



Melvin J. Westrick

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Melvin Joseph Westrick died peacefully at home after a short illness on January 5, 2019. Born in St. Clair on March 25, 1935 to the late Harvey and Agnes Westrick. Married to Margaret Markel on May 18, 1957 and together for 61 years. Lifelong member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and served as an usher, eucharist minister, parish council member and shared his many talents including woodworking projects. He never wore his faith on his sleeve, he just quietly lived it. He was a proud member for 65 years and past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 2251. He was a member of the IBEW and worked in overhead lines for 44 years for a contractor and eventually retiring from the Detroit Edison in 1997. He was a member of the Blue Water Area Woodturners and loved woodworking. He was a thinker, tinkerer and a fixer of all things. He loved to travel and made it to all 50 states and Europe.

He is survived by his wife Margaret; nine children Karen, Sue (Mark) O'Brien, Steve (Valerie), Laurie (Gary) Meyers, David (Thuy), Mark (Cherie), Julie (Eric) Liniarski, Greg (Felicia) and Chris; twenty grandchildren Katy, Carrie, Maddy, Mack, Ben, Jake (Brooke), Jon, Lindsey (Matt), Matt (Jessy), Shane, Keely, Rachel, Thomas, Drew, Jessica, Jamie, Lauren, Ashley (Bill), Ariane and Jared; six great-grandchildren Lydia, Heidi, Mabel, Blake, Carter and Kaylee; siblings Richard (Lorraine), Eileen Cook, Gerald (Susan), Leroy (Marcia), Leona (Bill) Moran, Harvey (Elena) and Mary (Ron) Distelrath; in-laws Andrew Markel, Theresa Livernois and Sr Mary Ann Markel and many nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends. He was preceded in death by in-laws Andrew and Genevieve Markel, Pete Cook, Michael and Doreatha Markel, Mary Anne Markel and Robert Livernois. He will be remembered and missed by all who loved and knew him.

Visitation will be held at Young Funeral Home, East China MI on Thursday January 10 from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. with Rosary at 7:00 p.m.



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A Funeral Mass will be held Friday, January 11 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clair with visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Cemetery Fund or the Knights of Columbus Council 2251. To leave the family a message of comfort please visit: www.youngfuneralservices.com

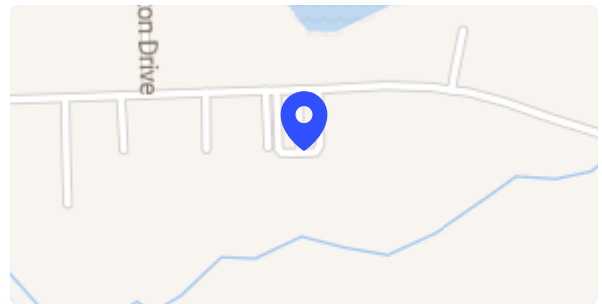


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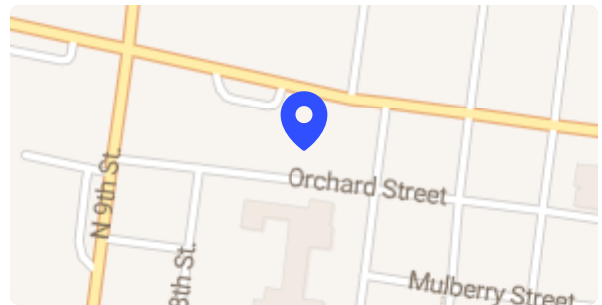
Visitation

- Thursday**, January 10, 2019
- 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET
- Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, Inc.**
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI 48054



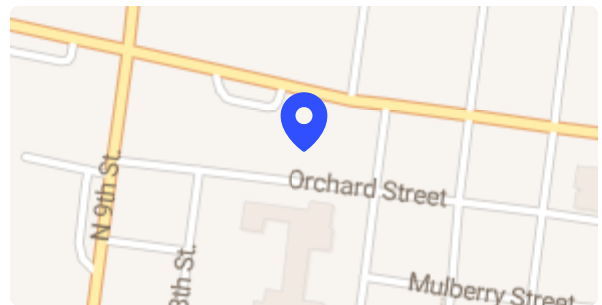
Visitation

- Friday**, January 11, 2019
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- St. Mary's Catholic Church**
415 N Sixth, St.Clair MI



