



# Mr. Melvin Emmett Hentschel

NOV 12, 1947 - DEC 29, 2012



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## **Mr. Melvin Emmett Hentschel**

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**M**r. Melvin Emmitt Hentschel, age 65, passed away at his home Saturday, December 29, 2012, surrounded by family. Mel was born November 12, 1947 in Muskegon to Ernest H. and Mable (Hanna) Hentschel. He worked at Challenge Machine as a painter and assembler for 32 years prior to his retirement. On June 12, 1992, Mel married the former Jean VanBergen in Muskegon and she survives him. He volunteered his time throughout the years to the Noah Project, SPCA, Muskegon County R.E.A.C.T., and the Humane Society. Mel enjoyed gardening and working in his yard. He also liked working on cars or just being outdoors. He was a hard worker, a great volunteer and will be missed by his family and friends. In addition to his wife of 20 years, Jean, he is survived by his 2 daughters, Megan (Andrew) Vasquez of Chandler, AZ and Lacey Hentschel of Muskegon; 2 grandchildren, Lexi and Makenna; brothers, Gary (Penny) Hentschel of Grand Rapids, Daniel (Betty) Hentschel of Muskegon, and Bruce (Joan) Hentschel of Des Moines, IA; sister, Susan (Jerry) Winicki of Twin Lake; foster sister, Lea Schaub of Nunica; sister-in-law, Cathy Hentschel of Grand Rapids; many nieces and nephews; and 3 special "sons", Elliot, Coco, and Toby. Mel was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Allen. A MEMORIAL VISITATION will be held Monday, January 7, 2013 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St., 231-798-1100. INTERMENT will be in Fruitport Cemetery. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be made to the family or Mercy VNS Hospice.




## Events

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### Visitation

 **Monday**, January 7, 2013

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

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

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



### Visitation

 **Monday**, January 7, 2013

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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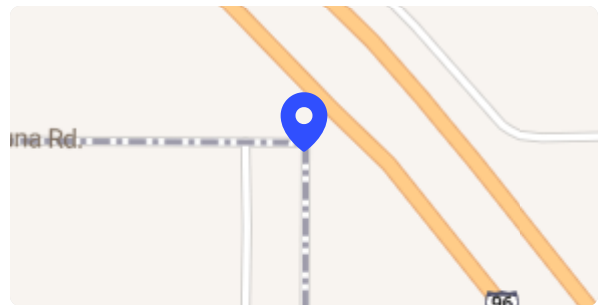
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### Cemetery Details

 **Fruitport Cemetery**

6600 S. Brooks Rd., Fruitport MI 49412





## Tribute Wall

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JE

**Jennifer** lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

Uncle Mel was a wonderful beloved man. I truly looked up to him as an inspiration that you can accomplish anything you want to if you put your mind to it and work hard. You will be missed.

January 11 at 9:23 PM



HC

**Heather Cichon** posted:

Sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends. Leonard Hentschel, Jenison616-667-1376

January 8 at 3:12 PM

MS

**Martha Stratton** posted:

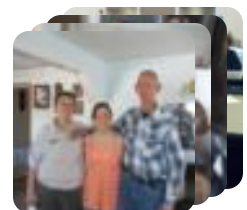
Today we are going to share our love and stories with Jean and the Hentschel family that we have about Mel. I know it is going to be hard to have to say goodbye but the time I had with him was special and heart warming all I can say is thank you GOD for lending us Mel for the time we had him. It was time full of love, learning and joy for all of us in his life. Jean and Mel had a wonderful life together I know for her it was too short but fulfilling and full of love. Now we have given him back knowing he can rest in peace and just as Gary said "JUST GO WITH THE FLOW" Love you so much Martha Stratton

January 7 at 6:44 AM

MH

**Megan Vasquez (Hentschel)** shared 5 photos to the **Hentschel Family** album.

December 31 at 12:21 PM





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MH

**Megan Vasquez (Hentschel)** lit a candle in honor of Melvin.



Dad there are so many memories that have been on my mind that last week. Many have made me laugh and smile and some have made me miss you so much. I love you so much and you will be greatly missed. I wish I would have told you more."Fly beyond imaginingThe softest cloud, the whitest doveUpon the wind of heaven's lovePast the planets and the starsLeave this lonely world of oursEscape the sorrow and the painAnd fly again"~~Celine DionI love you so much dad. I will make you proud!

