, mischievous, caring young boy, had to be with 4 brothers and 4 sisters. Favorite toys at the Grandparents were Uncle Bud's saved ride-on train cars. Constant parade of kids using their legs to propel the cars continuously through out the house with adults dodging the melee. Another memory is the bedroom Uncle George added to their home with the help of his 5 boys; it had 5 single beds all in a row for each one (a family dormitory). I recall attending Dale and Evelyn's' wedding. They were lovely and so very young. They were right for each other and well evidenced; he leaves a beautiful legacy of loving family and successful honorable businessman/craftsman that the family will carry on. Regret I will not be able to attend the memorial service. With love, Sandy (senior cousin) Longmont Colorado

BM

Bruce & Cheryl Meyer September 20 at 5:54 PM

Cousin Dale will Always be Fondly Remembered in our family as the builder of our parents, Frances & Ronald Hohenstein's retirement home overlooking Lake Michigan. My Mom, aka Aunt Frances, was always Proudto say her nephew Dale with the help of Walt built their home. It was an architectural design that was challenging. It is essentially three large boxes off set from each other and built up the side of a dune! Dale built it in 1968-69 and our folks moved in shortly after Dad's retirement from Lansing Schools.Bruce and I are the 2nd generation living in this lovely 54 year old home. It has provided us with many happy family memories and will be handed down to the 3rd generation in the future for a continuation of family gatherings.The only main improvements on this sturdy well built house are reinforcement of the decks and new windows.Know that our thoughts and prayers are with Evelyn and children and we truly believe he is nowfree of pain and will always be keeping tabs on his beloved family.We Welcome family visits anytime.With Much Love ~Cousins, Cheryl & Bruce Meyer



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Susan K Alexander September 19 at 7:39 PM

I will always remember Dale and Wally putting on an addition to my mom's small kitchen. Like his mother and my mother, (sisters!) they each had nine kids! So I was playing on the saw horses like I was riding a real horse and those guys teased the heck out of me! Shouting "Giddy-up and Whoa Horse !" Laughing at my imaginary antics. I will always remember your smile and laugh, dear cousin. My heart goes out to Evelyn and the family. He was a keeper, for sure. Love, Susie



Memories only last if you share them

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



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