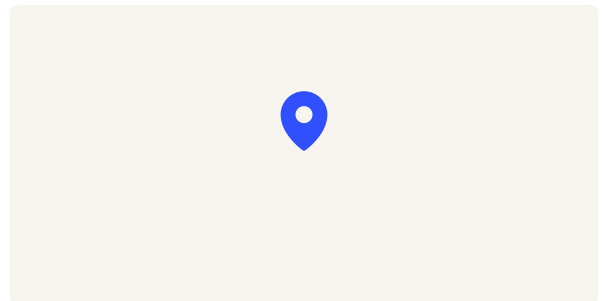
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Cemetery Details

- Private Interment**
MI





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Ron Dawson posted:

Deepest condolences to Steve, Laurie and the entire Westrick family during these difficult times

January 13 at 8:12 AM



Stephanie Cook posted:

Aunt Margaret and Family, We send you love from Idaho as you celebrate the life of Uncle Melvin. His commitment to family, generosity of spirit with all the woodworking gifts he spread throughout the family and community, humble and gracious presence, and dedication to the church are qualities we all hope to aspire to. We are thinking of all of you all and sending our love. Love, Tom, Stephanie, Bryant and Maddie Cook

January 10 at 10:16 AM



Connie Markel posted:

We will always treasure our beautiful bowls made from the trees on Mom's property hand crafted by Uncle Melvin's talented hands. His gifts of wooden angels have reached our entire family. Each of us will think of him with appreciation and love when we see them displayed! Mike & Connie Markel

January 10 at 6:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Westrick family.

January 10 at 6:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Westrick family.

January 10 at 6:08 AM





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MH

Margaret Hall lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 10 at 4:59 AM



CH

Cindy Harland posted:

Sue, Mark and family, So sorry to hear of the passing of your dad and grandpa. God be with you all at this time and may he have eternal rest. The Harland family

January 10 at 4:21 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket to the Westrick family.

January 9 at 9:50 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Westrick family.

January 9 at 9:19 AM



LA

Laurie shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

January 9 at 8:59 AM



TF

The Peel Family sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Westrick family.

January 9 at 7:14 AM





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Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Westrick family.



January 8 at 1:40 PM



Karen Croly posted:

Greg.... So very sorry to hear of your father's passing. It has been 21 years since my father passed at the age of 86 - so I understand your loss. But, what a wonderful family he fathered - with your large family of siblings, inlaws and all of those grandchildren ! Our condolences to you and your family. -Karen and John CROLY (DENSO co-worker)

January 8 at 12:14 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Westrick family.



January 8 at 10:57 AM



David And Jen Slis lit a candle in honor of Melvin.



January 8 at 10:51 AM



Venetia Petteway posted:

Karen Westrick and family, please know that you are all in my prayers during this time of bereavement for the loss of Mr. Westrick. I have prayed for him many days and nights and now he is resting in peace and in God's hands. It was nice to read about all his accomplishments and his duties with the church. He has now passed on that mantle to all his children, many grandchildren and great grandchildren to pick up and carry on, in whatever fashion God has orchestrated. It's apparent to see that he lead a good life, had a great wife and a loving family. May he rest in peace. Karen, the Co-op team at Kettering University will be here for you to help you get through this most difficult time. We will encourage you, cheer you on, and even leave you alone when needed. Whatever the moment calls for, we will be here with you and for you. God bless you! Venetia Petteway, Kettering University Director of Co-op Operations

January 8 at 7:57 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Westrick family.



January 8 at 5:28 AM



Carol Brown lit a candle in honor of Melvin.



January 7 at 7:11 PM



Joel Gorzen January 15 at 1:01 PM

Melvin was the father of a wonderful family & one of our most favorite friends. Whenever we were in the St. Clair area, we always stopped to visit with Melvin & Margaret. It seems like only last year when we all gathered at the KofC hall to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Our Mepway family is growing smaller much to soon. We have many beautiful memories and we share your sorrow and offer our prayers & deepest sympathy to Margaret and family..... Joel & Georgene Gorzen & family.



Laurie shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

January 9 at 8:59 AM



Dad at work



Memories only last if you share them

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



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