January 6 at 8:08 PM

SF

**Sharon Felcoski** posted:

Dear Jean: It's been many years since I have seen you or Mel but I vividly remember the many years of Bingo my Bob operated and you and his Mom worked so very hard for. What a "family" like group that was. Mel was also there always, so willing to help in any way and he always had such a wide smile and happy nature. Bob enjoyed and appreciated all you folks so very much. You've been left a gift of memories in exchange for his leaving. Hold on to those memories and let them guide you. My sincere sympathySharon Felcoski

January 6 at 3:27 PM

KV

**Kindra Vilneff** lit a candle in honor of Melvin.



January 4 at 6:20 PM

GH

**Gary Hentschel** posted:

Mel you were always there for family and friends. In Heaven You will be an Angel among Angels. As Mel would say JUST GO WITH THE FLOW, but it will be hard without you.

January 4 at 3:23 AM

CM

**Carol Miller** posted:

Jean I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of great sorrow.Carol Miller

January 2 at 11:53 AM



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**Bruce Hentschel** shared an album called **Hentschel Family**.



January 1 at 4:09 PM



**Christine Owczarzak** posted:

So sorry for your loss, Lacey and family. Praying for peace and comfort for you all in these days ahead. Love, ChristineO (from MadHouse)

January 1 at 1:47 AM



**Ariel** posted:

May the hope at Isaiah 25:8 bring the Hentschel family much comfort, here God assures us that death will be swallowed up or removed from all the earth. This is something that we can look forward to in the near future.

December 31 at 12:21 PM



# Media

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**Megan Vasquez (Hentschel)** shared 5 photos to the **Hentschel Family** album.

January 6 at 8:13 PM



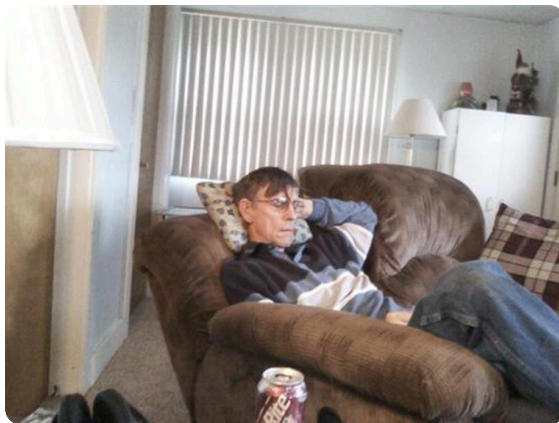
Bingo



12/2011



6/5/2011



Nap Time



6/2012

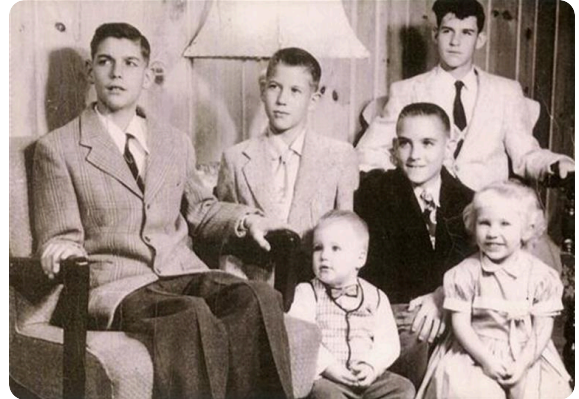


Bruce Hentschel shared 3 photos to the **Hentschel Family** album.

January 1 at 4:09 PM



An "older" version of the Hentschel children



A "younger" version of the Hentschel children (1960)



Mel & Jean



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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